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## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### EDUCATION

- 2015 PhD in Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, Summa cum laude  
Dissertation title: *The scientific classification of natural and human kinds*
- 2010 MPhil in Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven
- 2009 MA in Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven
- 2008 BA in Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven

### EMPLOYMENT

- 2022-2023 Research Associate, Centre for Logic and Philosophy of Science, Institute of Philosophy – KU Leuven
- 2019-2022 Senior postdoctoral fellow, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Institute of Philosophy – KU Leuven, Project title: *Characterizing scientific kinds. The role of generic generalizations in science*. Personally acquired funding
- 2016-2019 Postdoctoral fellow, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), Institute of Philosophy – KU Leuven, Project title: *Talking about human kinds. The normative implications of generic stereotypes*. Personally acquired funding
- 2015-2016 Educational Officer, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven

### PUBLICATIONS

#### - Refereed Journal Articles

- Forth. Peters, U. & Lemeire, O., Hasty generalizations are pervasive in experimental philosophy: A systematic analysis. *Philosophy of Science*.
- 2023 Lemeire, O., "Philosophers care about the truth": Descriptive/normative generics. *Mind & Language*, 38(3), 772-786, <https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12431>.
- 2022 Conix, S., Lemeire, O. & Chi, PS. The public relevance of philosophy. *Synthese*, 200, 1–28, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03546-9>.
- 2021 Lemeire, O., Falsifying generic stereotypes, *Philosophical Studies*, 178(7), 2293-2312, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-020-01555-3>.
- 2021 Lemeire, O., The causal structure of natural kinds, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Part A.*, 85, 200-207, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsa.2020.10.009>.
- 2018 Lemeire, O., No purely epistemic theory can account for the naturalness of kinds, *Synthese*, 198(12), 2907-2925, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-018-1806-8>.

- 2017 De Block, A. & Lemeire, O., Is de filosofie te links? [English title: Is philosophy too left-wing?] *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte*, 109(1), 105-122, <https://doi.org/10.5117/ANTW2017.1.BLOC>.
- 2016 Lemeire, O., Beyond the realism debate: The metaphysics of 'racial' distinctions, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science C: Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 59, 47-56, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.shpsc.2016.08.001>.
- 2015 Lemeire, O. & De Block, A., Philosophy and the biology of male homosexuality, *Philosophy Compass*, 10(7), 479-488, <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12233>.
- 2014 Lemeire, O., Soortgelijke stoornissen. Over nut en validiteit van classificatie in de psychiatrie. [English title: Disorders of the same kind. On the use and validity of classification in psychiatry] *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*, 76(2), 217-246, <https://doi.org/10.2143/TVF.76.2.3030628>.
- 2014 De Block, A. & Lemeire, O., Homofobie en vooroordeel: een wetenschapsfilosofische evaluatie van recent sociaalpsychologisch onderzoek naar homonegativiteit, [English title: Homophobia and prejudice] *Tijdschrift voor Seksuologie*, 38(3), 105-113.

#### - Articles without Peer Review

- 2016 De Block, A. & Lemeire, O., The co-evolution of nativist beliefs and tolerant attitudes, *Association for the Study of Ethical Behavior and Evolutionary Biology in Literature*, 12(1), 27-29.

#### - Public Philosophy

- 2023 Lemeire, O., Laten we het jaar starten met een maand zonder meningen, *Knack* (8/1)
- 2018 Lemeire, O., Taalfilosofie voor factcheckers, *De Standaard* (24/11)
- 2018 Lemeire, O., Taalfilosofie voor factcheckers, *Philosophy Blog Bij Nader Inzien* (19/11)
- 2017 De Block, A. & Lemeire, O., Een meer conservatieve universiteit is een betere universiteit, *Philosophy Blog Bij Nader Inzien* (8/5)
- 2017 Lemeire, O., ADHD is geen verzinsel, maar ook geen hersenziekte, *De Standaard* (18/11)

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

- Monogr. Lauwaert, L., Lemeire, O., Waarom sociale media *niet* polariseren
- Article Lemeire, O., Generic stereotypes and plausible deniability (under review)
- Article Lemeire, O., Heylen, J., Generics are not existentially quantified (under review)
- Article Lemeire, O., Why use generic language in science?
- Article Lemeire, O., "Teenagers" started a riot in NYC. On scare quoting and making others dogwhistle for you
- Article Conix, S., Lemeire, O., Chi, P-S., The public relevance of the humanities

