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- AOS (philosophy):** Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics and Moral Philosophy (incl. Applied Ethics), Critical Theory (Frankfurt School).
AOC (philosophy): Philosophy of Language (esp. Hermeneutics).
AOS (law): Philosophy of Law, Law of the European Union, German constitutional and administrative law.
AOC (law): Law and Literature, Comparative law.

DISSERTATION: *All Meanings Necessary: A Hermeneutics of Ideology and its Critique*

My dissertation defends a hermeneutic conception of ideology and its critique that situates both in the world-disclosing function of language.

I argue that we must conceive of *ideologies* as world-disclosing *embodied interpretive schemas* insofar as they guide our cognitive, affective, and conative access to reality by providing the background knowledge, meanings, and pre-understandings through which we interpret it. On this view, ideologies appear more radical and comprehensive than traditional views, which conceptualize them as “systems of belief.” In addition, the hermeneutic approach not only explains why ideologies persist even after people change their beliefs but can account for the tenacity of ideologies as a function of their ability to make themselves (appear to be) true.

As a consequence of their world-disclosing nature, the successful *critique of ideologies* requires a type of critique that transcends the given interpretive context in order to challenge its dominant world-disclosure through *counter-hegemonic disclosures* which give rise to a comparative standpoint and emerge through “conceptual labor in company with others” (Mills). By means of new disclosures (such as the concept of sexual harassment), ideology critique can invalidate the ideological schema and its dominant interpretations (e.g., “flirting”). Embedded in the model of dialogue, the critic of ideology as a virtual participant in discourse neither paternalistically imposes her own views on others nor breaks dialogical symmetry, because it is “[t]he same structures that make it possible to reach an understanding [that] also provide for the possibility of a reflective self-control of this process.” (Habermas)

EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University.
 Committee members: Cristina Lafont, José Medina, Mark Alznauer.
 Degree conferred September 2, 2022.
- 2018 M.A. in Philosophy, Northwestern University; Critical Theory Certificate.
- 2016 Second State Examination in Law (2. Juristische Staatsprüfung),
 Gemeinsames Juristisches Prüfungsamt der Länder Berlin und Brandenburg.

- 2014 Ph.D. in law, Humboldt-University Berlin, Faculty of Law.
Doctoral Thesis: *Grundlinien der Anerkennung im Raum der Freiheit, der Sicherheit und des Rechts* (summa cum laude), published in 2016.
- 2013 Master of Laws (LL.M.) in legal theory, New York University School of Law.
- 2009 First State Examination in Law (1. Juristische Staatsprüfung)
Gemeinsames Juristisches Prüfungsamt der Länder Berlin und Brandenburg.
- 2004 Abitur, Adam-Kraft-Gymnasium Schwabach (Germany). International student exchange (2001-02), Lutheran South Academy, Houston, TX (Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program, CBYX).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Since 7/2022 Postdoctoral Associate, Humanities Research Center at Rice University, Houston, TX (Program in Politics, Law, and Social Thought).
- 04-09/2016 Asistente Postdoctoral (Postdoctoral Researcher) at Universidad de los Andes, Facultad de Derecho, Bogotá (Colombia).
- 03-06/2015 Researcher at DeJusticia – Centro de estudios de derecho, justicia y sociedad (think-and-do-tank), Bogotá (Colombia).
- 10/2011 to 12/2014 Research fellow and lecturer at the Walter-Hallstein-Institute for European Constitutional Law and Chair for Public, European and International Law (Prof. Dr. Ingolf Pernice), Humboldt-University Berlin (Germany).
- 09/2012 to 02/2013 Research assistant, Prof. Gráinne de Búrca, Florence Ellinwood Allen Professor of Law, New York University School of Law.
- 04/2009 to 09/2011 Research fellow and lecturer at the Institute for Public Law and Political Science and Chair of Prof. Dr. Bodo Pieroth, University of Münster (Germany).
- 09/2005 to 03/2009 Research assistant, Chair for Public Law and Legal Philosophy (Prof. Dr. Bernhard Schlink) and Chair for Public Law and Political Philosophy, (Prof. Dr. Volker Neumann) Humboldt-University Berlin (Germany).
- 08-09/2007 Legal intern consular & legal affairs, German Embassy Bangkok (Thailand).
- 02-03/2006 Legal intern legal department, Parliamentary Group of the Social Democratic Party (SPD), German Bundestag (federal parliament).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. “Grundlinien der Anerkennung im Raum der Freiheit, der Sicherheit und des Rechts”, 441 pages, Verlag Mohr Siebeck: Tübingen 2016 (Series: Ius Internationale et Europaeum).
2. “A Democratic Solution to the Crisis – Reform Steps towards a Democratically Based Economic and Financial Constitution for Europe” (Nomos: Baden-Baden 2012) 150 pages, with Ingolf Pernice, et al.

