SEBASTIAN KÖHLER

Associate Professor of Philosophy

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS	Meta-Ethics, Applied Ethics (esp. Ethics of Information Technology), Personal Identity
AOC	Normative Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Political Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

2022 – now	Associate Professor (tenured), *Frankfurt School of Finance & Management*, Department of Computational Science & Philosophy
2017 – 2022	Assistant Professor, *Frankfurt School of Finance & Management*, Department of Computational Science & Philosophy
	Parental Leave: August 2018 & July 2019 (full), August 2019 – February 2020 (75%)
2015 – 2017	Assistant Professor (wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, Department of Philosophy
2014 – 2015	Lecturer, *Princeton University*, Department of Philosophy
2013 – 2014	Analysis Trust Postdoctoral Researcher, *University of Edinburgh*, Department of Philosophy

EDUCATION

2010 – 2014	PhD Philosophy, *University of Edinburgh*
	Thesis: "Beyond Frege-Geach — Neglected Challenges for Expressivism" Supervisors: Matthew Chrisman, Michael Ridge Examiners: Huw Price, Geoffrey Sayre-McCord
2009 – 2010	MPhil Philosophy, *University of Cambridge*
2007 – 2008	MSc Philosophy of the Social Sciences, *London School of Economics*
2003 – 2007	BA Philosophy (Major) and History (Minor), *Universität Bielefeld*

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED WORKS

1. "Socially Disruptive Technologies and Conceptual Engineering" Special Issue of *Ethics and Information Technology* (with Guido Löhr, Jeroen Hopster, & Herman Veluwenkamp)

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS (* indicates non-peer-reviewed publication)

1. "Responsibly Engineering 'Control'" *forthcoming* in *American Philosophical Quarterly* (with Giulio Mecacci & Herman Veluwenkamp)

2. "Conceptual Engineering: For What Matters" *forthcoming* in *Mind* (with Herman Veluwenkamp)

3. "Expressivism, But At A Whole Other Level" *forthcoming* in *Erkenntnis*

4. "Saving Conceptual Role Expressivism from Defect" *forthcoming* in *The Journal of Philosophy*

5. "The Responses that Matter" *forthcoming* in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*

6. "What is (Neo-)Pragmatists' Function?" in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 101 (2023): 653-669

7. "Can We Have Moral Status for Robots on the Cheap?" in *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 24 (2023)

8. "Responsible AI through Conceptual Engineering," in *Philosophy & Technology* 35 (2022): 60   (with Johannes Himmelreich)

9. "How to Have Your Quasi-Cake and Quasi-Eat it Too," *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 51 (2021): 204-220

10. "Normative Disagreement: A Functional Account for Inferentialists," *Philosophical Studies* 178 (2021): 617-637

11. "Moral Responsibility Without Personal Identity?" *Erkenntnis* 86 (2021): 39-58

12. "Instrumental Robots," *Science and Engineering Ethics* 26 (2020): 3121-3141

13. "Epistemic Judgment and Motivation," *The Philosophical Quarterly* 70 (2020): 738-758 (with Cameron Boult)

14. "Betterness of Permissibility," *Philosophical Studies* 177 (2020): 2451-2469 (with Benjamin Ferguson)

15. "Disagreeing About Who We Are," *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy* 63 (2020): 185-208

16. "Expressivism, Meaning, and All *That*," *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 48 (2018): 337-356

    Reprinted in: *Normativity and the Problem of Representation*, Matthew Bedke and Stefan Sciaraffa [eds.], New York: Routledge

17. "Expressivism, Belief, and All *That*," *The Journal of Philosophy* 114 (2017): 189-207

18. "Technologically Blurred Accountability?"* In *Moral Agency and the Politics of Responsibility*, edited by Cornelia Ulbert, Peter Finkenbusch, Elena Sondermann and Tobias Debiel, London & New York: Routledge, 2017 (with Hanno Sauer & Neil Roughley)

19. What is the Problem with Fundamental Moral Error?" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 93 (2015): 161-165

20. "Expressivism and Mind-Dependence: Distinct Existences," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 11 (2014): 750-764

21. "Revolutionary Expressivism," *Ratio* 26 (2013): 428-449 (with Michael Ridge)

   Reprinted in: *Irrealism in Ethics*, Bart Streumer [ed.], Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell

22. "Do Expressivists have an Attitude Problem?" *Ethics* 123 (2013): 479-507

23. "The Frege-Geach Objection to Expressivism: Structurally Answered," *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 6 (2012): 1-7

24. "Expressivism, Subjectivism and Moral Disagreement," *Thought* 1 (2012): 71-78

25. "Thought Experiments, Disagreement and Moral Realism," *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 80 (2010): 245-252

REVIEWS AND FURTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. "Neil Sinclair: *Practical Expressivism*," *The Philosophical Review* 131 (2022): 515-518