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

### **- Funding acquired**

- 2019 Three-year senior postdoctoral fellowship, Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)
- 2018 International Mobility Grant, FWO
- 2016 Three-year junior postdoctoral fellowship, FWO
- 2010 One-year PhD scholarship, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven

### **- Awards**

- 2018 Essay prize 'The power of academic philosophy', Dutch Research School of Philosophy (OZSW), €750
- 2013 Van Helsdingen Essay Prize, Foundation for Philosophy and Psychiatry, €1.500

## **TALKS**

### **- Invited Talks**

- 2023 Generic stereotypes. CEPDISC workshop. Aarhus, March 27
- 2021 What's so bad about generic language? CEPDISC seminar series. Aarhus, October 25
- 2021 A kind theory for scientific generics. Workshop Natural Kinds. Rijeka, Croatia, March 26
- 2020 Commentary on "Prospects for the abolition of mental health labels", by Joel Anderson & Sander Werkhoven, Online workshop, Utrecht University, June 2
- 2018 Constructing kinds with normative generics. Workshop Constructing Human Kinds. Copenhagen, November 16
- 2016 Commentary on "Naturalized metaphysics and the ontological status of species" by Matthew Slater, APA Central Division meeting, Chicago, March 2-5

### **- Conference Talks**

- 2023 "Teenagers" riot in NYC: On scare quoting and making others dowhistle for you. ECAP11, Vienna, August 22.
- 2022 Kindhood semantics for scientific generics. GAP11, Annual congress German Society for Analytic Philosophy, September 12-15
- 2022 Kindhood semantics for scientific generics. Conference Philosophy of Science in a Forest (PSF), Dutch Society for Philosophy of Science, June 27-28
- 2022 Kindhood semantics for scientific generics. Generic Generalizations in Science, Ethics and Society, University of Oslo, June 23-24
- 2022 Normative generics without ambiguity. Conference on Dual Character Concepts, Normative generics and Evaluative Language, University of Zürich, June 16-18
- 2022 The strong yet deniable meaning of generic stereotypes. Szklarska Poreba workshop, March 6
- 2019 The strong meaning of generics. OZSW conference, Amsterdam, November 16
- 2018 Falsifying generic stereotypes. OZSW conference, Twente, November 10
- 2018 Characterizing kinds. An epistemic-metaphysical account of genericity. Conference Natural kinds: Language and Metaphysics, Madrid, March 15-16

- 2017 The metaphysical ground of epistemic pluralism. OZSW conference, Utrecht, November 10
- 2017 The causal structure of natural kinds. Annual Conference of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Fordham University, NY, October 5-7
- 2015 The causal unification theory of natural kinds. Conference of the European Philosophy of Science Association, Düsseldorf, September 23-26
- 2014 What do you mean: 'Races don't exist?'. Second Barcelona Conference on Race and Sexuality: Issues in Metaphysics, Barcelona, May 29-20
- 2014 Scientific classification and natural kinds. Research Workshop on Philosophy and Cognitive Science, Granada, April 24-25
- 2013 Essentialist beliefs about homosexuality and their relationship to prejudice. European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Granada, July 9-12
- 2013 How 'rational' is homonegativity?. Conference of the European Philosophy of Science Association, Helsinki, August 28-31

#### **- Departmental Talks**

- 2022 Kindhood semantics for scientific generics. Brown Bag Seminar, February 25
- 2019 Human races don't exist, but..., Philosophy and the world out there, November 19
- 2019 The strong meaning of generics. CLPS seminar, October 4
- 2019 Do human races exist?. Summer school philosophy, August 20
- 2018 Talking about human kinds. Workshop 'The Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Semantics of Human Kinds', May 24
- 2017 Why epistemic theories of natural kinds fail. May 12
- 2017 Generic stereotypes. April 24
- 2015 The causal unification theory of natural kinds. Workshop 'Natural and/as Social Kinds', May 26
- 2013 Kinds of essentialism and kinds of prejudice about homosexuality. May 15

#### **- Public Talks**

- 2017 Human races don't exist. Le Penseur, October 27
- 2015 Human races don't exist. Background Educations, November 19
- 2014 Human races don't exist. Background Educations, November 20

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **- Courses taught at KU Leuven**

