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## Areas of specialization

Formal epistemology • Philosophy of science

## Areas of competence

Psychology of reasoning • Logic • Philosophy of language

## Position

- 2021–2023 POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich
- 2019–2021 HUMBOLDT RESEARCH FELLOW, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich
- Summer semester 2019 GUEST LECTURER, Department of Philosophy (KGW), University of Salzburg
- 2018–2019 ERNST MACH SCHOLAR (postdoctoral research), Department of Philosophy (KGW), University of Salzburg
- 2013–2018 PHD STUDENT, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana

## Scientific title

- since 2019 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (docent), University of Ljubljana

TEACHING ASSISTANT (asistent), University of Ljubljana 2015–2018

## Education

- PHD in Philosophy, University of Ljubljana 2018
- UNIVERZITETNI DIPLOMIRANI FILOZOF IN LITERARNI KOMPARATIVIST, University of Ljubljana (equivalent to a B.A. and M.A. in Philosophy and Comparative Literature) 2013

## Doctoral dissertation

- Title: INFLUENCE OF CONDITIONALS ON BELIEF UPDATING  
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Olga Markič (University of Ljubljana)  
Co-supervisor: Prof. Dr. Stephan Hartmann (MCMP/LMU Munich)  
Defended in March 2018

## Publications

- Against methodological gambling. *Erkenntnis*. Forthcoming  
[\[DOI\]](#)
- Lying, more or less: A computer simulation study of graded lies and trust dynamics, co-authored with Anna Dobrosovstnova and Sebastian Götzendorfer, *Synthese*. [\[DOI\]](#); [\[PREPRINT\]](#) Forthcoming
- Jeffrey Conditionalization: Proceed with Caution, *Philosophical Studies* 177(10), 2985–3012. 2020  
[\[DOI\]](#); [\[PREPRINT\]](#)
- Inference to the Best Explanation in Uncertain Evidential Situations, co-authored with Max Pellert, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 70(4), 977–1001. [\[DOI\]](#); [\[PREPRINT\]](#) 2019

- 2019 'Seize it, if thou dar'st': Three Types of Imperative Conditional in Richard II. In C. Bourne and E. Caddick Bourne (Eds.), *Routledge Companion to Shakespeare and Philosophy*, Routledge Series in Philosophy. London and New York: Routledge. [doi]
- 2015 Cognitive metaphors about the balance of political success: an example from Shakespeare. In S. Petlevski and G. Pavlič (Eds.), *Theatrum Mundi*, Zagreb: Akademija dramske umjetnosti.
- 2015 What is learned from conditionals? *Balkan Journal of Philosophy* 7(2).
- 2014 Why credences cannot be imprecise, *Interdisciplinary description of complex systems* 12(4).
- PUBLICATIONS IN SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE
- 2021 Laganje in negotovost [On lying and uncertainty]. In Markič, O. and Malec, M. (Eds.), *Misli svetlobe in senc: zbornik razprav s simpozija o filozofskem delu Marka Uršiča*. Ljubljana University Press, Faculty of Arts. [doi]
- 2016 Transformative Experience, L. A. Paul (book review), *Analiza* 20(2).
- 2016 O nenatančnih stopnjah prepričanj [On imprecise credences], *Analiza* 20(1).
- 2015 Pogojniki in pogojna prepričanja [Conditionals and conditional beliefs], *Analiza* 19(2–3).
- 2013 "Sreča [...] na tehtnici": kognitivna analiza ravnotežnostnih metafor v Shakespearovem Richardu II ["Their fortunes both are weigh'd": a cognitive analysis of balance metaphors in Shakespeare's Richard II.], *Analiza*, 17(4).
- MISCELLANEOUS
- 2021 Report: The Third Conference of the East European Network for Philosophy of Science (EENPS 2021), 9-11 June, 2021. *Kriterion* 35(2), 191-195. [doi]
- Presentations<sup>1</sup>
- What is scientific disagreement evidence of (with Mariangela Zoe Cocchiari), *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Glasgow, U.K. Jun. 2022, \*\*
- A computational exploration of probabilistic learning rules in unreliable circumstances, *MCMP Colloquium*, Munich, Germany Oct. 2021, +
- The ecological rationality of probabilistic learning rules in unreliable circumstances (with Ana Marija Plementaš), *Information Society Multi-conference*, Ljubljana, Slovenia Oct. 2021, \*\*
- Epistemically modest methodological triangulation, *EPSA21*, Turin, Italy. Sep. 2021, \*\*
- Methodological triangulation and the value of epistemic modesty, *3<sup>rd</sup> East European Network for Philosophy of Science Conference*, Belgrade, Serbia Jun. 2021, \*\*
- Račun(alni)ške metode v filozofiji: primer raziskave delnega laganja [Computational methods in philosophy: Simulating partial lies], *Slovensko filozofsko društvo*, Slovenia May 2021, +
- Uporaba računalniških simulacij v filozofiji s primerom raziskave laganja in zaupanja [Computer simulations in philosophy: A case study of researching lying and trust], *Uvod v raziskovanje 2*, Ljubljana, Slovenia May 2021, +
- Logična napaka ali pravilen induktivni sklep? [Is it a logical mistake or a correct inductive inference?], *Simbolna logika*, Ljubljana, Slovenia May 2021, +
- Obstaja poleg običajnega tudi psihološki imunski sistem? [Is there such a thing as a psychological immune system?], *Filozofija kognitivne znanosti*, Ljubljana, Slovenia, [HTML] Dec. 2020, +
- Bayesians still don't learn from conditionals (with Mario Günther), *Bayesian Epistemology: Perspectives and Challenges*, MCMP/LMU Munich, Germany Aug. 2020, \*\*
- Methodological triangulation and the value of epistemic modesty, *10<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, Utrecht, Netherlands Aug. 2020, \*\*

