

Curriculum Vitae

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General Information

Name: Johannes Grössl
Area of Specialisation: Philosophy of Religion, Systematic Theology
Areas of Competence: Metaphysics (Free Will, Meta-Ethics, Philosophy of Time)

Degress

Ph.D. in Theology on June 6, 2014 (*summa cum laude*)

Subject Focus: Systematic Theology. Thesis on open theism and divine risk taking

Advisory Board: Roman Siebenrock, Winfried Löffler (Innsbruck), Armin Kreiner (Munich)

Diplom (M.A. equivalent) in Theology on February 10, 2011, Univ. of Munich (Grade 1.3)

Thesis: "Is the Brain a Computer? Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem and Functionalism"

B.A. in Philosophy on July 18, 2007, Munich School of Philosophy (Grade 1.1)

Education

Spring 2014	Visiting Researcher at Rutgers University, New Jersey, sponsored by Dean Zimmerman. Research Project on Trans-Temporal Reference for Presentism
2011 – 2014	PhD fellow with the "Analytic Theology Project" University of Innsbruck, Austria
2005 – 2011	Studies in Theology, Philosophy and Logic at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität [University of Munich], Hochschule für Philosophie [Munich School of Philosophy] and Harvard University (HDS and GSAS)
2004 – 2005	Classical Philology at Theological Seminary Ambrosianum in Ehingen an der Donau, Germany
2004	Abitur [German higher education entrance qualification], Freihof-Gymnasium Göppingen, Germany.
2002	High School Diploma (GPA 4.13), Mankato East Senior High, Mankato, MN.

Employment

Fall 2017	Visiting Professor [<i>Lehrstuhlvertreter</i>] for Fundamental Theology and Philosophy of Religion, University of Münster, Germany
2014 –	Assistant Professor [<i>Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter</i>] for Systematic Theology, University of Siegen, Germany
2015 – 2017	Adjunct Professor, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA: Study-Abroad-Program in Bonn (AIB).
2011 – 2014	Research Associate [<i>Projektmitarbeiter</i>] at the Institute of Christian Philosophy, University of Innsbruck.
2011 – 2012	Lecturer [<i>Lehrbeauftragter</i>] at the University of Munich, Institute of Fundamental Theology
2007 – 2008	Student Assistant for Prof. Johannes Wallacher, Institute for Social and Development Studies, Munich School of Philosophy
2002 – 2011	Self-employed with computer business

Books

Die Freiheit des Menschen als Risiko Gottes. Der Offene Theismus als Konzeption der Vereinbarkeit von göttlicher Allwissenheit und menschlicher Freiheit (Studien in Theologie, Ethik und Philosophie), Münster: Aschendorff, 2015 [„Human Freedom as Divine Risk. Open Theism as a Theory for Conciliating Divine Omniscience and Human Freedom“].

[Edited] Göttliche Allwissenheit und Menschliche Freiheit, Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2015, ed. with Eleonore Stump and Georg Gasser [„Divine Omniscience and Human Freedom“].

[Edited] “Divine Action. Philosophical and Theological Inquiries”, Special Issue of the European Journal for Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2015, ed. with Georg Gasser und Lukas Kraus).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Freiheit – Gott – Verantwortung. Ein Plädoyer für einen philosophisch und theologisch verantworteten Freiheitsbegriff auf Grundlage des restriktiven Libertarismus“, *Theologie und Philosophie* 92.3 (2017). [“Freedom – God – Responsibility. A Philosophically and Theologically Justified Concept of Freedom based upon Restrictive Libertarianism“].

Art. “Open Theism”, Special Divine Action Encyclopedia, University of Oxford, 2017, <https://sda.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/sda/#!/themes/preview?id=212>.

“Closing the Door on Limited-Risk Open Theism”, with Leigh Vicens, *Faith and Philosophy* 31.4 (2014), 475-485.

“Ewige Kontingenzpläne – Gottes Handeln in der Welt eternalistisch gedacht“, *Zeitschrift für Katholische Theologie, Zeitschrift für Katholische Theologie* (2014), 405-422 [“Eternal Contingency Plans – A Theory of Timeless Divine Action“].

“Schöpfung, Ewigkeit und Allwissenheit – eine Antwort auf Thomas Schärfl“, *Philosophie und Theologie* 89.2 (2014), 200-214. [„Creation, Eternity, and Omniscience“].

“Theistic Multiverse and Slippery Slopes. A Response to Klaas Kraay“, with Anna Ijjas and Ludwig Jaskolla, *Theology and Science* 11.1 (2013), 62-76.