Journal articles, chapters, papers (*=refereed)

1. “Let’s talk about trust, baby! Theorizing Trust and Mutual Recognition in the EU’s Area of Freedom, Security and Justice,” *European Law Journal* 24 (2018), pp. 124-41.*
2. “The Pitfalls of Post-Conflict Justice: Framing the Duty to Prosecute in the Aftermath of Violence,” in Nelson Camilo Sánchez, Rodrigo Uprimny et al. (eds.) *Beyond the Binary – Securing Peace and Promoting Justice after Conflict* (Colección Dejusticia: Bogotá 2019), with Howard Varney.
3. “Der Europäische Gerichtshof bestätigt die Sollbruchstellen der Anerkennung – Anmerkung zum Urteil des EuGH vom 5. April 2016, verb. Rs. C-404/15 und C-659/15 PPU (Aranyosi und Căldăraru)”, *Europarecht* 51 (2016), pp. 422-30.*
4. “A Memorandum of Misunderstanding – The doomed road of the European Stability Mechanism and a possible way out: enhanced cooperation”, *Common Market Law Review* 51 (2014), pp. 389-424.*
5. “In keinem unbekanntem Land – Der Staat in Waldemar Bonsels ‘Die Biene Maja und ihre Abenteuer’ in der Tradition der Bienengleichnisse”, 61 *Jahrbuch des öffentlichen Rechts der Gegenwart n.F.* (2013), pp. 495-511.*
6. “Die Menschenwürde als Ende der europäischen Wertegemeinschaft? Eine realistische Perspektive auf das Schutzdefizit nach Art. 1 der Grundrechtecharta”, 50 *Der Staat* (2011), pp. 533-66.*
7. “Zum polizeirechtlichen Umgang mit sog. Facebook-Partys – ‘Ab geht die Party und die Party geht ab!’...oder doch nicht?” 126 *Deutsches Verwaltungsblatt* (2012), pp. 10-17, with Ilya Levin.*

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Paper presentations

1. “In-between reason and violence: Habermas on social power and deliberation,” Critical Theory Colloquium, Institute of Philosophy at the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague (Czech Republic), May 21, 2021.
2. “Atopology of law? Reading Derrida reading Kafka’s *Before the law*,” Philosophy and Literature workshop, University of Chicago, February 18, 2021.

3. “‘___LIVES MATTER’ – Ideology Critique, World-disclosure, and the Hermeneutics of Hermeneutical Injustice,” Dissertation Research Seminar, Evanston, June 8, 2020.
4. “Whose Critique is it anyway? On the what, why, and who of ideology critique,” Dissertation Research Seminar, Evanston, June 8, 2020., Feb. 18, 2019.
5. “In-between reason and violence: Habermas on social power and the lifeworld,” 26th Critical Theory Roundtable, Amherst, MA, Nov. 6, 2018.
6. “A Memorandum of Misunderstanding – Der ESM in der Kritik,” guest lecture given at seminar “Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Stability in the European Economic and Monetary Union” (Prof. Dr. I. Pernice), June 2, 2014.
Also given on May 12, 2015 at I Seminário Internacional de Administração Tributária Brasil X Alemanha (2015), Humboldt University Berlin.
7. “Europe’s New Economic and Financial Constitution”; presentation at seminar hosted by Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Group (ALDE Group) in the European Parliament at the European Parliament Brussels, June 27, 2012.