<sup>1</sup>Peer reviewed talks are denoted by \*\* in the margin. Invited talks are likewise denoted by +.

Jul. 2020, **	Thou shalt not gamble with methods, <i>Perspectives on Scientific Error #4</i> , Lago Maggiore, Italy	Inference to the best of the best explanations (with Anton Donchev), <i>Models of Explanation</i> , 11 <sup>th</sup> MuST Conference in Philosophy of Science, Turin, Italy	Jun. 2018, **
Nov. 2019	Inference to the best of the best explanations. <i>MCMP Colloquium</i> , LMU Munich, Germany		
Nov. 2019, +	Laž in negotovost [Lying and uncertainty], <i>Simpozij o delu prof. dr. Marka Uršiča</i> , Department of Philosophy, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia	Lying: More or less (with Anna Dobrosovestnova & Sebastian Götzenborfer), "Communication and Cooperation" Workshop. University of Milan, Milan, Italy	Jun. 2018, **
Nov. 2019, +	Probabilistic versions of inference to the best explanation (poster), <i>Alexander von Humboldt Network Meeting</i> , Hamburg, Germany	Some problematic consequences of Jeffrey conditionalization, <i>Workshop in Philosophy of Science</i> . University of Turin, Turin, Italy	May 2018, +
Oct. 2019, **	The Value of Scientific Explanations in Using CRISPR-Cas for Gene Drive: The Case of Population Suppression in <i>Anopheles gambiae</i> Mosquitoes (poster, with Nace Kranjc), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the PhilInBioMed International Network, Bordeaux, France	The case of IBE versus Bayesian inference, <i>Artificial Intelligence Laboratory</i> . Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia	Jan. 2018, +
Sep. 2019, +	Objectivity in the face of scientific disagreement, <i>POND Meeting</i> , Barcelona, Spain	Some problems of Jeffrey Conditionalization, 10 <sup>th</sup> Arché Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews, U.K.	Oct. 2017, **
June 2019, **	Commentary of the talk "Varieties of Error and Varieties of Evidence in Scientific Inference" by B. Osimani and J. Landes, and poster On some consequences of Jeffrey Conditionalisation, <i>Formal Epistemology Workshop 2019</i> , University of Turin, Italy	Simulations of probabilistic belief updating: The case of IBE vs Jeffrey conditionalization, <i>Summer school on computer simulation methods – Participant Presentations</i> , HLRS Stuttgart, Germany	Sep. 2017
May 2019, +	Influence of Conditionals on Belief Updating, <i>Linguistic Circle of the Faculty of Arts</i> , University of Ljubljana, Slovenia	Conditionals simpliciter, 9 <sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Munich, Germany	Aug. 2017, **
Apr. 2019, +	Belief updating in untrustworthy circumstances, <i>Complexity Science Hub Talk</i> , Vienna, Austria	Inference to the best explanation in cases of uncertain evidence (with Max Pellert), <i>Inferentialism, Bayesianism and Scientific Explanation Workshop</i> , MCMP/LMU Munich, Germany	Jan. 2017, **
Oct. 2018	Inference to the best of the best explanations (with Anton Donchev), <i>WIP Seminar</i> . University of Salzburg, Austria	Material conditionals in probabilistic learning scenarios, <i>International Rationality Summer Institute</i> , Aurich, Germany	Sep. 2016
Jun. 2018, **	Lying: More or less (with Anna Dobrosovestnova & Sebastian Götzenborfer), <i>Computational Modelling in Philosophy</i> . MCMP/LMU Munich, Germany	Shakespeare's embodied meaning, <i>Shakespeare: The Philosopher II</i> , University of Hertfordshire, U.K.	Jul. 2016, **
Jun. 2018, **	On some problematic consequences of Jeffrey conditionalization, 2 <sup>nd</sup> East European Network for Philosophy of Science Conference, Bratislava, Slovakia	Reasoning with nested conditionals, <i>LOGOS Seminar</i> , LOGOS Research Group in Analytic Philosophy, University of Barcelona, Spain	Mar 2016, +
		Belief updating, confirmation theory and explanatory power, <i>Philosophy of science subgroup seminar</i> , LOGOS Research Group in Analytic Philosophy, University of Barcelona, Spain	Mar 2016, +