„Gott als Liebe denken – Anliegen und Optionen des Offenen Theismus“, *Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie* 54.4 (2012), 469-488. [“Perceiving God as Love – Concerns and Options of Open Theism“].

Articles

“Gottes Allwissenheit und menschliche Freiheit. Response zu Paul Weingartner“, in: Gasser, Georg / Jaskolla, Ludwig / Schärfl, Thomas: *Handbuch der analytischen Theologie (Studien zur systematischen Theologie, Ethik und Philosophie)*, Münster 2017, 333-361. [“Divine Omniscience and Human Free Will. A Response to Paul Weingartner“].

“Die Offenheit eines handelnden Gottes“, in: Göcke, Benedikt / Schneider, Ruben (Hg.): *Handeln Gottes in der Welt*, Regensburg 2017. [„The Openness of an Acting God“].

“Die kenotische Christologie Luthers“, in: Stephan Mokry / Reinhard Grütz / Ludger Nagel (Hg.): *Neu hinsehen: Luther. Katholische Perspektiven - Ökumenische Horizonte*, Leipzig - Paderborn 2016, 214-237 [„The Kenotic Christology of Luther“]

“Gebet und Vorsehung im Offenen Theismus“, *Geist und Leben. Zeitschrift für Christliche Spiritualität*, 89.2 (2016), 187-196. [„Prayer and Providence in Open Theism“]

“Ein Dialog über Gottes Allwissenheit und menschliche Freiheit“, in: Eleonore Stump / Georg Gasser / Johannes Grössl (Ed.): *Göttliche Allwissenheit und Menschliche Freiheit. Beiträge aus der aktuellen analytischen Religionsphilosophie*, Stuttgart: Kohlhammer 2015, 15-46. [„A Dialog on Divine Omniscience and Human Freedom“]

“Thomas Flint: Die Molinistische Theorie der Vorsehung“, in Stump/Gasser/Grössl, *Göttliche Allwissenheit und Menschliche Freiheit*, Stuttgart 2015. Translation of: Flint, T., *Divine Providence: The Molinist Account*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, Chapter “The Molinist Account of Providence”, 75-108.

“John Lucas: Die Verwundbarkeit Gottes“, in Stump/Gasser/Grössl, *Göttliche Allwissenheit und Menschliche Freiheit*, Stuttgart 2015. Translation of: Lucas, J.: *The Future: An Essay on God, Temporality, and Truth*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, Chapter “The Vulnerability of God”, 209-223.

“Wir haben keinen freien Willen. Eine Glosse“, *geist.voll – Zeitschrift des Bereiches “Förderung Geistlichen Lebens“ des Pastoralamtes Wien* (2/2013), 22-23 [“We Do Not Have Free Will. An Apostil“].

“Christliche Werte in der Politik“, *ÖkologiePolitik* 153 (2012), 24-26 [“Christian Values in Politics“].

“Verantwortbare Kernenergie? Versuch einer Abwägung von Wohlstand und Risiko unter Berücksichtigung von Generationengerechtigkeit und demokratischer Legitimation“, in: Tegeder, Gudrun (Hrsg.), *Powered By? Szenarien nachhaltiger Energienutzung*, Schriften des Cusanuswerks 18 (2008), 103-124. [„Is Nuclear Energy morally responsible?“].

Reviews

Hailer, Martin: Religionsphilosophie. Göttingen 2014, in: *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 141.11 (2016), 1253-1255.

Hilal Sezgin: Artgerecht ist nur die Freiheit. Eine Ethik für die Tiere oder Warum wir umdenken müssen (Beck'sche Reihe; Band 6134), München 2014, in: *Theologie und Philosophie* 90.2 (2015), 273-275.

Craig Keener: *Miracles. The Credibility of the New Testament Account*. Grand Rapids 2011, in: *Faith and Philosophy* 33.1 (2016), 118-124.

