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Education

Central European University, PhD in Philosophy

September 2021-Present

Supervisor: [Asya Passinsky](#)

Thesis Title: A Constitutivist Account of Concepts and their Value

University of Oxford, St Cross College, BPhil in Philosophy (Merit overall with Distinction in the thesis component)

October 2019- June 2021

Thesis Topic: On What Matters in Defining Concepts

Thesis Supervisor: [Ofra Magidor](#)

Subject Supervisors: [Natalia Waihts-Hickman](#) (Philosophy of Language), [Bernhard Salow](#) (Epistemology)

Attended Classes:

Knowledge, Reason and Action, Pro-Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy, Emergence (audited), Topics in Language and Philosophy, Pro-Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Philosophy of Logic (audited), Metaphysics, Democratic Public Deliberation, Pro-Seminar in History of Philosophy, Epistemology (audited), Decision Theory, Hard Choices

University of Leeds, BA(Hons) in Japanese and Philosophy (1st Class, awarded with Distinction in Spoken Japanese)

September 2015- July 2019

Dissertation Thesis: What Are Epistemic Modals Relative to? (Score: 88, High Distinction) Supervisor: [Dr Jessica Keiser](#)

Osaka University, Center for Japanese Language and Culture

September 2016-September 2017

Studied Subjects: General Japanese Linguistics, Semantics, Introduction to Japanese Syntax, Theoretical Dialectology of Japanese, Applied Research in Dialectology, The Syntax and

Morphology of the End of Japanese Sentences, Introduction to Generative Grammar, The Pragmatics of Honorific Japanese, The Pragmatics of Japanese Stand-Up Comedy, Historical Grammar of Japanese

Directed Independent Research in Japanese Linguistics (Japanese Honorifics and Speech Act Theory)

Supervisor: [Prof Hitoshi Nakata](#)

NPO Nihoncha Instructor Association, Nihoncha (Japanese Tea) Instructor Certification Program

May 2019-October 2019

A correspondence course providing me with extensive knowledge on all aspects of Japanese tea. At the end of the course, I was certified as Japanese Tea Adviser.

C.S. Lewis Bilingual High School (Slovakia)

September 2010-June 2015

Maturita (A-Level Equivalent)

Overall grade: 1.0 (full marks)

Publications

Kazankov, D. 'Is Kripke's Puzzle about Belief a Genuine Puzzle?' *Arete, The Undergraduate Philosophy Journal of Rutgers University*, Spring 2019 Volume XII, pp.25-42.

Kazankov, D. '[Does Our Existence Imply Suffering?](#)' *Undercurrent Philosophy*, 2021. (a popularising philosophy article)

Talks

2022

CEU 13th In-House Philosophy Conference

Conceptual Engineering and The Wrong Kind of Reasons

5th Annual TiLPS History of Analytic Philosophy Workshop

Carnapian Explication: Exactness and Fruitfulness of Explicata

Social Ontology 2022: Social Ontology & Collective Intentionality

Multiple Groundability of Social Kinds

Utrecht Philosophy Graduate Conference

Meta-Semantic Normative Encroachment

2021

CEU 12th In-House Philosophy Conference

Socially Conditioned Beliefs

2020

University of Oxford, Ockham Society

Thin Is Not Prior to Thick, or Why Thin Centralism Fails

2019

University of Oxford, Ockham Society

Context and Quantifier Domain Restriction

Sophia: Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy 2019

What Are Epistemic Modals Relative to

Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy

What Are Epistemic Modals Relative to?

Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy

Conceivability and Its Role in Philosophical Arguments

The Afternoon Philosophy Society: University of Leeds

Are There Evaluative Bridge Principles for Logical Norms?

The Afternoon Philosophy Society: University of Leeds

Epistemic Modality (Work in Progress)

2018

Undergraduate Research Experience: University of Leeds

In Defence of Semantic Internalism against the Twin Earth Thought Experiment

Philosophers' Rally 2018 (Lodz, Poland)

A Suggested Solution to the New Riddle of Induction

The Afternoon Philosophy Society: University of Leeds

Is a Kripke's Puzzle about Belief a Genuine Puzzle? 2017

Osaka University: Centre for Japanese Language and Culture

Speech Act Theory and Japanese Honorifics (the presentation of the results of my independent research)

Academic Activities

Teaching Assistant of the BA Course ‘Truth and Objectivity’ (Lecturer: Prof Maria Kronfeldner)

September 2022-January 2023

CEU 13th In-House Philosophy Conference

October 2022

I was a member of the organising team of the annual doctoral in-house conference at CEU.

