

Bahram Assadian

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Logic, Frege and Early Analytic Philosophy

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer, University of Amsterdam,
Department of Philosophy

Sept. 2018 – present

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS

Visiting Lecturer, University of Hertfordshire

Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018

Teaching Assistant, Birkbeck College London

Oct. 2011 – May 2015

Sessional Lecturer in Philosophy of Mathematics, Birkbeck College

Oct. 2009 – Oct. 2010

EDUCATION

2010 – 2016 Ph.D. in Philosophy – Birkbeck College, University of London

(submission: 17 September 2015 – viva: 27 January 2016)

Displacing numbers: An essay in the metaphysics of mathematical structuralism

Supervisors: Øystein Linnebo and Ian Rumfitt

2008 – 2010 MPhil. in Philosophy – Birkbeck College (distinction)

Supervisor: Ian Rumfitt

2007 – 2008 M.A. in Philosophy – University of Sheffield (distinction)

Supervisor: Bob Hale

2003 – 2007 B.A. in Philosophy – University of Tehran

VISITING POSITIONS

2017, Jan – May University of Leeds, School of Philosophy

Oct 2016 – Jan. 2017 Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Ludwig Maximilian University

PUBLISHED PAPERS

1. 2019 ‘Indeterminacy and failure of grounding’ (with Jonathan Nassim); *Theoria*; published: June 2019.
2. 2019 ‘Abstractionism and mathematical singular reference’; *Philosophia Mathematica*, 27, 2: 177–198.

3. 2018 ‘In defense of utterly indiscernible entities’; *Philosophical Studies*. 176: 10: 2551–2561.
4. 2018 ‘Are the natural numbers fundamentally ordinals?’ (with Stefan Buijsman); *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
5. 2017 ‘The semantic plights of the ante-rem structuralist’; *Philosophical Studies*, 175, 12: 3195–3215.

FORTHCOMING PAPERS

1. ‘Formal Logic in Philosophy’; in *Introduction to Philosophy*, Rebus Community; eds: Christina Hendricks and Benjamin Martin.
2. ‘What is a mathematical structure?’; in *Knowledge: Mind, Meaning, and Mathematics*, under contract with Bloomsbury, London; eds: Bahram Assadian and Nils. Kürbis.

UNDER REVIEW

1. ‘Referential deflationism and referential indeterminacy’ (*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*).
2. ‘Reference foiled: competing abstraction principles’ – with Stefan Buijsman (*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*).

BOOK REVIEW

1. *Abstractionism: Essays in Philosophy of Mathematics*, edited by Philip A. Ebert and Marcus Rossberg (OUP, 2016); published in *Analysis* 78, Issue 1, 1 2018: 188–191.
2. *The Metaphysics of Relations*, edited by Anna Marmodoro and David Yates (OUP, 2016); published in *Philosophical Quarterly* 67 (269), 2017: 871–874.
3. *Being Necessary: Themes of Ontology and Modality from the Work of Bob Hale*, edited by Ivette Fred-Rivera and Jessica Leech. Forthcoming in *Philosophical Quarterly*.

EDITORIAL WORK

Co-editor (with Nils. Kürbis): *Knowledge: Mind, Meaning, and Mathematics: Essay in Honor of Keith Hossack* (contributors: Mahrud Almotahari, Bahram Assadian, Dorothy Edgington, Keith Hossack, Nils Kürbis, Øystein Linnebo, M. M. McCabe, David Papineau, Mark Sainsbury, Peter Simons, Scott Sturgeon, and Mark Textor); under contract with Bloomsbury.

TALKS AT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

(Invited talks are marked by *)

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| 2018, September, 5 | ‘Abstraction principles: freedom, arrogance, and presuppositions’, <i>FilMat Symposium on Abstractionism in the Philosophy of Mathematics</i> (along with three more speakers), SIFA 2018, Novara, Italy. |
| 2018, August, 1 | ‘Structure abstraction and pure structures’, in <i>Varieties of Mathematical Abstraction</i> , Vienna, Austria. |
| 2018, July, 13 | ‘Cantorian abstraction and (in-)discernibility’, in <i>Amsterdam Workshop on Mathematics and its Philosophy between the 18th and the 19th Century</i> , Amsterdam, the Netherlands. |

