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Employment

Aug. 2019—current **Doctoral Assistant**, chair of General Philosophy, University of Neuchâtel

Education

- Aug. 2019—Sep. 2024 **PhD Candidate in Philosophy**, University of Neuchâtel
Dissertation: ‘Things Could Not Have Been Otherwise’. *Supervisor*: Prof. O. Massin. Successfully defended on September 19, 2024.
Distinctions: summa cum laude
- Oct. 2023—Apr. 2024 **Recognized Student**, University of Oxford
Academic Advisor : Prof. T. Williamson
- Sep. 2016—Jun. 2019 **Master of Arts in Philosophy**, University of Neuchâtel
Study emphases: contemporary metaphysics and philosophy of mind
MA Thesis: ‘Naturalizing Intentionality: the causal-informational views as an answer to Brentano’s problem’. *Supervisor*: Julien Deonna
Distinctions: summa cum laude, Werner Günter Prize
- Sep. 2012—Sep. 2015 **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Anthropology, and French Language and Literature**, University of Neuchâtel
Study emphases: modern and contemporary philosophy
Distinction: cum laude

Publications (peer-reviewed)

- Taillard, A (2023). Essentialist Arguments for Discernibility are Unsound. *Acta Analytica*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-023-00562-3>
- Taillard, A. (2022). Composition matérielle (A). In Maxime Kristanek (dir.), *L'Encyclopédie philosophique*
- Taillard, A. (2021). Possible in Philosophy. In V. P. Glăveanu (Ed.), *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of the Possible*. Palgrave Macmillan. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-98390-5>

Talks

- 18 July 2022 **Un défi pour le rationalisme modal.** *Sopha 2022 – Les Valeurs du Savoir*, Neuchâtel
- 1 June 2022 **A Challenge for Modal Rationalism.** *Mental States and their Epistemic Roles*, Geneva
- 21 Aug. 2021 **Essentialist Arguments against Identities are Unsound.** *Things and Their Explanatory Power*, Bern
- 26 Nov. 2020 **On Some Counterexamples to Strong Composition as Identity.** *Eidos weekly meetings*, Geneva
- 20 Oct. 2020 **Discernibility Objections to Composition as Identity.** *Colloque de recherche*, Neuchâtel
- 16 July 2020 **Two Types of Social Properties: A Defense of Ontological Individualism.** *Social Ontology 2020 Conference*, online
- 19 May 2020 **Explanation and Identity: The Building Account of Grounding.** *Colloque de recherche*, Neuchâtel
- 11 Dec. 2019 **Grounding as Priority.** *Basically. Fundamentality and Beyond Workshop*, Neuchâtel
- 12 Apr. 2018 **Response to Hichem Naar’s ‘Reasons for Love and the Significance of Encounters’** (response). *Thumos seminar*, Geneva

Teaching

- Fall 2024 **Philosophie de l’environnement.** BA Seminar. Neuchâtel.
- Fall 2022—Spring 2023 **Logique (TP).** BA Tutorial in propositional and first-order logic. Neuchâtel.
- Spring 2022 **Philosophie générale : Philosophie de l’action (TP).** BA Tutorial in philosophy of action and philosophical methods. Neuchâtel.
- Fall 2021 **Philosophie générale : Métaphysique (TP).** BA Tutorial in metaphysics and philosophical methods. Neuchâtel.
- Fall 2020—Spring 2021 **Logique (TP).** BA Tutorial in propositional and first-order logic. Neuchâtel.
- Fall 2019—Spring, 2020 **Philosophie générale : Méta-éthique (TP).** BA Tutorial in metaethics and philosophical methods. Neuchâtel.

Awards and Grants

Apr. 2023	Bourse François Verdier. For a 6-months stay at the University of Oxford. 15'000 CHF.
Apr. 2023	Doc.Mobility Grant. For a 6-months stay at the University of Oxford. 9'000 CHF.
Oct. 2022	CUSO Grant. With Marco Marabello. For organizing the first edition of the Social Ontology Summer School in Neuchâtel. 15'000 CHF.
Nov. 2019	Werner Günter Prize. For having obtained an average grade of 5.88 in the Master of Arts and Humanities (Philosophy).

Event organisation

26–30 Jun. 2023	The Social Ontology Summer School. Doctoral Summer School financed by CUSO. Organized with Marco Marabello.
18–20 Jul. 2022	Sopha 2022 – Les Valeurs du Savoir. Congrès Triennal de la Société de Philosophie Analytique, Neuchâtel
13–16 Jul. 2020	Social Ontology 2020. International Conference, Neuchâtel
11 Dec. 2019	Basically. Fundamentality and Beyond. Workshop, Neuchâtel
24–25 Oct. 2019	Real Values. Workshop, Neuchâtel

Institutional Duties

Nov. 2019—current	Member of the Library Committee (COBIB), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Neuchâtel
Nov. 2019—Nov. 2021	Member of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Neuchâtel

Affiliations to Scientific Societies

Nov. 2023—current	Member of Metaphysics Collaborative
Sep. 2021—current	Member of the Société de Philosophie analytique (Sopha)
Feb. 2020—current	Member of the International Social Ontology Society (ISOS)
Aug. 2019—current	Member of <i>eidos</i> , the Centre for Metaphysics