

# TOM SCHOONEN

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Modality, Epistemology,  
Philosophy of Cognition & Mind

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## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Language & Science  
Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 - current	<b>Assistant Professor</b> (Universitair Docent) Assistant Professor Philosophy of AI at the University of Amsterdam
2022 - 2023	<b>Lecturer</b> Philosophy lecturer at the University of Amsterdam
2021 - 2022	<b>Research Fellow</b> Research Fellow <i>Human Abilities</i> project at the Humboldt-University (Vetter-Perler, DFG project)
Jan - Aug 2021	<b>Fixed Term Lecturer</b> Philosophy lecturer at the University of Amsterdam.
Jan - Aug 2021	<b>Fixed Term Lecturer</b> Philosophy lecturer at the University of Leiden.
2015–2016	<b>Academy Assistant</b> Domain-Expert at <i>Modelling Perspectives</i> (Betti-Vossen, KNAW Academy Assistants/Network Institute Project)

## EDUCATION

2020	<b>Ph.D., Philosophy</b> Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam <b>Title:</b> <i>Tales of Similarity and Imagination. A Modest Epistemology of Possibility</i> <b>Supervisors:</b> Prof. Francesco Berto, Prof. Arianna Betti, and Dr. Peter Hawke · Affiliated with Arché, University of St Andrews
2019	<b>Visiting Ph.D. Student</b> Arché, University of St Andrews, United Kingdom

2016	<b>MSc Logic</b> Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam
2014	<b>MSc Mind, Language, and Embodied Cognition, <i>First Class</i></b> University of Edinburgh
2012	<b>BSc Liberal Arts and Sciences, <i>with distinction</i></b> Amsterdam University College
	OTHER
2023	<b>University Teaching Qualification (BKO)</b>
July 2018	<b>Thinking about the Possible</b> Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
July 2017	<b>ESSLI 2017</b> University of Toulouse, France

## PUBLICATIONS

*Unless otherwise specified, the authors are listed in alphabetical order.*

	JOURNAL ARTICLES
2022	<b>What Everett Couldn't Know</b> <i>Argumenta, forthcoming</i>
	<b>Relational Trouble; Structuralist worries for an epistemology of powers-based modality</b> <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> , Online first, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqac084">https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqac084</a> ◦ With Giacomo Giannini
2021	<b>Possibility, Relevant Similarity, and Structural Knowledge</b> <i>Synthese</i> , 200, 39, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03488-2">https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03488-2</a>
	<b>The Logical Development of Pretense Imagination</b> <i>Erkenntnis</i> , Online first, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-021-00476-9">https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-021-00476-9</a> ◦ With Aybüke Özgün
	<b>A Note on the Epistemological Value of Pretense Imagination</b> <i>Episteme</i> , Online first, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1017/epi.2021.2">https://doi.org/10.1017/epi.2021.2</a>
2020	<b>Are Gettier Cases Disturbing?</b> <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , 178(5), pp. 1503-1527. ◦ With Peter Hawke
	<b>The Problem of Modally Bad Company</b> <i>Res Philosophica</i> , 97(4), pp. 639-659
2018	<b>Conceivability and Possibility: Some Dilemmas for Humeans</b> <i>Synthese</i> , 195(6), pp. 2697-2715. ◦ With Francesco Berto

- Noneism and Allism on the Objects of Thought**  
*Journal of Logics and their Applications*, 4(11), pp. 3739-3757.  
 ◦ With Francesco Berto (authorship order: Schoonen and Berto)
- 2017 **Reasoning about Fiction**  
*Logica Yearbook 2017*, pp. 255-269, College Publications.  
 ◦ With Francesco Berto (authorship order: Schoonen and Berto)
- BOOK REVIEWS
- 2021 Review of *Epistemic Uses of Imagination* (eds. Chris Badura & Amy Kind)  
*The Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming,  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqab073>
- PUBLIC DISSEMINATION
- 2021 **Imagining Disjunctions**  
*The Junkyard*, October 20, 2021  
 ◦ with Chris Badura
- 2020 **The Logic of Conceivability**  
*The Reasoner* vol. 14, issue 02.
- 2018 **Embodied Constraints on Imagination**  
*The Junkyard*, August 22, 2018.  
 ◦ with Max Jones
- 2017 **The Logic of Conceivability**  
*The Reasoner* vol. 11, issue 10.
- THESES
- PhD **Tales of Similarity and Imagination**, Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, *ILLC Dissertation Series*, DS-2020-15
- MSc **Thinking the Impossible**, Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, *ILLC Master of Logic Series*, MoL-2016-20
- MSc **Beliefs and ‘Believes’**, University of Edinburgh

