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BASICS

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EMPLOYMENT

University of Geneva, Department of Philosophy	
Fixed-Term Lecturer (maître assistant)	2011-2017
Post-doc	2009-2011
University of Neuchâtel, Institute of philosophy	
Teaching fellow	2011

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Geneva, 2009,
summa cum laude
Dissertation title: *The Metaphysics of Resemblance*

M.A., Philosophy, University of Rennes I, 2003,
summa cum laude
Dissertation title: *Making Big Things with Little Ones*

B.A., Philosophy, University of Rennes I, 2001

Recognised Student, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford (UK), 2007-2008

RESEARCH AREAS

Specialisation: Metaphysics

Competence: History of Early Modern Philosophy (especially Spinoza), Philosophy of Religion, History of Analytic Philosophy (especially Meinong), Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Language.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Swiss National Science Foundation, Fellowship for Prospective Researcher, 2007.
- Boninchi Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, 2005-2007.
- Philibert Collart Ph.D. grant, Geneva, 2005.
- IRIS Doctoral Grant, 2003-2004.

VISITING POSITIONS

- Visiting fellow, Philosophy department of the University of Glasgow, 2014-2015.
- Academic visitor, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. Guigon, Ghislain and Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra (2015), *Nominalism about Properties: New Essays*, Routledge.
Review: <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/60717-nominalism-about-properties-new-essays/>

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2. Guigon, Ghislain (forthcoming), “Quidditism and the Resemblance of Properties”. *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*. DOI:10.1002/tht3.208.
3. Guigon, Ghislain, (2016), “Le principe de raison suffisante”. in Maxime Kristanek (ed.) *L'Encyclopédie Philosophique*. <http://encyclo-phil.fr/> (invited)
4. Guigon, Ghislain (2015), “A Universe of Explanations”. *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 9, Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman (eds.), pp. 345-374.
5. Guigon, Ghislain (2015), “La dépendance souple de la vérité envers l'être” in Yann Schmitt (ed.) *Klesis*, 2^{ème} numéro spécial sur la philosophie de David K. Lewis. (invited).
6. Guigon, Ghislain (2014), “Overall Similarity, Natural Properties, and Paraphrases”. *Philosophical Studies* 167: 387-399.
7. Guigon, Ghislain (2011), “Merely Possible Explanation”. *Religious Studies* 47: 359-370.
8. Guigon, Ghislain (2009), “Bringing About and Conjunction: A Reply to Bigelow on Omnificence”. *Analysis* 69: 452-458.
9. Guigon, Ghislain (2005), “Meinong on Magnitudes and Measurement”. *Meinong Studies* 1, pp. 255-296.
10. Guigon, Ghislain (2004), “L'ontologie de David Lewis”. *Cahiers Philosophiques de Strasbourg*, 17, pp. 405-409. (Invited)

BOOK CHAPTERS

11. Guigon, Ghislain (forthcoming), “Parcimonie Humienne”. in D. Berlioz, F. Drapeau Contim, and F. Loth (eds.) *Le renouveau de la métaphysique: autour de Frédéric Nef*. (Vrin. Paris)
12. Guigon, Ghislain (2015), “Coextension and Identity”, in G. Guigon and G. Rodriguez-Pereyra 2015 (eds.) *Nominalism about Properties: New Essays*, Routledge, pp. 135-155.
13. Guigon, Ghislain and Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra (2015), “Introduction to *Nominalism about Properties: New Essays*”, in Guigon and Rodriguez-Pereyra 2015 (eds.) *Nominalism about Properties: New Essays*, Routledge, pp. 1-16.
14. Guigon, Ghislain (2012), “Spinoza on composition and priority”, in Philip Goff (ed.) *Spinoza on Monism*. Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 183-205.

REVIEWS

15. Guigon, Ghislain (2012), “Review of *Could There Have Been Nothing?* by Geraldine Coggins”, *Prolegomena*.
16. Guigon, Ghislain (2011), “Review of *Les Universaux, Une introduction partisane* by David M. Armstrong”, in *Philosophiques* vol. 38/1.

