

Mona Simion

Curriculum Vitae



Career

- 09/2017 - Lecturer in Philosophy, Cardiff University
- 03/2017-09/2017 Postdoctoral Researcher, ConceptLab, University of Oslo
PI: Herman Cappelen (curtailed by 2 ½ years to take up the position at Cardiff)
- 12/2016-03/2017 Visiting Fellow, University of California Riverside and University of California Irvine.
Sponsors: Peter Graham and Sven Bernecker
- 10/2013-12/2016 Doctoral Researcher, University of St Andrews and KU Leuven



Education

- 12/2016 PhD in Philosophy, University of St Andrews & KU Leuven
Thesis: 'Assertion: The Context Sensitivity Dilemma'
Supervisors: Jessica Brown, Patrick Greenough, Roger Vergauwen.
External Examiner: Timothy Williamson
summa cum laude with the congratulations of the examination committee (98%)
- 07/2013 MA in Philosophy, KU Leuven Institute of Philosophy
Thesis: 'Population Ethics and the Transitivity of Value Ordering'
summa cum laude (89,9%, first in class, best results in five generations)
- 07/2012 BA in Philosophy, KU Leuven Institute of Philosophy,
Applied Ethics Interuniversity Programme
Thesis: 'Decision Strategies Behind the Rawlsian Veil'
summa cum laude (85,99%, first in class)



Awards and Grants

- December 2017 Conference Funding for 'Knowledge First: Themes from Tim Williamson' workshop. Awarded by:
The Mind Association (GBP 2000), the Analysis Trust (GBP 500) and Cardiff University
(GBP 1700)

May 2017	Conference Funding for the <i>1st Social Epistemology Network Event</i> . Awarded by: CSMN, University of Oslo (EUR 15.000)
July 2016	<i>JuMo Early Career Mobility Funding</i> : 9 months research stay at UC Riverside and UC Irvine. Sponsors: Peter Graham and Sven Bernecker. Awarded by: KU Leuven (EUR 14.500)
September 2015	Conference Funding for ‘ <i>Epistemic Norms</i> ’ conference. Awarded by: FWO (Research Foundation Flanders) (EUR 3.000) and Van de Wielefonds (EUR 1.500).
April 2015	Graduate Student Subsidy <i>89th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association</i> Awarded by: The Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association.
October 2014	Doctoral Research Allowance. Awarded by: KU Leuven (EUR 6.750).
October 2013	Doctoral Research Scholarship. Awarded by: KU Leuven (EUR 105.000).

Research

AoS	Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Feminist Philosophy
AoC	Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Media and Communication Theory

PAPERS

Published/Accepted for Publication

Ethics/Social and Political Philosophy

- Forthcoming. The Explanation Proffering Norm of Moral Assertion. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.

“**The paper is outstandingly innovative.**” (Jonathan Webber, who ranked this paper at **4*** level for an interim REF assessment at Cardiff University)
- Forthcoming. Moral Virtues with Epistemic Content (with C. Boulton, C. Kelp and J. Schnurr). In Greco, J. and Kelp, C. (eds.), *Virtue Theoretic Epistemology: New Methods and Approaches*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2017. Criticism and Blame in Action and Assertion (with C. Kelp). *Journal of Philosophy*, 114(2): 76-93.

“**Very clear, very well argued, exemplary philosophy.**” (Alexander Bird, who ranked this paper at **4*** level for an interim REF assessment at Cardiff University)
- 2016. Non-Probabilistic Decision Strategies Behind the Rawlsian Veil. *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 50(3), 557-572.
- 2014. Aggregating Reasons and Persons: On Sorting Out the Logic of the Good, Royce's Style. *Contemporary Pragmatism*, 11 (2): 107-121.

