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 French (native); English (fluent); German (intermediate)

**Areas of Specialisation** Philosophy of Time; Metaphysics of Science; Social Ontology

**Areas of Competence** Philosophy of Physics; Logic; Philosophy of Language

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## 1 Education

*Aug. 2015—July 2020* | **PhD Candidate in Philosophy**, University of Geneva<sup>1</sup>  
*Dissertation:* ‘All Things Must Pass: Ordinary Objects in a Relativistic World’. *Supervisor:* Fabrice Correia

*Sep. 2012—Jun. 2015* | **MA in Philosophy (contemp. phil. track)**, University of Geneva  
*MA Thesis:* ‘The Fiction We Live In: On the Existence of Institutional Reality’. *Supervisor:* Kevin Mulligan

*Sep. 2009—Sep. 2012* | **BA in Philosophy and Ethnology**, University of Geneva

## Research Stays Abroad

*Feb.—Jun. 2019* | **Visiting student**, Rutgers University. *Supervisor:* Jonathan Schaffer

*Sept. 2018—Jan. 2019* | **Visiting student**, New York University. *Supervisor:* Cian Dorr

*Sep. 2013—Mar. 2014* | **Exchange student**, St John’s College, University of Oxford

## Extra Training

*Jul. 2017* | *XX<sup>th</sup> Summer School in Philosophy of Physics*, University of Urbino

*Nov. 2015* | *Masterclass with Kit Fine*, University of Zürich

## 2 Employment

*Aug. 2017—May 2020* | **PhD Researcher in Philosophy**, 70%, University of Geneva  
 SNSF Consolidator Project (directed by F. Correia) ‘The Metaphysics of Time and its Occupants: Reconciling the Manifest Image and Contemporary Science’ ([metaphysicsoftime.wordpress.com](http://metaphysicsoftime.wordpress.com))

*Aug. 2015—Jul. 2017* | **PhD Researcher in Philosophy**, 70%, University of Neuchâtel<sup>2</sup>

*Sep. 2016—Jun. 2017* | **Collaborateur Scientifique**, 30%, University of Neuchâtel

*Sep. 2011—Jun. 2012* | **Assistant de Recherche et d’Enseignement**, 15%, University of Geneva

<sup>1</sup> Initially started at the University of Neuchâtel under the same supervisor (Aug. 2015—July 2017).

<sup>2</sup> Same position as the Geneva one.

### 3 Publications

#### 3.1 In Peer-Reviewed Journals

Bonard C. & Neeser B. (2019). Les incantatifs. Actes de langage, évaluations collectives et groupes sociaux [in French]. *Implications Philosophiques* (special issue: Émotions et Collectifs Sociaux).

URL = [implications-philosophiques.org/ethique-et-politique/ethique/les-incantatifs-actes-de-langage-evaluations-collectives-et-groupes-sociaux](http://implications-philosophiques.org/ethique-et-politique/ethique/les-incantatifs-actes-de-langage-evaluations-collectives-et-groupes-sociaux)

#### 3.2 In Student Peer-Reviewed Journals

van Loon M., Sarzano M., Bonard C. & Neeser B (2016). Les vices épistémiques de Sam: un homme de ressentiment, *suffisant*, bête et complaisant [in French]. *iPhilo* 9 (special issue in honour of Kevin Mulligan): 6–20.

URL = [phileasunige.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/iphilo\\_9.pdf](http://phileasunige.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/iphilo_9.pdf)

Bonard C. & Neeser B. (2011). Ebauche d'une théorie du cool [in French]. *iPhilo* 4: 18–24.

URL = [phileasunige.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/iphilo-nc2b04.pdf](http://phileasunige.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/iphilo-nc2b04.pdf)

### 4 Talks

#### 4.1 International Conferences (on submission)

8 Nov. 2019	<b>Stages in Spacetime</b> <i>Society for the Metaphysics of Science's 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting</i> , University of Toronto
1 Nov. 2019	<b>Money is Power</b> <i>The Money Workshop</i> , University of Groningen
24 Jun. 2019	<b>Stages in Spacetime</b> <i>International Association for the Philosophy of Time's 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting</i> , University of Colorado, Boulder
20 Apr. 2019	<b>Stages in Spacetime</b> <i>UConn 5<sup>th</sup> Graduate Conference</i> , University of Connecticut, Storrs
14 Sep. 2017	<b>Persistence and Explanation</b> <i>SOPhiA Annual Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy</i> , University of Salzburg
20 Aug. 2017	<b>Objects, Persons, and Powers: The Deontic Theory of Money</b> <i>European Network on Social Ontology's 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting</i> , University of Lund
28 May 2017	<b>Persistence and Explanation</b> <i>CPA / ACP Annual Congress</i> , University of Toronto
7 Sep. 2016	<b>Stages, Shapes, and Fundamentality</b> <i>XII<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy</i> , University of Florence, Pistoia

#### 4.2 Workshops, Research Seminars & Colloquia (local or by invitation)

4 Nov. 2019	<b>The Incantatives</b> (joint work with C. Bonard) <i>Emotion, Expression, and Language. A Workshop with Mitch Green</i> , University of Geneva
17 Oct. 2019	<b>Stages in Spacetime</b> <i>eidos Seminar</i> , University of Geneva
11 Feb. 2019	<b>Persistence and Explanation</b> <i>Logic and Metaphysics Workshop</i> , City University of New York