TRANSLATIONS

17. Guigon, Ghislain (2004), “Une nouvelle tâche pour une théorie des universaux”, French

translation of David K. Lewis “New Work for a Theory of Universals”. *Cahiers Philosophiques de Strasbourg* 17, pp. 345-399.

TEACHING

- MA seminars: Problems of Metaphysics (Geneva, Spring 2014); The Metaphysics of Causation and Properties (Neuchâtel, Spring 2011); Ontology and Philosophy of Language (Geneva, Spring 2010); Problems of Metaphysics, with Kevin Mulligan and Fabrice Correia (Geneva, years 2010-2011 and 2009-2010)
- BA courses or seminars: Introduction to Logic (Geneva, year 2016 and Falls 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006); Introduction to philosophical writing and discussion (Geneva, Years 2016-2017, 2013-2014, 2012-2013 and Springs 2016, 2015); Introduction to Metaphysics (Geneva, Falls 2015 and 2013); Introduction to philosophy and its history (Geneva, Spring 2015); Themes from early modern metaphysics: Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz (Geneva, Springs 2014, 2009); Spinoza’s Rationalism (Geneva, Spring 2012), Introduction to Philosophy of mind, (EPFL, Lausanne, Years 2005-2006, 2004-2005).

TALKS

- “The Many as Modes of the Wave”, with Claudio Calosi
1. *5th Italian Conference in Analytic Ontology*, Padova 06.2016
- “Future Challenges to Leibnizian Cosmological Arguments”
2. *Workshop in Honor of Dean Zimmerman*, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris 05.2016
- “Truths *qua* Grounds”
3. Geneva-Neuchâtel *eidōs* group, Geneva 03.2016
4. Truth and Grounding Conference, Ascona 05.2015
5. Geneva-Neuchâtel *eidōs* group, Geneva 02.2015
- “Quidditism and the Resemblance of Properties”
6. Geneva-Neuchâtel *eidōs* group, Geneva 09.2015
7. *Portuguese Society for Analytic Philosophy, 6th National Meeting*, Azores 09.2015
- “How to Hume a Spinoza-Leibniz: Towards a Humean Principle of Sufficient Reason”
8. University of Geneva, Department Talk 04.2015
- “The disunity of science in the image of grounding”
9. Institut Jean Nicod, Paris 04.2015
- “Outline of a Flexible Metaphysics”
10. University of Glasgow, Faculty of Humanities 05.2014
- “The Coextension Difficulty for Analytic Extensional Nominalism”
11. Institut Jean Nicod, Paris 02.2014
12. Université Libre de Bruxelles 12.2013
13. Istituto di Filosofia Applicata, Lugano 06.2012
- “Mereological Nominalism Revisited”
14. *International Conference on Mereology*, UFR de Philosophie, Rennes I 10.2013
- “The Special Explanation Question”