Epistemology

- Forthcoming. Testimonial Contractarianism. *Nous*.
- Forthcoming. Saying and Believing: The Norm Commonality Assumption. *Philosophical Studies*.
- Forthcoming. No Epistemic Norm for Action. *American Philosophical Quarterly*.
- Forthcoming. How to Be an Anti-Reductionist (with C. Kelp). *Synthese*.
- 2018. A Puzzle for Epistemic WAMs. *Synthese*. Online First.
- 2017. Commodious Knowledge (with C. Kelp). *Synthese*, vol 194/5: 1487-1502.
- 2017. Epistemic Norms and He Said/She Said Reporting. *Episteme*, 14 (4): 413-422.
- 2017. Hoops and Barns: a New Dilemma for Sosa (with C. Boulton, F. Broncano-Berrocal, P. Dimmock, H. Ghijzen and C. Kelp). *Synthese*. Online First.
- 2016. Assertion: Knowledge is Enough. *Synthese*, 193(10), 3041-3056.
- 2016. Knowledge, Rational Credibility, and Assertion: The Scoreboard. *Epistemic Reasons, Epistemic Norms and Epistemic Goals*, ed. M. Grajner and P. Schmechtig. DeGruyter Berlin/Boston.
- 2016. Norms of Belief (with C. Kelp and H. Ghijzen). *Philosophical Issues*, vol. 26/1: 375-392.
- 2016. The Tertiary Value Problem and the Superiority of Knowledge (with C. Kelp). *American Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 53/4: 397-411.
- 2016. Perception, History and Benefit. *Episteme*, 13 (1), 61-76.

(Feminist) Philosophy of Language

- Forthcoming. The Constitutive Norm View of Assertion (with C. Kelp). In Goldberg, S. (ed), *Oxford Handbook of Assertion*. Oxford University Press.
- Forthcoming. The C-Account of Assertion: A Negative Result (with C. Kelp). *Synthese*.
- 2017. The 'Should' in Conceptual Engineering. *Inquiry*. Online First.
- 2016. Assertion: Just One Way to Take It Back. *Logos & Episteme*, vol. 7/3: 385-391.

Miscellaneous

- 2015. Epistemic Norms, 9-11 November. *The Reasoner* 10 (1): 103.

In ProgressUnder Review

- *Assertion: A Function First Account* (Book Manuscript, with C. Kelp, Oxford University Press)
- Epistemic Norm Correspondence and the Belief – Assertion Parallel (*Analysis*, Revise and Resubmit)
- Assertion: The Context Sensitivity Dilemma (*Mind and Language*, Revise & Resubmit)
- Moral Understanding as Systematic Moral Knowledge (with C. Kelp)
- Assertion Compatibilism

- Conceptual Engineering for Epistemic Norms
- Knowledge First Functionalism

Invited

- Epistemic Basing, Gender and Hermeneutical Injustice. In *Well Founded Belief: New Essays on the Epistemic Basing Relation*, Bondy, P. and Carter, A. (eds.). Routledge.
- (Commissioned). Entry on 'Trust' (with Adam Carter). *Internet Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*.
- Instinctive Beliefs and Impermissible Epistemic Angst (with Johanna Schnurr). *Synthese*, special issue on Duncan Pritchard's *Epistemic Angst*, ed. J.A. Carter.
- Invited. Gender and Group Disagreement (with C. Kelp). *Erkenntnis*, special issue on group disagreement, eds. F. Broncano-Berrocal and J.A. Carter.

In Progress

- *Defeat in Ethics and Epistemology*. Volume co-edited with Jessica Brown (proposal + abstracts submitted to OUP).
- *Assertion: Foundational Issues*. Volume co-edited with Herman Cappelen (target publisher: CUP).
- *Revisionary Epistemology*. Volume co-edited with Christoph Kelp and Clayton Littlejohn (target publisher: OUP).
- *Assertion in Context* (Book Manuscript, target publisher OUP)
- *Epistemic Norms* (Book Manuscript, target publisher OUP)
- Speaking and Harming: Epistemic Injustice in Speech Acts (with Daniela Rusu)
- Blame as Performance
- Reasons as Indicators of Norm Compliance
- The Epistemic Improvement Account of Disagreement (with Fernando Broncano-Berrocal)
- Learning to See: How to (and How Not to) Deal with Strange and Fleeting Processes
- The 'No Moral Enhancement' View (with J. Adam Carter)
- Conceptual Engineering, Function First (with C. Kelp)

