

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Born April 4th, 1962, in Munich

CURRENT POSITION: _____

Priest at the Dominican Priory of Vienna,
Assistant Professor at ITI, Trumau

FORMATION _____

- 1968–1972: Alfonsschule München, Volksschule (gradeschool in Munich)
- 1972–1981: Rupprechtgymnasium München, Abitur (highschool in Munich)
- 1981–1987: Technische Universität München (Dipl. Ing. Univ.; degree in engineering at the Technical University of Munich)
- 1988–1993: studies of catholic theology at the University of Vienna and at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, California (Master of Theology)
- 1996–1999: doctoral studies at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in Dogmatic Theology (Doctor of Theology in 2002)
- 2015-2019: habilitation at the Philosophical-Theological University St. Georgen, Frankfurt am Main (Dr. Habil. 2020)

DISSERTATION and HABILITATION

Title of the dissertation:

De veritate: Quid est? Vom Wesen der Wahrheit. Ein Gespräch mit Thomas von Aquin

(On truth: What Is It? Of the Essence of Truth. A Dialogue with Thomas Aquinas)

Committee of examination:

Prof. Dr. B. Hallensleben (thesis advisor), Prof. Dr. R. Imbach, Prof. Dr. P. Hünemann, Prof. Dr. P. Secretan

Title of the habilitation:

To Be or Not to Be. On the (Im-)Possibility of Metaphysics. Rewriting and Recalling the History of (Non-)Being in Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, and Immanuel Kant

Defended on October 23rd, 2020, at the faculty of theology of the Philosophical-Theological University St. Georgen, Frankfurt am Main

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1985 Tutor for Technical Mechanics, Technische Universität München

1998 Tutor for Dogmatic Theology, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
Lecture on the philosophical presuppositions of theology

2002-2011 Assistant professor for Dogmatic Theology, International Theological Institute, Trumau, Austria

2011-2015 Assistant Professor for Fundamental Theology, International Theological Institute, Trumau, Austria

2018-2022 Visiting professor at FUS Gaming, Austrian Program (Christian Philosophy)
Fall 2022-2023 Full time professor at FUS Gaming Austrian Program (Christian Philosophy)

Fall 2024 Visiting professor, International Theological Institute, Trumau, Austria

Fall 2025 Assistant professor, International Theological Institute, Trumau, Austria

FURTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Classes for Dominican students and novices, Dominican sisters, seminars for students of the Katholische Hochschuljugend (Catholic University Students) in Vienna

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT OTHER CENTERS OF FORMATION

1993, 1994-1995: Conferences at the Catholic Academy of Vienna

ECCLESIAL FUNCTIONS _____

- Member of the Ordo Praedicatorum (Dominicans) since 1987
- Deacon (1993); Priest (1994)
- Chaplain at the University of Vienna from 1994 to 1996
- Assistant Novicemaster and Novicemaster from 1999 to 2002
- Prior of the Dominicans in Vienna (2004-2011)
- Regent of Studies and Socius of the Prior Provincial (2011-2015)
- Rector ecclesiae in the Church St. Ursula (Vienna)

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS _____

- „Zeit und Ewigkeit“ in: Splechtna E., Simon T. (ed.), Zeit und Ewigkeit. Beiträge zur Zeitforschung, Wien 1997 (Katholische Hochschuljugend Österreichs), 137–162.
- „De veritate: Quid est? Vom Wesen der Wahrheit. Ein Gespräch mit Thomas von Aquin.“ Studia Friburgensia 92 (Universitätsverlag Freiburg Schweiz, 2002).
- „Meister Eckharts erste Quaestio Parisiensis oder: Wie kann Gottes Vernehmen das fundamentum seines Seins sein?“, Freiburger Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Theologie, 54 (2007) 430-463.
- „Meister Eckhart's First Parisian Question or: How Can God's Understanding Be the *fundamentum* of His Existence?“ At: <https://sites.google.com/site/aycardusproject/translations>
- „Zum desiderium naturale visionis Dei nach Johannes Duns Scotus und Thomas de Vio Cajetan. Eine Anmerkung zum Denken Henri De Lubacs.“ In: Angelicum 85 (2008) 737-763.
- „Heidegger und Platon: Die Dialektik der wahren Aussage im Sophistes.“ In: Phänomenologische Forschungen (Phenomenological Studies) 2008, 147-167.
- „Heidegger und Platon. Die Ideen als Wahrheit des Seins.“ In: Existentialia 18 (2008) 21-49.

