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## Academic Interests

My main research interests are in the philosophies of logic and mathematics, metaphysics and the philosophy of language. I am particularly interested in questions concerning ontology, individuation, essence, reference (especially to abstract objects), necessity and knowledge of necessary truths. My approach to these questions is broadly Fregean in that I relate them to questions in philosophical logic and the philosophy of language.

## Higher education and employment history

I took up my current position as Professor of [Philosophy](#) at the [University of Oslo](#) in August 2012. Before that, I was a Professorial Fellow at the Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen, a Professor in the [Department of Philosophy](#) at [Birkbeck College](#) (January 2010 - July 2012), and a Lecturer and then Reader in Philosophy at the [University of Bristol](#). I have also held Research Fellowships at the Universities of [Oxford](#) and [Oslo](#). I obtained a PhD from the [Department of Philosophy](#) at [Harvard University](#) in 2002 and an MA in Mathematics at the University of Oslo in 1996.

## Recent teaching

- [FIL1001 Introduction to Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind](#) ([autumn 2019](#) and 2020)
- [FIL1006 Introduction to Logic](#) ([spring 2014](#))
- [FIL2405/4405 Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics](#) ([spring 2020](#) and 2021)
- [FIL2506/4630 Inheriting from Frege and Russell](#) ([autumn 2014](#))
- [FIL4400 Philosophy of Language and Logic](#) ([autumn 2017](#))

## Academic responsibilities and honors

- Head of Research, IFIKK (2021 - )
- Member of Department Board, IFIKK (2013 - 2020)
- Head of Subject ("fagleder"), August 2013 - July 2015 and August 2017 - July 2019
- Member of Academia Europaea and the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (both since 2014)
- Editor, [Bulletin of Symbolic Logic](#)
- Editorial board of Inquiry, Philosophia Mathematica, SATS: Northern European Journal of Philosophy, Thought
- Executive Committee of Scandinavian Logic Society (08/2012 – )
- Board member of Philosophy of Mathematics Association (07/2015 – 06/2017, 07/2019 – 06/2022)

## Research projects

- [Center for Philosophy and the Sciences](#) (HF "faglige prioriteringer III", 2019 - 2024)
- [ConceptLab](#) (NFR Toppforsk, 2016 - 2022)
- [Plurals, Predicates and Paradox: Towards a Type-Free Account](#) (ERC Starting Grant, PI, 2010 - 2013)
- [Foundations of Structuralism](#) (AHRC, 2010 - 2012)