Teaching Experience

Fall 2017	Seminar: Religious Fundamentalism (graduate level) Theology of Revelation (graduate level)
Spring 2017	Faith and Reason (undergraduate level) Introduction to Philosophical and Theological Ethics (undergraduate level) European Christianity: Schism, Reform, and Ecumenical Dialogue (undergrad.)
Fall 2016	Seminar: Animal Ethics (graduate level) Seminar: Christianity – Rational or absurd? (undergraduate level) European Christianity: Schism, Reform, and Ecumenical Dialogue (undergrad.)
Spring 2016	Introduction to Philosophical and Theological Ethics (undergraduate level) European Christianity: Schism, Reform, and Ecumenical Dialogue (undergrad.)
Fall 2015	Seminar: Philosophy of Free Will (graduate level) The Concept of God (graduate level) European Christianity: Schism, Reform, and Ecumenical Dialogue (undergrad.)
Spring 2015	Introduction to Philosophical and Theological Ethics (undergraduate level) Seminar: Is there a God? Swinburne and the rationality of faith Metaphysics (block course at Munich School of Philosophy, undergrad.)
Fall 2014	Seminar: Christian Ethics: The Prohibition of Killing (graduate level) Seminar: Introduction to the Teachings of Christianity (undergraduate level)
Spring 2014	Introduction to Philosophy of Science (undergraduate level), with Dr. Anna Ijjas, Rutgers University, New Jersey.

Fall 2011 Seminar: The (In-)compatibility of Divine Omniscience and Human Freedom, University of Munich.

Third-Party Funding

2016 – 2019 “Human Nature and Divine Impeccability” (Cluster Grant with “The Nature of God” Templeton Project). Is the concept of an impeccable Deity compatible with the Christian doctrine of the Incarnation? (together with Klaus von Stosch, University of Paderborn)

2017 “Freedom of Religion”, Lectures and Workshops. Project “Demokratie leben”, The Federal Ministry of Germany for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.

2013 – 2015 Funding for Translation of Articles on Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom, Propter Homines Foundation, Liechtenstein.

Organized Workshops, Summer Schools, and Conferences

October 2017 “Two Wills in Christ? Dyotheletism and Its Alternatives”, Schwerte, Germany.

May 2017 “Sinlessness of Christ - Sinlessness of all Believers. Biblical Exegesis meets Analytic Theology”, Schwerte, Germany.

March 2017 “Theories of Salvation”, Jahrestagung des Buchenauer Kreises, Siegen.

July/Aug 2014 Summer School and Conference “Divine Action. Philosophical and Theological Inquiries” in Innsbruck, Austria (with G. Gasser / L. Kraus).

June 2012 “Intergenerational Justice”, Jahrestreffen des Cusanuswerks (with C. Lücking-Michel).

Feb 2012 Workshop on the Theistic Multiverse, University of Munich / Munich School of Philosophy (with A. Ijjas).

Professional Experience and Presentations

4/6/2017 “Human Nature & Willpower Enhancement”, Tagung “Designobjekt Mensch? Transhumanismus in Theologie, Philosophie und Naturwissenschaften”, Akademie Franz-Hitze-Haus Münster.

4/3/2017 “Receptive Eternalism and God’s Power to do Otherwise”, Tagung “Zeit - Sprache – Gott”, Munich.

3/25/2017 “The Irenaen Recapitulation Theory of the Atonement.”, Jahrestagung des Buchenauer Kreises zum Thema “Erlösung denken”

- 3/8/2017 "Analytic Theology – Its Origins and Methods." Tagung des Nachwuchsnetzwerks Dogmatik und Fundamentaltheologie, Stuttgart.
- 11/4/2016 "Karl Popper and Religion. Strategies to Avoid Irrationalism." Tagung der deutschen Sektion der Europäischen Gesellschaft für Katholische Theologie, Akademie der Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart.
- 8/27/2016 "A Virtue-based Solution to the Eschatological Problem of Divine Evil", 21. Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Religion (ESPR), Uppsala, Sweden.
- 7/14/2016 "Definitions of Omnipotence." FU Berlin.
- 6/28/2016 "Ethical Consumptions – A Matter of Willpower?" University of Hildesheim.
- 4/27/2016 "True Personal Relationship and the Temporality of God." Dies Facultatis, University of Innsbruck.
- 3/12/2016 "Martin Luthers Kenotic Christology." Tagung "Luther – gestern, heute morgen ... Was bleibt vom Reformator und der Reformation", Halle.
- 1/27/2016 "What is Free Will?" University of Paderborn.
- 12/19/2015 "The Temptation of Jesus – Impeccability and True Humanity." Schwerte.
- 12/8/2015 "Christology after Chalcedon: The Controversy on Dyotheletism", Siegen.
- 10/9/2015 "Metaphysical and Theological Implications of Libertarianism", Siegen.
- 8/1/2015 "Timeless Reaction." Workshop on Classical Theism, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul.
- 9/28/2015 "Timeless Universe – Timeless Deity? Theories of Time in Philosophy and Theology", Jahrestagung des Religion and Science Network Germany: "Zeit in Lebenswelt, Wissenschaft und Religion", Akademie der Diözese Rottenburg-Stuttgart.
- 5/15/2015 "Could Jesus have sinned?" Conference "Dogmatische Christologie in der Moderne." University of Bochum, Germany.
- 10/24/2014 "A Non-Interventionist, Risk-Minimizing Strategy for Open Theism." Randomness and Foreknowledge Conference, Dallas, TX, organized by Northwest Nazarene University.
- 9/4/2014 "Introduction to the Philosophy of Time", Workshop "Tense vs Tenseless Theories. New insights to and applications of the philosophy of time", Universität Salzburg, Austria.
- 9/4/2014 "The Problem of Divine Evil", Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhiA).
- 4/17/2014 "Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom." Invited Guest Lecture, The King's College, New York City, NY.