18 Oct. 2018	<b>Persistence and Explanation</b> <i>Washington Square Circle</i> , New York University
14 Nov. 2017	<b>Stages in Spacetime</b> <i>Centre for Philosophy of Time Colloquium</i> , University of Milan
30 Nov. 2017	<b>Stages in Spacetime</b> <i>eidōs Seminar</i> , University of Geneva
16 May. 2017	<b>Intrinsic Shapes in a Relativistic Setting: The Stage Theory</b> <i>Colloque de recherche</i> , University of Neuchâtel
5 Apr. 2017	<b>Persistence and Explanation</b> <i>eidōs Seminar</i> , University of Geneva
26 Oct. 2016	<b>Objects, Persons, Powers</b> <i>eidōs Seminar</i> , University of Geneva
18 Oct. 2016	<b>Stages, Shapes, and Fundamentality</b> <i>Colloque de recherche</i> , University of Neuchâtel
27 Apr. 2016	<b>Through Worlds and Times Alike: A Counterpart-Theoretic Account of Persistence</b> <i>Wise Club Philosophy Colloquium</i> , University of Aberdeen
12 Apr. 2016	<b>Is There Something Rotten in the Realm of Knowledge?</b> , with M van Loon & M Sarzano (joint work with C. Bonard) <i>Colloque de recherche</i> , University of Neuchâtel
6 Oct. 2015	<b>On the Existence of Institutional Objects</b> <i>Colloque de recherche</i> , University of Neuchâtel

### 4.3 Responses & Comments

24 Aug. 2018	<b>Comment on Carlo Rossi's 'Singular Location, Multi-location, and Immanent Universals'</b> <i>Society for the Metaphysics of Science's 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting</i> , University of Milan
23 Nov. 2017	<b>Response to Natalja Deng's 'What Is Temporal Ontology'</b> <i>Metaphysics sans phrase. Ten Years of eidōs</i> , University of Geneva
16 Dec. 2015	<b>Response to J. Adam Carter's 'Insight, Inspiration and Belief'</b> <i>Beliefs that Feel Good Workshop</i> , University of Basel

## 5 Teaching

<i>Fall 2019</i>	<b>Exister</b> , <i>MA Seminar in Metaphysics</i> , University of Geneva, co-taught with F. Correia
13 Dec. 2017	<b>An Introduction to Social Ontology</b> , <i>Special session of a BA Seminar (taught by M. van Loon &amp; M. Sarzano)</i> , University of Basel
<i>Fall 2017</i>	<b>Introduction à la philosophie du langage (TP)</b> , <i>BA Tutorial in Philosophy of Language</i> , University of Geneva, co-taught with C. Bonard
<i>Spring 2017</i>	<b>Introduction à la logique des prédicats (TP)</b> , <i>BA Tutorial in Logic</i> , University of Neuchâtel
<i>Fall 2016</i>	<b>Introduction à la logique des propositions (TP)</b> , <i>BA Tutorial in Logic</i> , University of Neuchâtel
<i>Fall 2011</i>	<b>Introduction à la logique (TP)</b> , <i>BA Tutorial in Logic</i> , University of Geneva, co-taught with F. Mouthon

## 6 Service

### 6.1 Editorial Work

**Member of committees for** *dialectica* (editorial committee, 2016-2018); *l'Encyclopédie Philosophique en Ligne* (reviewing committee, 2015-present); *iPhilo* (editorial committee, 2012-2015).

**Reviewer for** *Journal of Institutional Economics* (2017); *Argumenta* (2018); *Philosophica Studies* (2019).

### 6.2 Event Organisation

11 Dec. 2019	<i>Basically. Fundamentality and Beyond Workshop</i> , Neuchâtel
Sept. 2019—present	<i>Formal Semantics Reading Group</i> , Geneva
17 Sept. 2019	<i>On What Grounds? Grounding, Dependence, and Fundamentality Workshop</i> , Geneva
30—31 May 2018	<i>Fundamentality in Physics and Metaphysics Worskhop</i> , Geneva
12—14 Jun. 2017	<i>International Association for the Philosophy of Time's 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting</i> , Gargnano
3—5 Feb. 2017	<i>1<sup>st</sup> eidos Graduate Winter School: Identity</i> , Neuchâtel
16 Sep. 2016	<i>Grounding the Quantum World Workshop</i> , Neuchâtel
19 Jun. 2016	<i>Spacetime and Fundamentality Workshop</i> , Neuchâtel
Sep. 2015—Jun. 2018	<i>Time Reading Group</i> , Neuchâtel / Geneva
Mar.—Jun. 2014	<i>Williamson's 'Knowledge and its Limits' Reading Group</i> , Geneva
Sep.—Dec. 2012	<i>Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems Reading Group</i> , Geneva

### 6.3 Other Responsibilities

Administrative duties, public outreach, student counselling and website management.

## 7 Prizes & Fellowships

Sept. 2018—June 2019	<b>SNSF Doc.Mobility Fellowship</b> for a research stay at New York University and Rutgers University
Nov. 2015	<b>Arditi Foundation Prize</b> for the best MA Thesis in Philosophy
Nov. 2015	<b>Dr. de Dukszta Prize</b> for the best MA results in Philosophy
Sept. 2013—Mar. 2014	<b>Mobility Fellowship</b> for a student exchange at St John's College, University of Oxford