CEU 12th In-House Philosophy Conference

November 2021

I was a member of the organising team of the annual doctoral in-house conference at CEU.

The 24th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference

April 2020-February 2021

As a committee member of one of the world most prestigious philosophy conferences at a graduate level, I was the managing editor of the peer-review process of 120 submitted papers. I was also in charge of external communication.

The Jowett Society (Oxford)

October 2019-June 2020

Philosophical discussion forum for all members of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Oxford. As a committee member, I was involved in organising and chairing the talks.

Ockham Society (Oxford)

October 2019-June 2020

Philosophical discussion forum for graduate students in philosophy at the University of Oxford. As a committee member, I was involved in organising and chairing the talks.

Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy Department

June 2019-September 2019

I conducted research on the role of modal reasoning in understanding and conceptual engineering. I also participated in the reading groups of the department.

University of Leeds, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science

October 2018-May 2019

As a proctor, I facilitated ‘proctorials’, or student-led discussion classes for first-year philosophy students in the following modules:

Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

Introduction to Moral and Political Philosophy

Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology

The Afternoon Philosophy Society (Leeds)

October 2018-May 2019

As a president, I organised weekly meetings that consisted of presentations of student work in the PRHS department at the University of Leeds.

University of Leeds, School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science

October 2018-May 2019

I acted as a member of the Student Staff Forum responsible for representing the views of Language and Philosophy students at the University of Leeds

Extracurricular Activities

Kapital (Slovak Publishing Company)

January 2018-April 2022

I translated the book '[Black Box](#)' from Japanese to Slovak language in which Japanese journalist Shiori Itō reveals the problem of sexual violence in Japanese society based on her own experience of being raped.

[CEU Tea Tasting Society \(Vienna\)](#)

February 2022-Present

I established this society as a follow up to my previous tea tasting society. Its purpose to give CEU students a unique opportunity to taste interesting tea samples.

St Cross College Tea Tasting Society (Oxford)

October 2019-August 2021

I established this society with the purpose to give students in Oxford a unique opportunity to taste interesting tea samples. In the course of two years, I organised 54 tea tasting sessions during which we have tasted around 130 high-quality teas from all around the world.

Zero Waste Academy

August 2018-September 2018

Unpaid internship. I worked for a local non-profit organisation in the Japanese town, Kamikatsu, which is famous for its waste management. I was responsible for the preparation of a point campaign for reduction of plastic bags in the town and co-ordination of an accreditation system for the restaurants that comply with the zero-waste policy.

Osaka University Urasenke Tea Ceremony Club

September 2016-June 2017

I was actively involved in weekly 11-hours long training tea ceremony sessions and assisted in the organisation of formal tea ceremony events at the Osaka University.

Denník N (Daily N)

February 2017-March 2017

I worked as an interpreter and assistant to the Slovak journalist Tomas Bella, who came to Japan to write a report on Japan's ageing population. Our cooperation resulted in the most comprehensive article about Japan that has been ever published in any Slovak newspaper and was nominated for Slovak Newspaper Award 2017.

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January 2016-Present

Volunteering translator and assistant in negotiations with Japanese sellers regarding tetsubin cast-iron tea kettles.

Green Action Food Co-p (Leeds)

January 2018-May 2019

I volunteered as a shop assistant in the university zero waste shop

Tea Tasting Circle (C.S. Lewis Bilingual High School)

September 2012-June 2015

For several years, I was running a tea tasting circle at my high school.

The Circle of Analytic Philosophy (C.S. Lewis Bilingual High School)

September 2013-June 2014

I started this society to have more opportunities to share my passion for analytic philosophy with other students at my high school.

Awards

Scholarship for Slovak Students Studying Abroad

Tatra Banka Foundation (5,000 Euro)

Award for Best Year Abroad Work

University of Leeds, Schools of Languages, Cultures and Societies

JASSO scholarship for International Students in Japan

Japan Student Services Organisation (80,000 Yen per month)

References

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