Discussant

1. Workshop on Christoph Menke’s *Critique of Rights*, Northwestern Critical Theory Program, Evanston, Sept. 20, 2021.
2. Comments on paper “Moral Liability in War and Self-defense: Extending the Just Cause Argument” (Katherine Sweet), 13th Annual conference of the Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), Evanston, May 10, 2019.
3. Faculty-Graduate Book Discussion of Christoph Menke’s *Law and Violence*, International Consortium of Critical Theory Programs, Evanston, Nov. 8, 2017.
4. Comments on paper “Biographical Identity and Retrospective Attitudes” (Camil Golub), 11th Annual NUSTEP conference, Evanston, March 31, 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of record

“Introduction to Moral Philosophy,” Summer 2021, Northwestern University.

Tutorials and discussion sections

“Introduction to Critical Theory”; Winter 2020, Northwestern University.

“Introduction to Philosophy of Language”; Spring 2019, Northwestern University.

“Bioethics”; Fall 2018 and Fall 2019, Northwestern University.

“Ethical Problems and Public Issues”; Winter 2018, Northwestern University.

“Introduction to Moral Philosophy”; Fall 2017, Northwestern University.

“The Constitutional law of Germany”; summer semester 2009 (14 weeks, two courses à 2 hours), summer semester 2010 (14 weeks, two courses à 2 hours), summer semester 2011 (14 weeks, one course à 2 hours), Humboldt-University Berlin.

“Constitutional rights of the German Basic Law”; winter semester 2009/10 (16 weeks; two courses à 2 hours), winter semester 2010/11 (16 weeks; two courses à 2 hours), Humboldt-University Berlin.

“Introduction to international law and European Union law and their relations to the German constitution”; taught: winter semester 2011/12 (16 weeks, one course à 2 hours); winter semester 2013/14 (16 weeks, two courses à 2 hours), winter semester 2014/15 (16 weeks, two courses à 2 hours), Humboldt-University Berlin.

Guest lectures

“What it means to be an end – How dignity bears on Kant’s humanity formula,” guest lecture Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, August 18, 2016.

“EU competences and human rights obligations regarding gender equality”, Humboldt-University Berlin, November 8, 2013 (two hour course as part of the general lecture in European Law taught by Prof. Dr. I. Pernice).

“The principle of proportionality and German constitutional rights”, University of Münster, May 17, 2010 (two hour course as part of the general lecture on German constitutional rights taught by Prof. Dr. B. Pieroth).

“Continuity or discontinuity of German statehood from 1871 until today – jurisprudence and constitutional theory”, University of Münster, April 14, 2010 (two hour course as part of the general lecture on general constitutional theory taught by PD Dr. Ch. Görisch).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer: Practical Philosophy Workshop, Northwestern (2019-2020).

Department Representative: Graduate Leadership and Advocacy Council, Northwestern (2019-2020)

Organizer: Northwestern Graduate Conference in Critical Theory 2020 (cancelled due to the COVID pandemic).

Organizer: Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP) annual spring conference in moral and political philosophy (2017-2019)

Manuscript referee for *European Law Journal* (Wiley Publishers), *Journal of Common Market Studies* (Wiley Publishers)

Founder/Co-organizer of various graduate student reading groups.

AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

Konrad-Redeker-Award for best dissertation in constitutional law, Konrad-Redeker-Foundation on the recommendation of the Dean of Humboldt-University Berlin Faculty of law, July 2015.

Dean's Merit Scholarship (New York University School of Law) for LL.M. studies at NYU from 08/2012 to 05/2013.

Merit-based LL.M. scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), August 2012 to May 2013.

Merit-based scholarship as doctoral candidate, awarded by Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft (Murmann scholar), 08/2010 to 07/2012.

Scholarship, Congress of the United States and the German Bundestag as part of the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program (CBYX), 08/2001 to 06/2002.

LANGUAGES

English: fluent; Spanish: fair (level B1 UNICert); Latin: fair (proficiency certificate); German: native.