RESEARCH

PROJECTS

March 2018-
March 2022

Mass Media: The Trust Crisis

Role: Principal Investigator

This project argues that epistemically deficient media regulation fosters untrustworthy epistemic behaviour in the media, which, in turn, generates untrusting behaviour in the media consumer. It investigates such epistemic deficiencies and aims to impact media regulation.

Sub-project #1: Global Challenges Research: Mass Media in the Developing Countries of the Former Soviet Union: The Trust Crisis

According to the 2017 *Freedom House* report, public trust in media in the countries of the former Soviet Union is at an all-time low.

This project: (1) Argues that media regulation in target countries is epistemically deficient in several important ways, and (2) Aims to shed light upon the impact that said epistemic deficiencies have for (a) the trustworthiness of mass media and (b) the trusting behaviour of the consumers.

Funding:

Global Challenges Research Funding for Small Pilot Projects (Higher Education Funding Council for Wales, application submitted): pilot project researching the decline of trust in the media in the Republic of Moldova.

British Academy Global Challenges Networking Grant (application submitted)

Sub-project #2: Mass Media: Trust and Trustworthiness (with Adam Carter and Christoph Kelp)

Funding:

AHRC Research Grant - Early Career (application in progress).

The current media trust crisis is undoubtedly politically problematic; at the same time, it is also symptomatic of an interplay of various kinds of epistemic failings: for one, media consumers trust sources they shouldn't and distrust sources they should; such defective trusting on behalf of the media consumer in turn encourages untrustworthiness in media purveyors; media purveyors of fake and otherwise misleading news prey on consumers who lack the capacity to trust well, which further disempowers such media consumers. This project investigates the interplay between trustworthiness of the media and trust in the media.

March 2017-
March 2021

Knowledge-First Social Epistemology

Role: Principal Investigator (co-investigators: Adam Carter and Christoph Kelp)

Knowledge first epistemology takes knowledge as central to epistemological affairs and ventures to analyze other epistemic standings in terms of knowledge. This project extends the knowledge-first approach to issues in social epistemology, such as testimony, trust, disagreement and group belief.

Funding:

Leverhulme Research Project Grant (application in progress)

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (application submitted)

The Mind Association Conference Grant (awarded, GBP 2000)

The Analysis Trust Conference Grant (awarded, GBP 500)

The Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo Conference Funding (awarded, EUR 15.000)

October 2016 –
March 2018

Epistemic Norms, A Function-First Account

Role: Principal Investigator.

This project develops a novel, function-first, integrated account of the normativity of practical reasoning, assertion and belief, in conjunction with a general account of etiological functions and their normative import. At the heart of this account is the thesis that practical reasoning, assertion and belief have etiological epistemic functions that give rise to prescriptive epistemic norms

Funding:

JuMo Early Career Mobility Funding (EUR 14.500)

FWO (Research Foundation Flanders) (conference funding, EUR 3.000)

Van de Wielefonds (conference funding, EUR 1.500).

October 2013 -
December 2016

Assertion: The Context Sensitivity Dilemma (PhD Project)

Role: Principal Investigator.

This project argues against orthodoxy that the knowledge norm of assertion is compatible with a classical invariantist account of knowledge and puts forth a functionalist picture of the normativity of assertion.

Funding:

Graduate Student Subsidy *89th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association* (awarded by: The Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association)

Doctoral Research Allowance (awarded by KU Leuven, EUR 6.750).

Doctoral Research Scholarship (awarded by KU Leuven, EUR 105.000).