Nov. 2015, +	Prostor logike (The logical space), <i>Filozofski maraton</i> , Department of Philosophy, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia	Contemporary epistemology [Sodobna spoznavna teorija] (B.A. course)	2016–2018
Oct. 2015, **	Learning from material conditionals, <i>Cognitive Science Conference, Information Society 2015</i> , Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia	Introduction to epistemology and philosophy of science [Osnove spoznavne teorije in filozofije znanosti] (M.A. course)	2016–2018
Sep. 2015, +	Cog. metaphors about the balance of political success, <i>Theatrum Mundi</i> , Dubrovnik, Croatia	PROJECT SUPERVISION (UNI. LJUBLJANA)	
Oct. 2014, **	In defense of precise credences, <i>Cognitive Science Conference, Information Society 2014</i> , Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia	Simuliranje verjetnostnega učenja iz zavajajočih podatkov [Simulation studies of probabilistic learning from unreliable evidence]; supervision	2021
Jul. 2014	Dispositions, Conditional Beliefs and Bayesian Epistemology, <i>Summer School in Cognitive Science</i> , NBU Sofia, Bulgaria	Simulation studies of explanatory reasoning; supervision	2020–2021
Apr. 2014, **	Conditionals and conditional degrees of beliefs. <i>The new vision of future technologies</i> , Eduvision, Ljubljana, Slovenia	Reverse inference in neuroscience, winter semester; co-supervision	2018–2019
Oct. 2013, **	Cognitive Analysis of Metaphors on Balance in Shakespeare's Richard II, <i>Information Society 2013</i> , Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia	Simulation studies of graded lies, winter semester; supervision	2017–2018
		Simulation studies in Bayesian and explanatory belief updating; supervision	2016–2017

## Teaching and supervision

### LECTURER

2021–2022	Epistemic justification (with Stephan Hartmann), Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich
2020–2021, 2021–2022	Psychological theories of rationality, University of Ljubljana
2019–2020	Human rationality and models of reasoning, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich
2019	Philosophy of Science Seminar for Doctoral Candidates, University of Salzburg

### TEACHING ASSISTANT (UNI. LJUBLJANA)

2017–2019	Rationality and Consciousness (exchange M.A. students of cognitive science)
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### PROJECT SUPERVISION ASSISTANCE (UNI. LJUBLJANA)

Cognitive biases and debiasing	2015–2016
Rationality and emotions project	2013–2014

## Grants, honors & awards

2020–2021, 2021–2022	Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers, Humboldt Foundation	Oct. 2019–Sep. 2021
2019–2020	Language fellowship, Humboldt Foundation	Jun. 2019–Sep. 2019
2019	Seal of Excellence, quality label awarded to my project proposal in scope of MSCA Actions, Horizon 2020 (European Commission)	
	Ernst Mach Grant for a postdoctoral research project at the University of Salzburg; OeAD-GmbH, Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Forschung (BMBWF) Austria	Sep. 2018–May 2019
2017–2019	European Philosophy of Science Association Fellowship for a visit of LOGOS Barcelona	Feb.–Mar. 2016

