

Jan Maximilian Robitzsch

Curriculum Vitae (web version)

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D. in Philosophy
University of Cologne, M.A. in Philosophy, Pol. Science, Film, English
University of Paris IV (Sorbonne), visiting student in Philosophy

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, Social and Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Medieval Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics, Aesthetics (especially Philosophy and Film)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Forthcoming *Epikur: Eine hellenistische Alternative zur Stoa.* [Epicurus: A Hellenistic Alternative to the Stoa.] Reclam. (co-authored with Andree Hahmann)
- 2024 *Epicurean Justice: Nature, Agreement, and Virtue.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2018 *Speeches for the Dead: Essays on Plato's Menexenus.* Berlin: De Gruyter. (co-edited with Harold Parker; reviews: Catalin Partenie, *Gnomon* 92, no. 5 (2020): 456-458, Peter O'Connell, *Rhetorica* 28, no. 2 (2020): 229-232; Jenny Bryan, *Greece & Rome* 66, no. 2 (2019): 323-324; Johanna Hanink, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2019.08.31)

Journal Articles

- Forthcoming "Epicurean Feelings (*pathè*) as Criteria." *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie.*
- 2024 "Gegen wen ist *Kuria Doxa* 33 gerichtet? [Against whom is *Kuria Doxa* 33 directed?]" *Mnemosyne* 77, no. 3: 367-382.
- 2024 "Democritus on Human Nature and Sociability." *Ancient Philosophy* 44, no.1: 1-15.
- 2023 "Protagoras on How Political Communities Come to Be." *Classical Philology* 118, no. 3: 387-398.
- 2022 "Epicurus on Justice 'In Itself' (*kath' heauto*) (*Kuria Doxa* 33)." *Apeiron* 55, no. 3: 443-453.
- 2022 "A Functional Reading of the Epicurean Classification of Desires." *Apeiron* 55, no. 2: 193-217.

- 2022 “Epicurus’ Non-Propositional Theory of Truth.” *Mnemosyne* 75, no. 5: 739-758. (co-authored with Andree Hahmann)
- 2021 “*epibolē tes dianoias*: Reflections on the Fourth Epicurean Criterion of Truth.” *Classical Quarterly* 71, no. 4: 601-616.
- 2021 “Epicurus’ Divine Hedonism.” *Mnemosyne* 74, no. 3: 401-422. (co-authored with Andree Hahmann)
- 2020 “The Presentation of the Epicurean Virtues.” *Apeiron* 53, no. 4: 419-435.
- 2020 “‘I wrote it in part because of you:’ Broch and Arendt on Human Rights.” *History of Political Thought* 41, no. 1: 175-190.
- 2020 “On Real and Simulated Relationships in Spike Jonze’s *Her*.” *Film and Philosophy* 24: 120-133.
- 2019 “The Genesis of Hannah Arendt’s Conception of Human Rights.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 57, no. 2: 240-258.
- 2018 “Fate, Character, and Cyclical Thinking: Cianfrance’s *The Place Beyond the Pines*.” *Film Criticism* 42, no. 1.
- 2018 “Heraclitus’ Political Thought.” *Apeiron* 51, no. 4: 404-426.
- 2017 “On Aspasia in Plato’s *Menexenus*.” *Phoenix* 71, no. 3-4: 288-300.
- 2017 “The Epicureans on Human Nature and its Social and Political Consequences.” *Polis* 34, no. 1: 1-19.
- 2017 “The Aporias of Grounding the Right to Have Rights in Hannah Arendt.” *Arendt Studies* 1: 151-169.
- 2011 “Walter Benjamins ‘bloßes Leben’ und Hannah Arendts ‘bloßes Menschsein’: Ein Vergleich. [Walter Benjamin’s ‘Bare Life’ and Hannah Arendt’s ‘Being Only Human’: A Comparison.]” *Philosophisches Jahrbuch* 118, no. 1: 104-128.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “Justice and the Virtues.” In *The Philosophy of Epicurus: A Guide*. Edited by Phillip Mitsis. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2020 “Epicurus on What There Is.” In *Routledge Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy*. Edited by Kelly Arenson. 204-214. London and New York: Routledge.
- 2018 “Ethnic Identity and its Political Consequences in the *Menexenus*.” In *Speeches for the Dead: Essays on Plato’s Menexenus*. Edited by Harold Parker and Jan Maximilian Robitzsch. 153-171. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Book Reviews