- 3/27/2014 "Closing the Door on Limited-Risk Open Theism." Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), Midwest Region, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL.
- 9/13/2013 "Trans-Temporal Relations for Presentism." Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhA).
- 7/31/2013 "Purgatory and Gratuitous Evil." PEPTS Workshop in Munich, Germany, with Michael Rea, Michael Ruse, and Eleonore Stump.
- 6/18/2013 Invited as guest lecturer (graduate level) in the dogmatics lecture "Gnadenlehre" ["Teaching of Grace"] by Prof. Gerhard Gäde, University of Munich. Lecture on the controversy between Molinists and Bannezianists in the 16./17. century and on the contemporary controversy on Molinism.
- 6/4/2013 "A Historic and Systematic Introduction to Open Theism." Invited as a guest speaker in a seminar on Evangelicalism taught by Prof. Armin Kreiner and Dr. Philipp Stewart, University of Munich.
- 11/29/2012 "A Future for Open Theism. How God Minimizes the Risk of a Failing Creation", Workshop on Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom with John Martin Fisher (UC Riverside), University of Innsbruck.
- 8/1/2012 "Gödel, Functionalism, and God's Creation of the Mind", Summer School "Minds – Human and Divine" with Yujin Nagasawa, Bill Jaworski and Uwe Meixner, Munich School of Philosophy (26.07. – 04.08.2012).
- 7/2/2012 "Divine Contingency Plans as a Challenge for Temporalism", St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology.
- June/July 2012 Funded participant at the St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, St. Paul, MN. (17.06. – 06.07.2012)
- July 2012 *Main character in the documentary "Ethics in Science. May We Do All Which Is Possible?" produced by Bavarian Broadcasting (BR). ["Ethik in der Wissenschaft. Dürfen wir alles, was möglich ist?"]*
- 6/3/2012 Participant in a panel discussion entitled "Why We Have to Change. Ways to a Sustainable Culture", Jahrestreffen des Cusanuswerk 2012 on Inter-generational Justice; also discussion leader and organizer of a workshop with Prof. Dieter Birnbacher on the rights of non-existent future individuals.
- 2/17/2012 "Will an Omniscient God Take Risks?" Master Class "Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom" with Brian Leftow and Kenneth Perszyk at Munich School of Philosophy (15.02. – 18.02.2012).
- 2/4/2012 "God and the Multiverse from an Open Theist's Point of View. A Response to Klaas Kraay." Munich School of Philosophy.
- 11/8/2011 "Open Theism, Middle Knowledge and Divine Providence", Presentation at the Analytic Theology Cluster Initiative "Divine Omnipotence, Human Freedom and the Problem of Evil: Towards an Analytic Concept of Theodicy", Munich School of Philosophy / University of Munich.

Memberships

Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)

Society for Philosophy of Time (SPoT)

Nachwuchsnetzwerk Dogmatik und Fundamentaltheologie

Scholarships and Awards

Stipend for Projects in Christology from the University of Bochum, Germany (2015)

2nd Place of the LFUI Best Paper Award for the article „Gott als Liebe denken“ (2013)

Stipend from University of St. Thomas and John Templeton Foundation (2012)

Stipend from University of Innsbruck and John Templeton Foundation (2011-2013)

Stipend and PhD-Stipend from Cusanuswerk (2006-2010, 2012-2013)

3rd Price of the Federal Contest in Mathematics in Germany (2002 and 2003)

Capabilities

Modern languages: German (native), English (AH/S), French (IM)

Classical languages: Latin (*Extended Latinum*), Greek (*Graecum*), Hebrew