2. "Responsible AI?" *The Frankfurt School Blog* (2020) (https://blog.frankfurt-school.de/responsible-ai/)

3. "Matti Eklund: *Choosing Normative Concepts*," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 22 (2019): 251-253

4. "Matthew Chrisman: *The Meaning of 'Ought.' Beyond Descriptivism and Expressivism*," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 20 (2017): 197-200

5. "Hybrid Theories in Meta-ethics," *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online* (2015), (with Michael Ridge)

6. "Joshua Gert: *Normative Bedrock: Response-Dependence, Rationality and Reasons*," *Analysis* 74 (2014): 176-178

7. "Peter Schulte: *Zwecke und Mittel in einer natürlichen Welt*," *Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung* 65 (2011): 448-452

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

RESEARCH TALKS

What, if anything, is Ethically Special about Conceptual Engineering?
   Colloquiumsreihe, *Universität Salzburg*, 2024
   MetaFS.6, *Frankfurt School of Finance & Management*, 2024

Responsibly Engineering Control (with Giulio Meccaci & Herman Veluwenkamp)
   FS Philosophy Forum, *Frankfurt School of Finance & Management*, 2023
   Leibniz Workshop on Digital Ethics, *Leibniz Universität Hannover*, 2022

Functions for Expressivists
   Heidelberg Metaethics Workshop, *Universität Heidelberg*, 2024
   GAP 11, Berlin, 2022
   Normativity Without Representation, *University of Leeds*, 2022

Saving Conceptual Role Expressivism from Defect
   Institutskolloquium, *HU Berlin*, 2021
   New Directions for Normative Naturalism, *University of Leeds*, 2021

Responsible AI through Conceptual Engineering (with Johannes Himmelreich)
   The Philosophy Reading Group, *Frankfurt School*, 2021
   AiTech Agora, *TU Delft*, 2021

Instrumental Robots
   New Work in Moral and Political Philosophy, *VU Amsterdam*, 2019

Nothing Matters
   Error Theory Workshop, *University of Luxembourg*, 2018

Expressivism, But at a Whole Other Level
   MetaFS 2018, *Frankfurt School*, 2018

Epistemic Judgement and Motivation (with Cameron Boult)
   The Future of Normativity, *University of Canterbury*, 2018

Moral Responsibility Without Personal Identity?
   OZSW 2017, *University of Utrecht*, 2017
   Oberseminar Philosophische Anthropologie, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, 2016

Disagreeing about Who We Are
   DGPhil 2017, *HU Berlin*, 2017 [cancelled due to illness]
   Institutskolloquium, *HU Berlin*, 2016
   MetaFS 2016, *Frankfurt School*, 2016
   Oberseminar Philosophische Anthropologie, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, 2015

How to be an Expressivist about Personal Identity
   Kolloquium Praktische Philosophie, *HU Berlin*, 2016

Normative Disagreement: A Functional Account for Inferentialists
GAP 10, *Universität Köln*, 2018
MetaFS 2017, *Frankfurt School*, 2017
Oberseminar Theoretische Philosophie, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, 2016
Oberseminar Philosophische Anthropologie, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, 2016

Expressivism, Belief, and all That
GAP 9, *Universität Osnabrück*, 2015
Workshop in Practical Philosophy: Summer 2014, *Universität des Saarlandes*, 2014

Expressivism, Meaning, and all That
Work in Progress Workshop, *University of Edinburgh*, 2013
Workshop in Practical Philosophy: Summer 2013, *Universität des Saarlandes*, 2013
Work in Progress Seminar, *University of Edinburgh*, 2013

Do Expressivists have an Attitude Problem?
GAP 8, *Universität Konstanz*, 2012
SOPhia, *Universität Salzburg*, 2010
New Topics in Analytic Philosophy, *HU Berlin*, 2010

Revolutionary Expressivism (with Michael Ridge)
Irrealism in Metaethics, *University of Reading*, 2012
University of Nottingham Philosophy Seminar, *University of Nottingham*, 2012

What is the Problem with Fundamental Moral Error?
Author meets Critics: Egan on Quasi-Realism, *University of Edinburgh*, 2012

Expressivism and Mind-Dependence: Distinct Existences
BSET 2013, *University of London*, 2013

Expressivism, Subjectivism, and Moral Disagreement
BSET 2012, *University of Stirling*, 2012
XXII. DGPhil Congress, *LMU München*, 2011

What is the Problem with Moral Disagreement?
Philosophical Retreat, *Universität Konstanz*, 2013
2nd Ethics Fest Edinburgh, *University of Edinburgh*, 2013
Understanding Value, *University of Sheffield*, 2012
Work in Progress Seminar, *University of Edinburgh*, 2011
PhD Seminar, *London School of Economics*, 2010