## HONOURS & AWARDS

- May 2021 **Nomination UvA Lecturer of the Year 2021**  
*Central Student Council, ASVA Student Union and UvA Teaching & Learning Centre*
- May 2019 **Individual Travel Grant** [€ 450,-]  
 Madelein Julie Vervoort Fonds, University of Amsterdam
- Aug. 2014 **High distinction MSc Thesis**  
*University of Edinburgh*

Jan. 2012 | **Academic Achievement List**  
Amsterdam University College

## PRESENTATIONS

### INVITED TALKS

- Mar. 2022 | **Core Imagination**  
Naturalised Epistemologies of Modality, Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, “Human Abilities” (online)
- Jun. 2021 | **Kinds and the Epistemology of Possibility**  
Logic of Conceivability Conference, University of Amsterdam, (online)
- Apr. 2021 | **A Note on Pretense Imagination**  
The Northern Imagination Forum (online)
- Nov. 2019 | **The Epistemological Value of Pretense Imagination**  
Centre for Logic and Philosophy of Science Seminar, University of Leuven, Belgium
- May 2019 | **Concrete Imagination and Epistemology of Possibility**  
Epistemology Seminar, Arché Research Centre, University of St. Andrews, The United Kingdom
- May 2019 | **Are Gettier Cases Disturbing** [w/ P. Hawke]  
Conceptual Engineering Seminar, Arché Research Centre, University of St. Andrews, The United Kingdom
- Jun. 2018 | **Are Gettier Cases Disturbing** [w/ P. Hawke]  
Edouard Machery Workshop, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Jun. 2017 | **Kung’s Modal Epistemology**  
Conceivability and Modality, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy
- Mar. 2014 | **Commentary** on “Precisely the Point; a survey of Supervaluationism” by Christopher Corral, *Undergraduate Dissertation Workshop*, University of Edinburgh, The United Kingdom

### REFEREED TALKS

- June 2023 | **Perceiving what we can do**  
OZSW 2023 Conference, University of Leiden
- Sep. 2022 | **Similarity and the Necessity of Origins**  
GAP.11, Humboldt University Berlin  
◦ [Accepted, but couldn’t present]
- July 2022 | **Putting Epistemology back in the Epistemology of Modality**  
IV Blasco Disputatio: The Epistemology of Modality, University of Valencia

- June 2022 **Similarity and the Necessity of Origins**  
European Epistemology Network, University of Glasgow
- May 2022 **Agency, causation, and bodily perception**  
Agency, Bodily Perception, and the Self, LOGOS, University of Barcelona (hybrid)
- Sep. 2021 **Embodied Imagination and Modal Objectivity**  
The Science and Philosophy of Imagination, University of Bristol, (online)
- Aug. 2021 **Imagination and Biases in Decision making**  
28<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Leipzig, (online)
- Jul. 2021 **Imagination, Decisions, and AI**  
The Philosophy and Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, CEPE/IACAP Joint Conference, Universität Hamburg, (online)
- May 2021 **Kinds and Possibility**  
– Mind, Language, and Metaphysics Graduate Conference, Durham University, (online)
- Aug. 2020 – 10<sup>th</sup> ECAP Conference, Utrecht University (online)
- Jun. 2020 – 9<sup>th</sup> WFAP Graduate Conference, Universität Wien, Austria (online)
- Dec. 2019 **The Epistemological Value of Pretense Imagination**  
2019 OZSW Theoretical Philosophy Conference, University of Tilburg, The Netherlands
- Nov. 2019 **The Epistemological Value of Pretense Imagination**  
2019 OZSW Conference, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Sept. 2019 **Concrete Imagination and Epistemology of Possibility**  
On What There Isn't Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Düsseldorf, Germany
- Jun. 2019 **Logical Development of Pretense** [w/ A. Özgün]  
Fiction and imagination, University of Turin, Italy
- Jun. 2019 **Are Gettier-Cases Disturbing** [w/ P. Hawke]  
Fiction and Imagination, University of Turin, Italy
- May 2019 **Embodied Constraints on Imagination** [w/ M. Jones]  
Learning from Imagination, University of Leeds, The United Kingdom
- Jul. 2018 **Embodied Constraints on Imagination**  
Thinking about the Possible Summer School Student Presentation Session, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Jun. 2018	<b>Gettier-Reasoning and Deviant Realisations</b> European Epistemology Network Conference, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
May 2018	<b>Imagination and Modal Epistemology</b> Dublin Graduate Philosophy Conference, Trinity College Dublin/ University College Dublin, The United Kingdom
Aug. 2017	<b>Theories of Fiction Untangled</b> ECAP9, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, Germany
Jun. 2017	<b>Reasoning in Fiction</b> Logica 2017, Hejnice Monastery, Czech Republic
Jun. 2014	<b>A step towards a unified theory of cognition</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Language, Culture and Mind (LCM VI), Marie Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland
Jun. 2014	<b>Variables, Direct Reference, and Unstructured Propositions</b> Poster presentation, 43 <sup>th</sup> Language Lunch, University of Edinburgh, The United Kingdom
Jun. 2014	<b>‘Might’ Gone Wrong</b> Postgraduate Philosophy Fest, University of Edinburgh, The United Kingdom