- „Allwissender Gott und freier Mensch? Zur Rettung menschlicher Freiheit angesichts der göttlichen praescientia futurorum contingentium.“ In: Angelicum 86 (2009) 471-494. Zweitveröffentlichung in: Wallner, Karl J., (Hg.), Fünf-vor-Elf. Beiträge zur Theologie. Heiligenkreuz: Be&Be 2010, 63-91
- „Stockwerkphilosophie gegen Stockwerktheologie? Zum desiderium naturale bei Henri de Lubac und Thomas von Aquin.“ In: Freiburger Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Theologie 56 (2009) 164-193.
- Abstraction: „Apriori or Aporia? A Remark Concerning the Question of the Beginning of Thought in Aquinas, Aristotle, and Kant.“ In: Angelicum 87 (2010) 709-746
- „Man Is Inclined to His Last End by Nature, though He Cannot Reach It by Nature but Only by Grace. The Principle of the Debate about Nature and Grace in Thomas Aquinas, Thomism and Henri de Lubac. A Response to Lawrence Feingold.“ In: Angelicum 88 (2011) 887-939
- „The Relation of Nature and Grace in Thomas Aquinas and His Interpreters.” In: Paluch, Michal (Hg.), „Dominicans and the Challenge of Thomism”, Warszawa: Instytut Tomistyczny 2012, 289-311
- „The Terms ‚Ground of the Soul’ and ‚Sparkle of Reason’ in Eckhart and Aquinas.“ In: Medieval Mystical Theology 22 (2013) 120-138
- „Von der Kraft des Wortes. Thomas von Aquin und Meister Eckhart zur Frage: Wie und von woher empfängt die menschliche Vernunft ihr Wort?“ In: Gott loben, segnen, verkündigen. 75 Jahre Dominikanerprovinz des hl. Albert in Süddeutschland und Österreich. Hrsg. von Wolfram Hoyer. Freiburg im Breisgau, Basel, Wien (Herder) 2014, 65-117.
- „Presence Is Present Through Itself: Being as Phenomenon in Thomas Aquinas and Martin Heidegger.“ In: Divus Thomas 117 (2014) 116-212
- „What Is Metaphysics? A Possible Dialogue between Thomas Aquinas and Plato about Dialectics and Metaphysics of Participation.“ In: Wladika, Michael (Hg.), Intellektualität und Gnade? Das Aufeinandertreffen von Platonismus und Christentum. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann 2016, 159-198
- The Knowability of Divine Being according to Meister Eckhart’s Principal Thesis: ‚The Act to Be is God,’ in: Alpha Omega 20 (2017), 509-583
- «Is Meister Eckhart’s Metaphysics an Onto-theo-logy»? in: Alpha Omega 26 (2023), 75-118
- Meister Eckhart: Beginning or End of the Modern Philosophy of Subjectivity?, in: Contat, Alain, Pascual, Rafael (Hgg.), Il *Cogito* nel Medioevo. Rom: Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum 2024, 151-210
- “God can do anything that does not include a contradiction”. John Duns Scotus on Divine Omnipotence, in: Noesis 42 (2024), 241-316

Book Review

Regarding: EMERY OP, Gilles: *Présence de Dieu et union à Dieu*. Création, inhabitation par grâce, incarnation et vision bienheureuse selon saint Thomas d'Aquin. Paris: Parole et Silence 2017. 267 S., in: Theologie und Philosophie 94 (2019), 458-461

PLANNED PUBLICATIONS

A book on the understanding of being, the ground of the soul, and the sparkle of reason in Meister Eckhart and Thomas Aquinas (nearly finished)

A book on the philosophy of Martin Heidegger (nearly finished)

A book on the question of predestination in Thomas Aquinas, Thomism, Duns Scotus, Molina, Lonergan (research finished)

Publication of the habilitation with an appendix on Duns Scotus and William Ockham's nominalism

Contribution to the Journal Noesis (a philosophy journal edited by the Centre de recherche d'histoire des idées [CRHI]): «God Can Do Anything that Does Not Include a Contradiction.» Duns Scotus on Divine Omnipotence (turned in January 6th, 2023, soon to be published in French)

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONFERENCES

Zeit und Ewigkeit, Contribution to the summer seminar of the Katholische Huchschuljugend Österreichs, July 1996

The Relation of Nature and Grace in Thomas Aquinas and His Interpreters, Contribution to the conference 'Dominicans and the Challenge of Thomism,' Warsaw, July 2010

What Is Metaphysics? A Possible Dialogue between Thomas Aquinas and Plato about Dialectics and Metaphysics of Participation, Contribution to the symposium: Intellektualität plus Gnade? Das Aufeinandertreffen von Christentum und Platonismus, March 25th and 26th, 2011 (ITI, Trumau)

Eckhart and Aquinas. Ground of the Soul and the Sparkle of Reason, Contribution to the conference 'Eckhart and Aquinas' (Eckhart Society, London, September 28th to 30th, 2012)

The God Who Cannot Know through Causality, Contribution to the conference 'Dominicans and the Renewal of Thomism,' Washington DC, June 30th to July 5th, 2013