- 2023 Review of Allison, Justin Reid. *Saving one another: Philodemus and Paul on the moral formation in community*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2020. *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 142: 445-446.
- 2021 Review of Erbi, Margherita. *Epicuro. Lettere: frammenti e testimonianze*. Pisa: Fabrizio Serra Editore, 2020. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2021.12.31.
- 2021 Review of Erler, Michael. *Epicurus: an introduction to his practical ethics and politics*. Basel: Schwabe Verlag, 2020. *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 141: 298-299.
- 2020 Review of Bénatouil, Thomas, Jean-Baptiste Gourinat and Michel Narcy (eds.). *L'épicurisme antique*. Paris: Presses Universitaires du Septentrion, 2019. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2020.08.06.

- 2018 Review of Knoll, Manuel. *Antike Griechische Philosophie*. Berlin and Boston: De Gruyter, 2017. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2018.7.28.
- 2018 Review of Fantino, Enrica, Ulrike Muss, Charlotte Schubert and Kurt Sier (eds.). *Heraklit im Kontext*. Berlin and Boston: De Gruyter, 2017. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2018.03.52.
- 2018 Review of Annas, Julia and Gabor Betegh (eds.). *Cicero's De Finibus: Philosophical Approaches*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. *Polis* 35, no. 1: 273-276.

Other

- 2021 "Epicurean Ethics." *Oxford Bibliographies*. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/>. (co-authored with Clerk Shaw)

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

* = refereed

† = invited

‡ = intramural

- 2023‡ "Why Epicurean Happiness is Not For Everyone," Ancient Philosophy Works in Progress Zoom Workshop, November 3 (online)
- 2023* "Why Epicurean Happiness is Not For Everyone," Society for Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, October 14 (online)
- 2023‡ "Anonymus Iamblichi on the Origin of Justice and Law," Ancient Philosophy Works in Progress Zoom Workshop, February 10 (online)
- 2022† "The Development of Hannah Arendt's Thoughts on Human Rights," Conference on Hannah Arendt's *Origins of Totalitarianism*, Free University Berlin, Berlin, Germany, October 19-21
- 2022* "Anonymus Iamblichi and the Social Contract," Society for Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, September 30 (online)
- 2022* "KD 33: A Hellenistic Debate on the Ontological Status of Events?," Categories and Kinds: Ancient Philosophers on the Structure of Reality, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany, July 8-10
- 2022* "Nature and Culture in Democritus' Political Thought," Ancient Philosophy Society Meeting, Penn State University, State College, PA, April 7-9
- 2022† "Nature and Culture in Democritus' Political Thought," Symposium in Honor of Susan Sauvé Meyer, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 1
- 2022† "Epicurean Justice and Law," *Séminaire de philosophie hellénistique et romaine*, Paris, France, February 4 (online)
- 2021* "Democritus' Political Philosophy," Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy Conference, September 24 (online)
- 2021* "Protagoras on the Creation of Political Communities," 5th Workshop of the Work Group Philosophical Anthropology in Antiquity, University of Kiel, July 16-17 (online; in German)
- 2020* "The Presentation of the Epicurean Virtues," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (Main Program), Chicago, IL, February 26-29

- 2020‡ “The Epicureans on the Nature of Justice and Law,” University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, February 7
- 2020* “The Epicurean Classification of Desires Revisited,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (Main Program), Philadelphia, PA, January 8-11

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate

Introduction to Philosophy
 Fundamental Questions in European Philosophy
 Formal Logic
 Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy
 Philosophical Writing and Debate
 Professional Responsibility (= Business Ethics)
 History of Science and Ethics of Scientific Research
 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy
 Philosophy of the Presocratics
 Ancient Moral Philosophy
 Ancient and Medieval Ethics
 Ancient and Medieval Social and Political Thought
 Introduction to Medieval Philosophy
 Philosophy of the Enlightenment
 Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*

Graduate

Plato’s Political Philosophy
 Plato’s Metaphysics and Epistemology
 Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*
 Aristotle’s *Politics*
 Hellenistic Philosophy
 Hannah Arendt

LANGUAGES

German (native)
 English (near native)
 French (fluent)
 Italian (reading)
 Spanish (reading)
 Korean (basic knowledge)
 Modern Greek (basic knowledge)
 Classical Greek (reading)
 Latin (reading)