TEACHING TALKS

Responsible AI through Conceptual Engineering

> OZSW Research Master Winter School, VU Amsterstam, 2023

Teaching *AI & Humanity: The Ethics of Data Science*
> Teaching Data Science and Ethics, *Hertie School Berlin*, 2021

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

AI & Moral Responsibility
> Blockchain and AI: Financial Transformation Conference, *Frankfurt School*, 2021

TEACHING PORTFOLIO

COURSES TAUGHT: NORMATIVE ETHICS, APPLIED ETHICS, META-ETHICS

MA/MSc	Digital Strategy
	Seminars & lectures, *Frankfurt School*, Winter 2022, Winter 2023
	AI & Humanity: The Ethics of Data Science
	Seminars & lectures, *Frankfurt School*, Winter 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2021
BA/BSc	Big Data: Ethical & Legal Implications
	Seminars & lectures, *Frankfurt School*, Winter 2021, Winter 2022, Winter 2023
	Current Topics in Philosophy
	Seminar, *Frankfurt School*, Winter 2022
	Current Topics in Practical Philosophy
	Seminar, *Frankfurt School*, Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Summer 2020, Summer 2021, Winter 2022
	Introduction to Practical Philosophy
	Seminars, lectures & supervisions, *Frankfurt School*, Winter 2016, Summer 2022
	Hume's Moral Philosophy
	Seminar, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, Winter 2016
	What's Wrong? Questions in Applied Ethics
	Seminar, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, Summer 2016
	Free Will and Responsibility
	Seminar, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, Summer 2016
	Personal Identity
	Seminar, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, Winter 2015

Non-Cognitivism in Ethics
Seminar, *Princeton University*, Summer 2015

Introduction to Moral Philosophy
Seminars & lectures, *Princeton University*, Winter 2014 (with Michael Smith)

Are We Allowed to Make Humans Perfect?
Seminar, *Universität des Saarlands*, Summer 2014

Meta-Ethics
Seminar, *University of Ediburgh*, Winter 2012 (with Matthew Chrisman & Guy Fletcher)

COURSES TAUGHT: POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

BA/BSc   Current Topics in Political Philosophy
Seminar, *Frankfurt School*, Summer 2024

Freedom and Democracy
Seminar, *Frankfurt School*, Summer 2017

John Stuart Mill: On Liberty
Seminar, *Frankfurt School*, Summer 2017

Equality and Justice
Seminar, *Princeton University*, Winter 2014

Contractualism
Lectures, *University of Edinburgh*, Winter 2011

COURSES TAUGHT: THEORETICAL PHILOSOPHY

BA/BSc   Introduction to Theoretical Philosophy
Seminars, lectures & supervisions, *Frankfurt School*, Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2021

Recent Work in the Theory of Knowledge
Seminar, *Frankfurt School*, Summer 2019

Philosophy of Mind
Seminar, *Princeton University*, Summer 2015

COURSES TAUGHT: ACADEMIC METHODS

BA/BSc   Independent Research Paper
Seminar, *Frankfurt School*, Summer 2019, Summer 2020, Summer 2024

Writing and Presenting
Seminar, *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, Winter 2015/2016, Winter 2016/2017

SUPERVISED THESES

MA/MSc	*for the Goethe Universität Frankfurt:* "… but is it good? Semantic Hybrid Naturalism and its conflict with the Open Question Argument."
BA/BSc	*for the Frankfurt School:* "Ethics of AI Powered Surveillance", Feminist Philosophy of Language", "What does it mean to be a Woman?", "Ethical Impact of AI", "The Impact of the Inefficacy Objection on Moral Vegetarianism," "Legitimacy and Social Entrepreneurship"; "Global Warming, Justice and Moral Accountability"; "Globalization and Distributive Justice"; "Artificial Intelligence and the Responsibility Gap: How to assign responsibility"; "Individual and Moral Responsibility Regarding Climate Change and Green House Emissions"; "How Will Robo-Sourcing Redefine the Value of Work?"; "Can Someone be Responsible when an Autonomous Vehicle causes a Crash?"
	for the Universität Duisburg-Essen: "Is Active Euthanasia Worse than Passive Euthanasia?"; "Personal Identity and First Person."
	for Princeton University: "The Reliability of Moral Intuitions and the Status of Thought Experiment in Ethics."