Talks

Upcoming

- March 2018 Testimonial Contractarianism. *Epistemology Seminar Series*, University of Edinburgh, UK.
- March 2018 Conceptual Engineering, Function-First (with C. Kelp). *Visiting Speaker Seminar*, University of Stirling, UK.
- March 2018 Epistemic Blame. *Epistemic Normativity Workshop*. University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- May 2018 Williamson on Norms of Belief. *Knowledge First: Themes from Tim Williamson*, Cardiff University, UK.
- May 2018 Disagreement and Epistemic Improvement. *Social Epistemology Workshop*. University of Bristol.
- May 2018 Reply to Sliwa. *1st Social Epistemology Network Event*, Oslo, Norway.
- May 2018 Saying and Believing: The Commonality Assumption.. *Themes from Sandy Goldberg Workshop*, Cardiff University, UK.
- August 2018 Social Hinges. *Social Epistemology, Social Knowledge, and Social Norms* session at the *XXIV World Congress of Philosophy*, Beijing, China.
- September 2018 Blame as Performance. *5th Meeting of the European Normativity Network*, Cardiff, UK.
- September 2018 Moral Virtues with Epistemic Content. The Glasgow Virtue Epistemology Conference, University of Glasgow, UK.

2018

- February 2018 Conceptual Engineering, Function-First (with C. Kelp). *ConceptLab Workshop*, Zermatt, Switzerland.
- February 2018 Conceptual Engineering, Function-First (with C. Kelp). *Glasgow-Hamburg Workshop*, University of Glasgow, UK.
- January 2018 Epistemic Blame. University of Oxford, UK.

2017

- December 2017 Testimonial Contractarianism. *Cardiff University Philosophy Seminars*, Cardiff University, UK.
- December 2017 Knowledge First: Normative Credentials. University of St Andrews, UK.
- December 2017 Testimonial Contractarianism. University of Glasgow, UK.
- October 2017 Epistemic Norms: Action and Practical Reasoning. *Meeting of the European Normativity Network*, University of Stockholm, Sweden.
- October 2017 Knowledge First: Normative Credentials. *New Trends in Epistemology Workshop*, University of Hamburg, Germany.
- September 2017 Assertion: The Constitutive Norms View. *Assertion: Foundational Issues Workshop*, University of Oslo, Norway.
- September 2017 Blame as Performance. *Responding to Wrongdoing: Resentment, Blame, Forgiveness, Punishment Workshop*, University of Oslo, Norway.
- August 2017 Testimonial Contractarianism. *Social Epistemology Summer School*, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain.
- July 2017 The Explanation Proffering Norm of Moral Assertion. *British Society for Ethical Theory conference 2017*, University of Bristol, UK.
- July 2017 The Normative Myth of the Belief/Assertion Parallel. *The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association 2017*, Edinburgh, UK
- June 2017 Testimonial Contractarianism (Keynote Talk). *New Trends in Epistemology Graduate Conference*, University of Pavia, Italy.
- June 2017 Testimonial Contractarianism. *Bled Philosophical Conferences 2017*, Bled, Slovenia.
- June 2017 Epistemic Virtues and Virtues with Epistemic Content. *Bled Philosophical Conferences 2017*, Bled, Slovenia.
- May 2017 Disagreement and Epistemic Improvement (with Fernando Broncano-Berrocal). *Higher Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy*, Lund University, Sweden.
- April 2017 Disagreement and Epistemic Improvement (with Fernando Broncano-Berrocal). *Seminar of the Research Unit for Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Philosophy of Cognition*, Aarhus University, Denmark.
- April 2017 Epistemic and Practical Matters (with C. Kelp). The 2nd Leuven-Southampton Epistemic Normativity Workshop, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- February 2017 Disagreement Needn't Be Metalinguistic Negotiation. *Conceptual Engineering Workshop*, Zermatt, Switzerland.

