

# Dr. Leopold Hess

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## Research interests

Philosophy of language:

semantics, pragmatics, social philosophy of language, offensive and derogatory expressions, theories of meaning, theories of communication.

Linguistics:

perspective-taking in language, narratives and narratology, corpus and text linguistics, Ancient Greek linguistics.

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## Education and Employment

2020-	Assistant Prof. ( <i>adiunkt</i> ), Institute of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University
2019/20	Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw
2018/19	Lecturer (part-time) at Faculty of Humanities, Leiden University Lecturer (part-time) at Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen
2014-19	PhD, Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, Radboud University. Dissertation: <i>Perspective and Word Choice: A Study of Expressives, Slurs, and Narrative</i>
2016	PhD, Faculty of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland Dissertation: <i>Normativity and second nature. The normative constitution of the subject of thought and action</i>
2011	MA ( <i>magister</i> ) in Classics, University of Warsaw; with excellent grade
2009	MA ( <i>magister</i> ) in Philosophy, Jagiellonian University; with honors

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## Research projects

2019-22	Ideological Speech (NCN research grant SONATINA 2019/32/C/HS1/00475)	Principal investigator
2014-19	Unraveling the Language of Perspective, (ERC Starting Grant 338421-Perspective; PI: Corien Bary)	Team member
2014	Normativity and Second Nature (NCN research grant ETIUDA 2013/08/T/HS1/00092)	Principal investigator
2010/11	Transformationen des Geistes. Philosophische Psychologie 1500-1750 (Leibniz-Preis; PI: Dominik Perler)	Visiting participant

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## Grants, awards and scholarships

2019	National Center of Science (NCN, Poland) grant SONATINA; individual research project at University of Warsaw and 6-month research visit at University of Michigan
2019	Jacob L. Mey and Hartmut Haberland Early Career Award for a paper published in <i>Journal of Pragmatics</i> ("Perspectival Expressives")
2014/15	NCN grant ETIUDA; individual research project at Jagiellonian University and 4-month research visit at Pittsburgh University
2012/13	Fulbright Junior Research Award – Visiting Scholar at Pittsburgh University (supervisor: Prof. R. Brandom, Department of Philosophy)
2010/11	DAAD Forschungsstipendium – Visiting Researcher at Humboldt University, Berlin (supervisor: Prof. D. Perler, Institut für Philosophie)

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## Teaching

- Pragmatic Foundations of Communication (seminar), JU, Spring 2021
- Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (reading class), JU, Spring 2021
- Philosophy of Language (seminar), JU:
  - 5 week block, Spring 2021
- Introduction to Philosophy of Language (lecture), JU, Fall 2020, Fall 2022
- Introduction to Philosophy (reading class), JU:
  - groups in Philosophy and Cognitive Science programs, 2011, 2013, 2020, 2022
- Pragmatics (seminar), MA Linguistics, Leiden University, Fall 2018
- Cultural Interaction (lecture), BA International Studies, Leiden University:
  - 6-week block on Linguistic communication and pragmatics, Fall 2018

- Philosophy of Language (seminar), ResMA Philosophy, Radboud University:
    - Full course, Fall 2018
    - 3-week block on Pragmatics and primate communication, Fall 2017
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## Publications

- “Inferentialist Semantics for Lexicalized Social Meanings”, *Synthese*, 200, 2022.
  - “Slurs: Semantic and Pragmatic Theories of Meaning”, in *The Cambridge Handbook of Philosophy of Language*, ed. by P. Stalmaszczyk, Cambridge University Press, 2021. (invited contribution)
  - “Slurs and Expressive Commitments”, *Acta Analytica*, 36, 2021.
  - [edited, with C. Bary and K. Thijs] Special Collection “Language of Perspective”, *Open Library of Humanities*, 6, 2020.
  - “Practices of Slur Use”, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, Special Issue on Slurs, ed. B. Cepollaro and D. Zeman, 2020, 86-105. (invited contribution)
  - [with C. Bary] “Narrator Language and Character Language in Thucydides: a Quantitative Study of Narrative Perspective”, *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities*, June 2019.
  - “Expressive Meanings and Expressive Commitments – a Case of Meaning as Use” in: Stalmaszczyk, P. (ed.), *Pragmatics and Beyond: Philosophical Insights Into Pragmatics*, De Gruyter, 2019.
  - “Perspectival Expressives”, *Journal of Pragmatics*, 129, 2018, 13-33.
  - [with C. Bary, P. Berck, I. Hendrickx, and K. Thijs] “Annotating Speech, Attitude and Perception Reports” in: *Proceedings of the 2017 EACL*, 46-56.
  - “The Meaning of Normativity of Meaning” in: Araszkiewicz et al. (eds.), *Problems of Normativity, Rules, and Rule-Following*, Springer, 2015, 57-66.
  - “Function of Polemic in Polybius, books I-V”, *Palamedes: A Journal of Ancient History*, 8, 2013, 87-112.
  - “Superessentialism and Necessitarianism. The Cases of Spinoza and Lewis”, *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, 5, 2011, 79-95.
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## Selected talks and presentations

- “Objectionable Thick Terms and Inferentialism”, Sixth Philosophy of Language and Mind Network Conference, Warsaw, Sep 15-17, 2022.
  - “Inferentialist Semantics for Lexicalized Social Meanings”, PhiLang 2021, May 14-16, 2021.
  - “What’s in a slur? Expressing values and evaluating expressions”, Value in Language, March 29-31, 2020.
  - “Perspectival Expressives”, Cambridge Semantics, Pragmatics and Philosophy Research Group, February 25, 2021.
  - “Pragmatic Theories of Slurs” - New Developments in Linguistic Pragmatics, May 15-17, 2017, University of Łódź.
  - “Non-speaker-oriented Expressives: A Pragmatic Approach” – Semantics and Pragmatics at Manchester, July 29, 2015, University of Manchester
  - “Baker on First Person Properties: a Reevaluation of the Argument” – European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, August 28-September 2, 2014, University of Bucharest.
  - “Moral Subjectivity in Leibniz”, Natur und Subjekt: IX. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress, September 16-October 1, 2011, Hannover.
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## Academic service

- Supervisor: 1 MA, 2 BA theses in 2021/22.
  - External reviewer for the Polish National Agency of Academic Exchange (NAWA), Polish-U.S. Fulbright Commission.
  - Peer reviews for journals *Synthesis*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Inquiry*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Acta Analytica*, *Studia Semiotyczne (Semiotic Studies)* – *English Supplement*, *Open Library of Humanities*, *Thought*, *Lingua* and publishers MIT Press, Peter Lang.
  - Review Editor in *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, 2012-2014.
  - Academic Association Collegium Invisibile: Chairman of the Board, 2009-2010; Board of Trustees Member 2019-.
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## **Skills**

- Languages: excellent English; good, academic-level Ancient Greek and Latin; basic German, French, Dutch; native Polish.
  - Computer: Basic programming in R; Latex; office suite incl. Excel; familiarity with XML, TEI standards, markup and text mining tools.
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