RESEARCH GRANTS & AWARDS

2021	Interdisciplinary research group *Regulatory Theories of Artificial Intelligence* in the *Centre Responsible Digitality* ("Zevedi"), *Hessian Ministry for Digital Strategy and Development*, co-applicant, granted funds for 50 % of a postdoc position for 18 month (58,050€) and an international conference on the philosophy of data science (7,000€).
2013 – 2014	Analysis Studentship (£13,726), *The Analysis Trust*
2013	Jacobson Studentship (£8,000), *The Royal Institute of Philosophy* (declined)
2010 – 2013	Research Support Grants (£1277) for travel expenses, *University of Edinburgh*
2012	J Warren MacAlpine Scholarship, *University of Edinburgh*
2010 – 2013	College of Humanities and Social Science Scholarship (£47,948), *University of Edinburgh*
2009	Nightingale Studentship (£12,000), *University of Cambridge*
	Trinity Hall Evelyn Travers-Clarke Research Grant (£2,000), *University of Cambridge*
	Honorary Cambridge European Trust Scholar (£100), *University of Cambridge*
2008	Andrea Mannu Prize, *London School of Economics*
2007 – 2008	Full postgraduate scholarship (≈ €15,000), *German Academic Exchange Service* (DAAD)

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Referee for	*Acta Analytica, AI & Society, American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal of Aesthetics, Dialectica, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Ergo, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Ethics and Information Technology, FAccT 23, GAP 10, Humboldt Normativity Conference, Journal of Applied Philosophy, Journal of Ethics, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Journal of Science & Engineering Ethics, Journal of Value Inquiry, Mind, Moral Philosophy and Politics, Noûs, Oxford University Press, Philosophia, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy & Technology, Ratio, Routledge, Science and Engineering Ethics, Synthese, The Journal of Philosophy, Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*
Member of	*Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie, SWIP Germany*
2024	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of FrankMeta.6 – 6th Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Conference at the *Frankfurt School*, invited speakers: Guy Fletcher, Jessica Isserow, Robert Williams
	Member of an Ad-Hoc Hiring Committee at the *Frankfurt School*
2022-2023	Member of the *Thesis Task-Force* at the *Frankfurt School*
2022	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of FrankMeta.5 – 5th Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Conference at the *Frankfurt School*, invited speakers: Zoë Johnson King, Amie Thomasson, Ralph Wedgwood
	Co-organizer (Herman Veluwenkamp) of Conceptual Engineering and AI at the *TU Delft*
	Co-organizer (with Peter Königs and Gregory Wheeler) of the conference Philosophy of Data Science: Data Science Governance at the *Frankfurt School* (funded by the *Centre Responsible Digitality*), invited speakers: Boris Babic, David Danks, Sabina Leonelli, Kate Vredenburgh
2022	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of FrankMeta.4 – 4th 4th Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Conference at the *Frankfurt School*, invited speakers: Stephen Finlay, Peter Railton, Paulina Sliwa
2021	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of MetaFs.4 – 4th Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Workshop at the *Frankfurt School*
2019	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of FrankMeta.3 – 3rd Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Conference ("What is Normativity?") at the *Frankfurt School*, invited speakers: Matti Eklund, Anandi, Hattiangadi, Debbie Roberts, Tristram McPherson
2018 – now	Organizer of the FS Philosophy Forum at the *Frankfurt School*
2018	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of MetaFs.3 – 3rd Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Workshop at the *Frankfurt School*
	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of FrankMeta.2 – 2nd Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Conference ("New Waves in the Study of Normative Concepts") at the *Frankfurt School*, invited speakers: Janice Dowell, Laura Schroeter, Matthew Chrisman & David Plunkett

2017	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of MetaFs.2 – 2nd Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Workshop at the *Frankfurt School*
	Co-organizer (with Christine Tiefensee) of FrankMeta.1 – 1st Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Conference ("Robust or Relaxed?") at the *Frankfurt School*, invited speakers: Tim Scanlon, David Enoch & Michael Ridge
	Co-organizer (with Neil Roughley) of a workshop on Adam Smith's sentimentalism at the *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, invited speakers: Geoff Sayre-McCord & Vivienne Brown
2016	Co-organizer (with Neil Roughley and Hanno Sauer) of a workshop on the reactive attitudes at the *Universität Duisburg-Essen*, invited speakers: Jeanette Kennett & Victoria McGeer
2015 – 2017	Organizer of the Mittelbaukolloquium at the *Universität Duisburg-Essen*
2013	Co-organizer (with Cameron Boult and Matthew Chrisman) of the workshop Pragmatist Perspectives on Truth and Knowledge at the *University of Edinburgh*, invited speakers: Michael Williams, Matthew Chrisman, Graham Hubbs, James O'Shea
	Co-organizer (with Alan Wilson) of the Second Edinburgh Ethics Fest
2012 – 2013	Funding Coordinator for the BPPA
2012	Co-organizer (with Alan Wilson) of the First Edinburgh Ethics Fest
	Funding Coordinator for the 16th BPPA Annual Conference
	Edinburgh Representative for the BPPA

TRANSFER INTO PRACTICE

2021	Expert input for McKinsey, Echoing Green, Generation Pledge, Catalyst 2030, and Ashoka on the report "Influence for Good"

REFERENCES

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