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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Formal Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Language, General Philosophy of Science

EDUCATION

Current: PhD Student, Stanford Philosophy Department 2015 -

MA, *Logic and Philosophy of Science*,
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität,
The Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP) 2013 - 2015

BA, *Philosophy*,
Tel-Aviv University, *Summa Cum Laude* 2011 - 2013

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

[Inexact knowledge and dynamic introspection](#)
Synthese, 2021

[Opaque updates](#)
Journal of Philosophical Logic, 2020

[The problem of perception and the no-miracles principle.](#)
Synthese:1-16. 2020.

[Reducing Contrastive Knowledge](#)
Erkenntnis:1-19, 2019

[Explanatory Justice: The Case of Disjunctive Explanations](#)
Philosophy of Science 85:3, 442-454, 2018

CONFERENCE PROCEEDING PUBLICATIONS A Note on Belief, Question Embedding and Neg-Raising
In *Proceedings of LORI VI: Logic, Rationality, and Interaction*
eds. Baltag, Alexandru and Seligman, Jeremy and Yamada, Tomoyuki
Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2017.

A Dynamic Epistemic Logic With a Knowability Principle
In *Proceedings of LORI V: Logic, Rationality, and Interaction*
eds. van der Hoek W., Holliday, W. Wen-fang Wang
Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2015. pp 406-410

ACADEMIC TEACHING *Introduction of formal methods in philosophy* (PHIL50S), Stanford
Main instructor Summer 2020

Knowledge first epistemology (PHIL 24A), Stanford University
Main instructor (tutorial) Winter 2019

Ethics in a Human Life (PHIL 74A), Stanford University
Teaching Assistant Fall 2018

Modal Logic (PHIL 154), Stanford University
Teaching Assistant Spring 2018

Introduction to Philosophy of Science (PHIL 60), Stanford University
Teaching Assistant Winter 2018

Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 1), Stanford University,
Teaching Assistant Spring 2017

Metalogic (PHIL 151), Stanford University,
Teaching Assistant Winter 2017

Introduction to the Philosophy of Language, Tel Aviv University
Teaching assistant Spring 2013

PhD DISSERTATION

Title: *Dynamic introspection*

Committee: Krista Lawlor (chair), Ray Briggs, Johan van Benthem

Abstract: My dissertation is about the way we reason about how knowledge changes given new information, and the implicit principles we assume in such reasoning, which I call dynamic introspection principles. My dissertation uses and develops tools from dynamic epistemic logic to get new perspectives on central epistemological problems, including the nature of introspection, perceptual skepticism, and the bootstrapping problem.

**TALKS IN
CONFERENCES
AND
WORKSHOPS**

“Opaque Updates”
Formal Epistemology workshop 2020 (poster)

“Inexact knowledge and Dynamic Introspection”
Knowledge and its limits at 20, Geneva, November 2020 (online)
Masterclass in Theoretical Philosophy, Tübingen, July, 2019.
Glasgow Graduate Conference in Epistemology and Mind. May 2019.

“Inexact Knowledge as an Inexact Update” (poster)
Formal Epistemology Workshop, Turin, 2019
APA Pacific, Vancouver, April 2019
NASSLLI student session, Pittsburgh, June 2018.

“Reducing Contrastive Knowledge ”
Formal Epistemology Workshop, Toronto, June 2018.

“Neg-Raising and Question Embedding”
LORI VI: Logic, Rationality, and Interaction,
September 2017

“Neg-Raising and Question Embedding”
18th Annual Semantics Fest, Stanford University,
March 17, 2017

“Contrastive Knowledge in Inquisitive Epistemic Logic”
International Rationality Summer Institute, Aurich, Germany,
September 9, 2016

“A Dynamic Epistemic Logic With a Knowability Principle” (Poster)
LORI V: The Fifth International Conference on Logic Rationality
and Interaction, October 28 - 31, 2015.

“A Dynamic Epistemic Logic With a Knowability Principle”
In The MCMP Epistemic Logic Workshop
16 of June, LMU Munich

“Explanatory Justice: The Case of Disjunctive Explanations”
in the conference ‘Hypothetical Reasoning’,
23 – 24 of August 2014, University of Tübingen, Germany.

**AWARDS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford University	2020-21
Stanford Center at Peking University: Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	August 2019
Fellowship, Stanford Philosophy Department	- 2015
Full DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship for Master studies in Germany.	2014 - 2015

Fee waiver grant for participation in ESSLLI 14', Tübingen. August 2014

Rector's Award for outstanding Academic Achievements,
Tel-Aviv University, Faculty of Humanities (financial grant included). 2012

President's list (Highest Honors),
The Open University of Israel
(Study Scholarship included in the award). 2011

**OTHER
ACADEMIC
ACTIVITIES**

Stepping Stones to Success
volunteer GED instructor for Stanford Employees 2020

Co-organizing the 6th CSLI Workshop on Logic, Rationality,
and Intelligent Interaction, Stanford University 2016,2017,2018

Co-president of the Hume Society (the association of Stanford
graduate students in Philosophy department) 2016-17

Co-organizing the MCMP Master students reading group
on the philosophy of logic and mathematics. 2014

Participation in the European Summer School
in Logic Language and Information (ESSLLI),
Tübingen, Germany. August 2014