## TEACHING & SUPERVISION

	LECTURER
Spring 2023	<i>Theoretical Philosophy</i> Lecturer (BA, course organiser: Elsbeth Brouwer)
Fall 2022	<i>Philosophy of Cognition</i> Course organiser and Lecturer (MA)
Fall 2022	<i>Logic and the Linguistic Turn</i> Lecturer (BA, course organiser: Maria Aloni)
Fall 2022	<i>Introduction to Philosophy of Language</i> Lecturer (MA, course organiser: Elsbeth Brouwer)
Spring 2021	<i>Introduction to Epistemology</i> Course organiser and Lecturer (BA, University of Leiden)

Spring 2021	<i>Embodied Cognition</i> Course organiser and Lecturer (BA, University of Amsterdam)
Spring 2021	<i>Introduction to Theoretical Philosophy</i> Lecturer (BA, course organiser: Elsbeth Brouwer)
Fall 2020	<i>Logic and the Linguistic Turn</i> Lecturer (BA, course organiser: Katrin Schultz)
Jan 2020	<i>Epistemology of Modality</i> Course organiser and Lecturer of month-long research class in the MSc Logic on the Epistemology of Modality
Fall 2019	<i>Philosophy of Cognition</i> Teaching Assistant and Lecturer (MA, course organiser: Elsbeth Brouwer)
	SUPERVISION & MENTORSHIP
2021	<i>BA Thesis Supervision</i> Supervision of Philosophy student on Proprioception
2021	<i>BA Thesis Supervision</i> Supervision of Honours Philosophy student on Embodied Cognition
2019–2020	<i>MSc Thesis Supervision</i> Supervision of Master of Logic student on Truth in Fiction (co-supervision with Maria Aloni)
Spring 2017	<i>Honours Students Philosophy Project</i> Supervision of two BA philosophy students on logic of imagination (co-supervisor with Francesco Berto)
	TEACHING ASSISTANT
Fall 2020	<i>Philosophy of Cognition</i> Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer (MA, course organiser: Elsbeth Brouwer)
Fall 2020	<i>Philosophy of Language</i> Teaching Assistant (MA, course organiser: Elsbeth Brouwer)
2017 & 2018	<i>Text, Context and Debate: Kripke</i> Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer (BA, course organiser: Martin Lipman & Arthur Schipper)
2017 & 2018	<i>Logic and the Linguistic Turn</i> (BA, course organiser: Maria Aloni)
Spring 2018	<i>Structures for Semantics</i> (MSc, course organiser: Maria Aloni)

Spring 2017 | *Metaphysics*  
(BA, course organiser: Francesco Berto)

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

### ORGANISATION

- 2022 Co-organiser Naturalised Epistemologies of Modality workshop, Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities “Human Abilities”, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 Co-organiser Knowledge of Abilities reading group, Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities “Human Abilities”, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 Co-organiser Fifth PLM Workshop on Delusion in Language and Mind, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018–2019 Co-founder & organiser of the PhD’s in Philosophy Seminar, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2017–2018 Co-founder & organiser of the Amsterdam Metaphysics Seminar, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018 Co-organiser Third European Non-Categorical Thinking Workshop (EuNoC # 3) at the Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018 Co-organiser OZSW rMA Winterschool and Theoretical Philosophy conference, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018 Organiser of the Logic of Conceivability Seminar at the Department of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2017 Co-organiser special course on Abstract Objects by Ed Zalta at the Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2017 Co-organiser Hyperintensionality Afternoon with Mark Jago and Greg Restall at the Institute for Logic, Language, and Computation, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

### COMMITTEES

- 2023 Programme Committee Member, 11<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, University of Vienna
- 2018–2020 Member of the Humanities PhD Council, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2020 Member of the NWO *PhD’s in Humanities* internal selection committee, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2018–2019 PhD-mentor for new PhD Students, Institute for Logic, Language, and



Computation, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

REFEREEING

*Noûs* • *Analysis* • *Erkenntniss* • *The Philosophical Quarterly* • *Synthese* • *Philosophy* • *Episteme* • *Acta Analytica* • *Theoria* • *Inquiry* • *Ratio*