- 2021-2022 Epistemology: Advanced (Dutch), 39h
- 2020-2021 Epistemology: Advanced (Eng.), 39h
- 2019-2020 Philosophy of Language: Advanced (Eng.), 39h
- Introduction to Philosophy for the Biomedical Sciences (Dutch), TA
- Critical Reasoning: Argument Mapping (Eng.), 20h

- 2018-2019 Research and Writing in Philosophy: Argument Mapping (Eng.), 20h
- 2017-2018 Philosophy of Language: Advanced (Eng.), 39h  
Introduction to Philosophy for the Biomedical Sciences (Dutch), 26h  
Critical Reasoning: Argument Mapping (Eng.), 24h
- 2016-2017 Critical Reasoning: Argument Mapping (Dutch), 10h
- 2015-2016 Critical Reasoning: Argument Mapping (Dutch), 10h
- 2014-2015 Text Seminar: Philosophical Anthropology (Dutch), 26h
- 2013-2014 Text Seminar: Philosophical Anthropology (Dutch), 26h
- 2012-2013 Epistemology (Eng.), TA, 13h
- 2010-2011 Text Seminar: Epistemology (Dutch), 26h
- 2010-2011 Introduction to Philosophy (Dutch), TA, 12h

**- Guest lectures at KU Leuven**

- 2019-2020 Race doesn't explain sporting dominance (Eng.), Philosophical Issues in Sports Integrity, 1h
- 2017-2018 Mapping Philosophical Arguments (Dutch), Introduction to Philosophy for Criminology, 2h
- 2016-2017 Mapping Philosophical Arguments (Dutch), Introduction to Philosophy for Criminology, 2h  
Philosophy of Mind: Cartesian Dualism (Dutch), Introduction to Philosophy for the Biomedical Sciences, 4h
- 2015-2016 Mapping Philosophical Arguments (Dutch), Introduction to Philosophy for Physical Education and Movement Sciences, 2h

**- Supervision**

- 2019-2020 Co-supervisor Master Thesis "Why some putative trans-persons ought to be acknowledged as either men *simpliciter* or as women *simpliciter*", Mahua Agrawal
- 2016-2017 Supervisor Master Thesis "Are stereotypes morally objectionable because they are false?", Barend de Rooij

**- Training**

- 2021 Online argument mapping seminar for educators, Harvard Department of Philosophy, June 14, 15
- 2018 Activation Academy meetings on: Cultural Diversity, Diversity in Student Groups, Improving Student Preparation

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Aarhus University, Visiting Researcher at The Centre for the Experimental-Philosophical Study of Discrimination, October-December
- 2019 Harvard University, Fellow in the Department of Philosophy, January-April
- 2017 University of Sheffield, Visiting Academic at Philosophy Department, October-December  
Research visit Michael Strevens, NYU, September
- 2015 Research visit Muhammad Ali Khalidi, York University, Toronto, October

## SERVICE

### - To Profession

- Co-organizer symposium "The Language of Prejudice", ECAP11, Vienna, August 22, 2023
- Organization symposium "The Meaning of Generics", OZSW conference, Amsterdam, November 16, 2019
- Organization symposium "Pluralism about Biological Classification and Individuation", OZSW conference, Utrecht, November 10, 2018
- Organization workshop "The Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Semantics of Human Kinds", KU Leuven, May 24, 2018
- Organization workshop "Natural and/as Social Kinds", KU Leuven, May 26, 2015
- Review work for Analysis, Biology and Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Journal for General Philosophy of Science, Journal of Social Philosophy, International Studies in the Philosophy of Science, Inquiry, Philosophical Psychology, American Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy of Science, Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Synthese, The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Theoria.

### - To Department

- Creation of knowledge clips "How to Visualize Arguments: Hume's Argument", with Jan Heylen, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, 2020
- Organization of brown bag seminar series, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, 2017-2018
- Member of committee "Gender Action Plan", Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven, 2013-2014

### - To Community

- Board member of *beGeesterd*, Centre for the advancement of philosophy of psychiatry in Belgium, Organization of public events, <https://www.begeesterd.com>
- Member of the working group 'DSM-5 and classification systems', Belgian Superior Health Council, Policy advice published here: <https://www.health.belgium.be/nl/advies-9360dsm>

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Dutch Native tongue
- English Fluent (speaking, writing, reading)
- French Fluent (reading), Intermediate (speaking, writing)
- German Intermediate (reading), Basic (speaking, writing)

## REFERENCES

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