Dieu créateur. Le principe de l'étant en tant qu'étant, Contribution to the Journée Thomiste, December 3rd to 4th, 2015, Paris

The Knowability of Divine Being according to Meister Eckhart's Principal Thesis: 'The Act to Be is God,' Contribution to the Giornata di Studio sul tema 'Conoscibilità ed Inconoscibilità di Dio,' November 29th, 2016, Rome

Dieu Un et Trine se révèle comme principe et fin du monde créé. Contribution to the Journée Thomiste, November 25th, 2017, Paris

The Importance of Transcendental Imagination for the Understanding of Being. Comparing Heidegger and Thomas Aquinas, Contribution to the Conference: Imagining Christianity. A Phenomenological Discussion, May 3rd – 4th 2019, FUS Austrian Program, Kartause Gaming

Is Meister Eckhart's Metaphysics an «Onto-theo-logy»? Contribution to the Convegno: La differenza onto-teologica, November 7th-8th, 2019, Rome

Self-knowledge according to Meister Eckhart. Contribution to the Convegno: Il "Cogito" nel medioevo, Octobre 13th-14th, 2020, Rome

Omnipotens nomen eius (Ex 15:3). Meister Eckhart on Divine Omnipotence. Contribution to the Cattedra Marco Arosio di Alti Studi Medievali: L'onnipotenza divina nel pensiero medievale, April 6th-7th, 2022, Rome

The God Who Cannot Know through Causality II. Contribution to Symposium Thomisticum V, June 2nd-4th, 2022, Cracow

On the Nature and Essence of Being (*natura entis, natura essendi, essentia entis universalis*). Contribution to Symposium Thomisticum VI, June 1st-3rd, 2023, Barcelona

Aquinas on the History of the Philosophy of Being. Contribution to Symposium Thomisticum VII, June 6st-8th, 2024, Vienna

The Common Doctor on What Is Common, Contribution to Symposium Thomisticum VIII, June 5th-7th, 2025, Prague

The above contributions to conferences were also turned in as articles for journals (with the exception of: The Importance of Transcendental Imagination for the Understanding of Being). They will be published soon.

BASIC INTERESTS OF RESEARCH

Metaphysics, in Greek, Medieval, and Modern philosophy

Human cognition: What is the essence of thinking?, , in Greek, Medieval, and Modern philosophy

The question: What is truth?, in its distinct interpretation throughout history

What is the human being?, in Greek, Medieval, and Modern philosophy

Philosophy of history, i. e., the question: Can we describe the history of philosophy and its development in a philosophical way (as distinct from a historical account)? Does the whole history of philosophy relate to a non-temporal measure of its truth in human thinking?

Fundamental theology: the relation of faith and reason, theology and philosophy, grace and nature. The question: Is there a continuity between medieval theology and the modern *nouvelle théologie*? Further: the philosophical and theological doctrine of the one God

Trinitarian Theology (medieval and modern), Theology of providence and predestination in Thomas Aquinas and the thomistic tradition (e. g. Banez, Garrigou-Lagrange), the opposition to this doctrine (e. g. Scotus, Molina, Lonergan)

Philosophy and theology of Thomas Aquinas, The Dominican and the Franciscan tradition (especially Bonaventure and Duns Scotus, William Ockham)

SUBJECTS TAUGHT _____

STM Program:

Logic and Argumentation I (simple apprehension and judgment)

Logic and Argumentation II (reasoning process)

Metaphysics II (the understanding of being in Descartes, Hume, Kant, Hegel, Heidegger)

Philosophy of History

Faith and Reason

The One God I: Existence and Attributes

The One God II: Creator and Creation

Trinity II (Richard of St. Victor, Thomas Aquinas, texts of Rahner and von Balthasar)

Law and Sin

Law and Grace

STL Program:

Kant and Heidegger

Duns Scotus and Thomas Aquinas: On the Will

Philosophy and Theology (Aquinas, Bonaventure, Duns Scotus, Rahner, von Balthasar)

Theology of the 20th Century: The Natural Desire to See God (Aquinas, Thomism, De Lubac, Rahner, von Balthasar)

Tutorials:

Maritain's Degrees of Knowledge

Historical critical exegesis: Its History and its Method

Theology of Karl Rahner and Henry de Lubac

Classes taught for FUS Gaming:

THE 110 Word of God

THE 115 Christian Moral Principles

THE 213 Christology and Trinity

THE 214 Theology of the Church

THE 301 St. Francis: Life and Charism

THE 409 / THE 721: Christian Spirituality

THE 618 Fundamental Theology

LANGUAGES

German (mother tongue)

English (fluent, oral and written)

French (capacity to express myself both orally and in writing)

Italian (capacity to read texts)

Ancient Greek (capacity to read texts)

Latin (fluent in reading texts)