15. *Congrès de la Société francophone de philosophie analytique*, Paris 05.2012
- “Natural Properties in Counterpart Theory”
16. *Another World is Possible*, University of Urbino 06.2011
17. University of Neuchâtel, Institute Seminar 12.2010
18. *Le nécessaire et l'a priori* 03.2010
- “Part and Whole are Beings of Reason: Spinoza on Composition and Priority”
19. University of Neuchâtel, Institute Seminar 03.2011
20. Aix-en-Provence 01.2011
21. *6th Barcelona-Geneva Meeting*, Geneva 06.2010
- “Composition, Identity, and Representation”
22. *Congrès de la Société francophone de philosophie analytique*. Geneva 09.2009
- “Is Resemblance a Binary Relation?”
23. *Predicates and Properties*, Buenos Aires 08.2009
24. *Eidos Metaphysics Conference*, Geneva 07.2008
- “Bringing About and Conjunction”
25. *Workshop on Definition and Conjunction*, University of Geneva, 05.2009
26. 9th eidos meeting, Geneva 10.2008
- “Plural Logic for Comparative Similarity”
27. *Colloque Jeunes Chercheurs de la Société francophone de philosophie analytique*, Tunis 07.2008
28. *Graduate Sessions of The Joint Session of The Mind Association and The Aristotelian Society*, Southampton 07.2006
29. *Workshop on Alethic Modality*, Geneva 04.2006
- “A Puzzle about Conjunction and Truthmaking”
30. *4th eidos meeting*, Geneva 03.2008
- “The Resemblist vs. Anti-resemblist Debate”
31. *3rd eidos meeting*, Geneva 12.2007
- “Nominalism, Genuine Modal Realism, and Coextensive Properties”
32. Metaphysics Workshop, Ovronnaz 07.2007
33. *Journées de Recherche en Métaphysique*, Archives Poincaré, Nancy 06.2007
- “Cycles in Paradise”
34. *Barcelona-Geneva-Nottingham Workshop*, Barcelona 10.2006
35. *Société francophone de philosophie analytique*, Aix-en Provence 09.2006
- “Resemblance Nominalism: How to Get it Easily”
36. *Workshop on Alethic Modality*, Geneva 04.2006
- “Quantities Without Parts: Relational Quantities”
37. *Workshop on Quantities, Numbers, and Parts*, Saarbrücken 12.2005
- “Similarity-Making and Disjunctiveness”
38. *5th European Congress in Analytic Philosophy*, Lisbon 08.2005
- “The Logical Form of Comparative Similarity Sentences”
39. *1st Barcelona-Geneva Meeting*, Barcelona 05.2004
- “Communautés imparfaites et propriétés naturelles”
40. *Langage, Connaissance, Action*, Rennes 02.2004

COMMENTS

41. Comments on Daniel Korman: “Escaping Debunking by your Bootstraps”, *Workshop on Eliminativism*, Ovronnaz 07.2016
42. Comments on Anna Marmodoro: “Emergent Fundamentals”. *Conference on Metaphysics of properties and relations*, University of Bergamo 07.2015
43. Comments on Keith Hossack’s *The Metaphysics of Knowledge*, at *Towards a Metaphysics of Knowledge, Keith Hossack’s Symposium*, Bern 05.2008
44. Comments on Cristina Amoretti: “Triangulation and Rationality”, *Latin Meeting for Analytic Philosophy*, Valencia 06.2005

SERVICE

Organizer

- *Eidos – the Geneva-Neuchâtel Metaphysics centre – research seminar*, 2009-present; since 2015 with Alexander Skiles.
- 1st eidos graduate school in metaphysics on Identity, 02.2017.
- *Conference on Nominalism: a Reassessment*, Geneva, 09.2012
- With Emiliano Boccardi, Fabrice Correia, and Natalja Deng, *Conference on Time and Explanation*, Geneva, 09.2011.
- With Dan Zeman, *6th Barcelona-Geneva meeting*, Geneva, 06.2010
- With Philipp Blum, *Workshop on Definition and Conjunction*, Geneva, 05.2009.
- With Otto Bruun, *Graduate seminar of the philosophy department of Geneva*, Year 2004-2005.
- With Marta Campdelacreu and Fabrice Correia, *2nd Barcelona-Geneva meeting*, Geneva, 11.2005.

Fundraising

- Doctoral programme CUSO in philosophy “Nominalism: a Reassessment”, Geneva 2012. Budget: 15’500 CHF.
- Doctoral programme CUSO in philosophy “Grounding and Fundamentality”, Geneva 2011. Budget: 24’400 CHF.
- SNF doctoral school “Contemporary issues on ontological commitment: fictionalism and fundamentality.” 101111-130363, Geneva 2011. Budget: 25’000 CHF.
- With Luc Schneider, Boninchi Foundation project “The Formal Ontology of Properties and Relations”, Budget: 321’500 CHF.

Referee

- Press: Routledge
- Journals: *Australasian Journal in Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*.

Editorial Committee

- *Dialectica*, 2008-2014

Research Group

- *Eidos – the Geneva-Neuchâtel Center for Metaphysics*, 2007-present.

Departmental Service at the Philosophy Department of Geneva

- Teaching Programme Manager, 2009-2016.
- Master Studies Adviser, 2011-present.

- Appointing committee, 2014.
- Manager of teaching plans reforms, 2011.