- 2018, May, 18 * 'Abstraction principles: freedom, arrogance, and presuppositions', DIP Colloquium, ILLC, University of Amsterdam.
- 2018, April, 23 * 'Abstraction principles: freedom, arrogance, and presuppositions', King's College London, UK.
- 2017, August, 21 'The semantic plights of the ante-rem structuralist', ECAP9, Munich, Germany.
- 2017, July, 13 * 'The semantic plights of the ante-rem structuralist', MCMP, Munich, Germany.
- 2015, December, 22 * 'Abstract structures in mathematics', Iranian Association of Logic, Tehran, Iran.
- 2015, December, 4 'Abstract structures in mathematics', Open Minds XI, University of Manchester, UK.
- 2013, July, 2013 'Finean essences and mathematical structures', Conference in Honor of Kit Fine, Eidos: Centre in Metaphysics, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- 2013, April, 27 * Response to Walter Dean's 'Soundness, Reflection, and Intensionality', Birkbeck-Warwick Graduate Workshop, Warwick, UK.
- 2013, February, 28 'A structuralist account of mathematical objects', research seminar, Birkbeck College.
- 2012, February, 9 * 'The dark side of numbers', Birkbeck-Warwick Graduate Workshop, Birkbeck.
- 2009, September, 12 'Crispin Wright and his hero' (on impredicativity in the neo-Fregean programme), Trends in the Philosophy of Mathematics, Goethe-University Frankfurt, Frankfurt.
- 2007 * 'Mathematical structuralism: assets and limits', the Annual Colloquium of Analytic Philosophy, Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, Iran.
- 2006 * 'Benacerraf: mathematical epistemology and truth', a two-day conference on the Philosophy of Mathematics, Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, Iran.
- 2005 * 'Sellars, Folk Psychology, and Propositional Attitudes', Workshop on Propositional Attitudes, Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, Iran.

TEACHING POSITIONS

2018/present (University of Amsterdam, Department of Philosophy/ILLC)

- Course Coordinator and Lecturer: BA Course: Realism and Anti-realism
- Course Coordinator and Lecturer: BA Course: Realism and Anti-realism
- Course Coordinator and Lecturer: M.A Course: Philosophy and Model Theory

2018/present (Amsterdam University College)

- Lecturer: Logic, Information, Argumentation

2017/2018 (University of Herefordshire, Department of Philosophy)

- Lecturer: An Introduction to Philosophy
- Lecturer: The Meaning of Life

2015/2016 (Birkbeck College London, Department of Philosophy)

- Teaching Assistant for the M.A. course: Advanced Topics in Metaphysics (Dr. Keith Hossack)

2011/2015 (Birkbeck College London, Department of Philosophy)

- Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Metaphysics (Dr. Keith Hossack)
- Teaching Assistant: Epistemology and Metaphysics (Dr. Keith Hossack)
- Teaching Assistant: Philosophy of Mathematics (Prof. Ian Rumfitt)
- Teaching Assistant: Philosophy of Mind and Action (Prof. Jennifer Hornsby)

B.A. SUPERVISION (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM AND BIRKBECK COLLEGE)

- Skolem's Paradox
- Benacerraf on Mathematical Truth
- Epiphenomenalism
- The Problem of Many
- Faultless Disagreements
- The Law of Non-contradiction
- Aristotle on Potential Infinity

M.A. SUPERVISION (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM/ILLC)

- Marta Campa: Referential Indeterminacy
- Teodor Calinoiu: The Metaphysics of Mathematical Structuralism
- Bas Kortenbach: The Philosophical Significance of the Permutation Argument
- Wouter Cohen: Indiscernibility and Relative Identity

M.A. THESIS COMMITTEE PANEL (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM/ILLC)

- Nuno Maia: Tennenbaum's Theorem and Non-Classical Arithmetic
- David Santamaria Legarda: Defending Classes
- Michael Vollmer: On Logical Nihilism

REFeree ACTIVITIES

I have served as referee for *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of the History of Analytical Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Routledge*, *Synthese*, and *Theoria*.

PUBLISHED TRANSLATIONS (ENGLISH TO PERSIAN)

1. Carnap, R. 1950. Empiricism, semantics, and ontology. *Revue Internationale de Philosophie* 4(11): 20–40.
2. Hanfling, O. 1999 A. J. Ayer. London: Routledge.
3. Ishiguro, H. 1981 Contingent truths and possible worlds. In R. S. Woolhouse (ed.), *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*. Oxford University Press. pp. 357–367.

4. Kripke, S. 1971. Identity and necessity. In Milton K. Munitz (ed.), *Identity and Individuation*. New York University Press. pp. 135–164.
5. Lewis, D. 1968 Counterpart theory and quantified modal logic. *Journal of Philosophy* 65 (5): 113–126.
6. Menzel, C. 2008 Actualism. In *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
7. Priest, G. 2000. *Logic: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
8. Putnam, H. 1967. Mathematics without foundations. *Journal of Philosophy* 64 (1): 5–22.
9. Marcus, R. 1985. Possibilia and possible worlds. *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 25: 107–133.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

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