## Summer schools, workshops, other courses

May–Jul. 2015	Short-Term Research Grant, DAAD Germany, for a visit of Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy		
Apr.–May 2015	Junior Fellowship, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich	Intensive course: German language, Carl Duisberg Center Munich, Germany	Jun. 2019–Sep. 2019
Jul. 2014	CEEPUS Scholarship for attendance at the 21 <sup>st</sup> Summer School in Cognitive Science, NBU Sofia, Bulgaria	Intensive course: Computer Simulations and Numerical Experiments in Philosophy of Science, Department of Philosophy, University of Belgrade, Serbia	May 2018
2012	Slovene Science Foundation award for the best student essay on trust in/among scientists	Summer school: On Computer Simulation Methods. High Performance Computing Center Stuttgart (HLRS), Stuttgart, Germany	Sep. 2017
2007–2016	Zois Scholarship: Slovenian state scholarship intended for distinctly talented students	Summer school: International Rationality Summer Institute in Aurich, Germany	Sep. 2016
		Interdisciplinary workshop: Perspectives on Research Ethics, University of Graz, Austria	Jan. 2016
		21 <sup>st</sup> International Summer School in Cognitive Science, NBU Sofia, Bulgaria	Jul. 2014

## Research projects and visits

Oct. 2021– Oct. 2021	DFG-AHRC project "Normative vs. Descriptive Accounts in the Philosophy and Psychology of Reasoning and Argumentation: Tension or Productive Interplay?", Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich, Germany
Oct. 2019– Sep. 2021	Research project: "Probabilistic versions of inference to the best explanation", Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich, Germany
Sep. 2018– May 2019	Research project: "Evaluating conflicting evidence", Department of Philosophy (KGW), University of Salzburg, Austria
May–Jun. 2018	Research project: "Inference to the best explanation – and then what?", Center for Logic, Language and Cognition (LLC), University of Turin, Italy
Feb.–Mar. 2016	Research project: "Vindication of material conditionals in probabilistic learning scenarios", LOGOS Barcelona, University of Barcelona
Summer semester, 2015	Research project: "Updating on conditionals", Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU Munich, Germany

## Service to the profession

### REFEREEING:<sup>2</sup>

Acta Analytica • AI&Society • The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science • Ergo • Erkenntnis • European Journal for Philosophy of Science • INDECS • Mind • Synthese

since 2018

### ORGANISATION:

Co-chair of the programme committee for the Cognitive Science Conference in scope of Multi-conference Information Society 2021, Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana

Oct. 2021

Co-chair of the programme committee for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference of the East European Network for Philosophy of Science; Belgrade, Serbia

Jun. 2021

Co-organiser of the EENPS online seminar (7 philosophy of science talks with international speakers), [\[HTML\]](#)

2021

<sup>2</sup>Multiple reviews for underlined journals.

- 2020 Member of the selection committee for new postdocs at the MCMP/LMU Munich
- since Feb. 2020 Organisation of a reading group on inference and reasoning; MCMP, LMU Munich
- Aug. 2019 Member of the programme committee for Bayes By the Sea 2019 conference; Ancona, Italy
- Jun. 2019 Member of the programme committee for the Formal Epistemology Workshop 2019; Turin, Italy
- Jun. 2018 Member of the programme committee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the East European Network for Philosophy of Science; Bratislava, Slovakia
- Jun. 2016 Member of the programme committee for the Inaugural Conference of the East European Network for Philosophy of Science; Sofia, Bulgaria
- Member of the editorial board of *Analiza*, a Slovenian journal for analytic philosophy and philosophy of science since 2016
- Member of the Slovenian Philosophical Society
- Member of the Slovenian Cognitive Science Association (2016–2018: Treasurer, 2021–2025: Secretary)
- Member of the Slovenian Society for Analytic Philosophy and Philosophy of Science
- Editor of *Črna škatla*, a Slovenian web-journal for popularisation of cognitive science, [\[HTML\]](#) 2013-2018

## Languages

$\LaTeX$  (intermediate)  
 Python (intermediate)  
 R (basic)  
 MATLAB (basic)  
 Julia (basic)  
 Mathematica (basic)

### MEMBERSHIPS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES:

European Network for Philosophy of Science (since 2020: coordinator; 2016-2020: member of the founding steering committee)

Member of the European Philosophy of Science Association (EPSA)

Slovene (native)  
 English (fluent)  
 German (advanced)  
 Croatian (advanced)