2016

- November 2016 Assertion, Context and the KK Strategy. *3rd PLM Masterclass with Timothy Williamson*, Institute of Philosophy, University of London, UK.
- November 2016 Learning to See. *3rd Cologne-Leuven Epistemology Workshop*, University of Cologne, Germany.
- October 2016 Knowledge First Functionalism. *SIUCC XXV (Seminario Interuniversitario de Ciencia Cognitiva)*. Workshop with Timothy Williamson. University of Valencia, Spain.

- July 2016 Knowledge First Functionalism. *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Paris, France.
- May 2016 Epistemic Norms: A Function First Account. *2nd Cologne-Leuven Epistemology Workshop*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- May 2016 Disagreement and Epistemic Improvement. *Complex Disagreement Workshop*, University of St Andrews, UK.
- May 2016 Knowledge First Functionalism. *Attitudes and Agency: Epistemology Workshop*, University of Southampton, UK.
- March 2016 Knowledge First Functionalism. *The 5th Belux Colloquium in Epistemology*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- January 2016 How to Be an Anti-Reductionist. *Epistemic Dependence Workshop*, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain.

2015

- November 2015 Assertion, Contextualism and Epistemic Goals. *The Leuven Epistemic Norms Conference*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- September 2015 Greco on Testimony. *Virtue Epistemology Pre-Conference Workshop*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- July 2015 No Epistemic Norm for Action. The Postgraduate Sessions of *The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association 2015*, Warwick, UK.
- June 2015 Epistemic Norms and Norms with Epistemic Content. *Bled Philosophical Conferences*, Slovenia.
- April 2015 Epistemic Norms: The Commonality Assumption. *The 4th Belux Colloquium in Epistemology*, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg.
- February 2015 Assertion, Knowledge and Rational Credibility: The Scoreboard. *The 3rd Belux Colloquium in Epistemology*. KU Leuven, Belgium.
- January 2015 Function Talk in Epistemology. *Leuven – Bristol Philosophy Workshop*, Bristol University, UK.

2014

- November 2014 Assertion, Contextualism and Epistemic Goals. *Graz Young Epistemology and Philosophy of Logic Workshop*, University of Graz, Austria.
- September 2014 Perceptual and Testimonial Justification. *The Epistemology of Perception Pre-Conference Workshop*, KU Leuven, Belgium.
- July 2014 The Tertiary Value Problem?. *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Madrid, Spain.
- June 2014 Assertion: A Normative Framework. *Yonsei Philosophy Conference*, Seoul, South Korea.
- June 2014 The Tertiary Value Problem and the Superiority of Knowledge (with Christoph Kelp). Lignan University, Hong Kong.
- April 2014 Good Asserters. *The First Belux Colloquium in Epistemology: Knowledge and Language*. KU Leuven, Belgium.

Networks

Steering Committee Member, Social Epistemology Network

Member, European Normativity Network (ENN)

Associate Researcher, ConceptLab, University of Oslo

Teaching

Areas of competence

ethics, epistemology, philosophy of language, feminist philosophy, political philosophy, logic, philosophy of mind, philosophy of science, ancient philosophy, modern philosophy, continental philosophy, history of analytic philosophy.

Teaching experience

Moral and Political Philosophy

Ethics Research Seminar: Moral Responsibility

Introduction to Epistemology

Feminist Epistemology

Epistemology Advanced

Contemporary Debates in Epistemology Research Seminar

Philosophy of Language

Philosophy of Language Advanced

Great Works in Philosophy: Bertrand Russell, *The Problems of Philosophy*

Contemporary Analytic Philosophy: Metaphysics and Mind

Introduction to Logic

Supervision

PhD

2017 – 2022 Daniela Rusu (feminist epistemology, epistemic injustice, pornography) (with C. Kelp and A. Carter, at the University of Glasgow)

2017 – 2022 Paul Hampson (concept possession, conceptual engineering, feminist philosophy of language) (with A. Tanessini, at Cardiff University)

2018 – 2021 Paul Irikefe (virtue epistemology, a priori knowledge) (with A. Tanessini, at Cardiff University)

MA

2016-2017: Daniela Rusu (epistemic injustice, virtue epistemology) (with C. Boulton, at KU Leuven)

BA

2017-2018: Felipe Rodrigues (ethics, autonomy, philosophy of law, hate speech) (at Cardiff University)

2017-2018: Georgia Parry (feminism, existentialism, freedom, love, self-knowledge) (at Cardiff University)

2017-2018: Mollie O’Keeffe (Kant, bioethics) (at Cardiff University)

Professional Service

Webmaster

<http://www.socialepistemologynetwork.com>

Referee Work

Mind, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, American Philosophical Quarterly, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Erkenntnis, Dialectica, Episteme, Journal of Value Inquiry, Logique et Analyse, CEU Press.

Organization

September 2018 ‘6th Meeting of the European Normativity Network’. Cardiff University
 September 2018 ‘1st Cardiff Normativity Graduate Conference.’ Cardiff University.
 May 2018 ‘1st Social Epistemology Network Conference’, University of Oslo (with Sandy Goldberg and Andrew Peet)
 May 2018 ‘Knowledge First: Themes from Tim Williamson’ Workshop, Cardiff University
 2017-2018 ‘Cardiff University Philosophy Seminars’, Cardiff University (with Orestis Palermos)
 September 2017 ‘Assertion: Foundational Issues’, University of Oslo (with Herman Cappelen)
 May-June 2017 ‘ConceptLab Visiting Speaker Seminar Series’, University of Oslo (with Andrew Peet)
 April 2017 ‘2nd Leuven-Southampton Epistemic Normativity Workshop’, KU Leuven.
 December 2016 ‘Knowledge First’ Conference, KU Leuven (with C. Kelp).
 November 2015 ‘Epistemic Norms’ Conference, KU Leuven (with C. Kelp).
 March 2015 ‘Fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference’, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven
 2014-2015 ‘Leuven Epistemology Group’ Research Seminar Series
 December 2014 Faculty Conference ‘Truth’, Institute of Philosophy, KU Leuven
 December 2014 ‘125 Years of KU Leuven Higher Institute of Philosophy’, KU Leuven

Administration

2017- Member, *Equality and Diversity Committee*, School of English, Communication and Philosophy, Cardiff University; member, *Athena Swan Bronze Award* application team.
 2017- Member, *Recruitment and Marketing Committee*, School of English, Communication and Philosophy, Cardiff University.
 2017-2018 Member, new ‘MA in Philosophy’ programme design team, Cardiff University.
 2016 Co-founder (with L. Ferbinteanu): KU Leuven Mentorship Programme for Women in Philosophy, KU Leuven.
 2013-2014 Member, Permanent Teaching Committee – Doctoral Programme, KU Leuven Institute of Philosophy.

**Impact,
Engagement,
Knowledge
Exchange**

Impact

March-July 2018: PI: Global Challenges Impact Case: *Raising Trust in Mass Media in the Developing Countries of the Former Soviet Union (Stage 1: Republic of Moldova)*.

Engagement

May 2018 Organiser: *Cardiff Philosophy Festival: Ethics and Technology*, Sherman Theatre, Cardiff (with Orestis Palermos).

March 2018 'The Value of Knowledge'; public lecture at the *Philosophy Cafe*, Cardiff.

Knowledge Exchange

2017 – Webmaster: <http://www.socialepistemologynetwork.com>

2015 KU Leuven Open Online courses in Philosophy, 'The Value of Knowledge' lecture (Intro to Epistemology Course in Virtual Learning Environment, convener C. Kelp)
(<https://hiw.kuleuven.be/eng/openonlinecourse/introduction-to-epistemology-1/unit-1-the-value-of-knowledge>)

Languages

Romanian	native
English	proficient
French	proficient
Spanish	intermediate
Italian	basic
German	basic
Dutch	basic

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