

Mark Theunissen

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

- 2021 - Lecturer Delft University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands
- 2020 Project Lead Interactive Media and Curatorial Researcher for the Jones Beach Nature and Energy Center, Long Island, New York (<https://www.jonesbeachenc.org/>)
- 2017 - 21 Part-Time Faculty, Strategic Design and Management, Parsons School of Design, The New School, New York City

Education

- 2017 Ph.D. Philosophy, The New School for Social Research, New York City
Dissertation: "Rationality, Naturalism, and Critique in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences." Winner of the Alfred Schutz Memorial Award in Philosophy and Sociology
- 2006 M.A. Philosophy, Cum Laude Distinction, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam
Thesis Title: "Wittgenstein's Aim in Philosophy: Therapy or Ethics?"
- 2004 M.Sc. Mathematics, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam
Thesis Title: "MacNeill Completions of Lattice Expansions: A Topological Approach."

Areas of Specialization

History and Philosophy of Social Science, Wittgenstein, Ethics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Technology and Design

Publications

Articles

- 2021 "Winch's Idea of Durkheim's Social Science." In *Durkheim & Critique*. Ed. By Nicola Marcucci. Palgrave-McMillan.
- 2020 " 'Don't mention The Idea of a Social Science': The Legacy of an Idea." In *Ethics, Society and Politics: Themes from the Philosophy of Peter Winch* Eds. Michael Campbell and Lynette Reid. Springer Verlag
- 2014 "The Idea of Philosophy and Its Relation to Social Science," *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, 44(2) (2014), 151-178

- 2007 “MacNeille completions of lattice expansions,” Co-author Yde Venema, *Algebra Universalis*, 57 (2007), 143-193

Works in Progress

Articles

Under Final Review: “Putting Explainable AI in Context: Global Explanations for Medical AI” Special Issue on *Ethics and Information Technology* (co-authored with J. Browning)

“Data-Centrism for the Social Sciences”

“Whatever Happened to the Azande? A Short History of Rationality between Anthropology and Philosophy”

- Book The Azande and the Social Sciences: A History of Rationality

Book reviews

- 2017 Book review on *Understanding Scientific Understanding*, Henk W. de Regt (Oxford University Press, 2017) *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte*.
- 2011 Book review on *Wittgenstein on Nature and Rules*, Keith Dromm (Continuum, 2008), *N.S.S.R. Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, 32(1) (2011), 199-203

Public Scholarship

- 2013 “De shutdown en de debt ceiling: de Amerikaanse stasis als een chicken game met de echte crises als inzet,” *Wijsgerig Perspectief*, 53(4), (2013) (The shutdown and debt ceiling: the American stasis as a chicken game with the real crises as its stake.)
- 2012 “Waarom Amerikanen (nog) niet van voetbal houden,” *Wijsgerig Perspectief*, 52(1) (2012) (Why Americans do not (yet) like soccer)
- 2010 “Business Ethics 101. Wiens Droom?,” *Wijsgerig Perspectief*, 50(3) (2010) (Business Ethics 101. Whose Dream is it?)

Conferences and Invited Presentations

- 2022 Invited Talk at the AI Seminar of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Oregon State University, Corvallis
- 2019 “Data-Centrism for the Social Sciences”, Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, University of Vermont, Burlington.
- 2019 “Philosophy and Design”, Invited talk at department of Strategic Design and Management, Parsons School of Design, New York
- 2018 “Wittgenstein and Adorno: How do we make practice critical again?”, Invited talk at the Wittgenstein Workshop, New School for Social Research, New York

- 2018 “Whatever Happened to the Azande? A Short History of Rationality between Anthropology and Philosophy,” European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences (ENPOSS), Leibniz University Hannover, Germany
- 2018 “Winch’s Idea of a Social Science: Getting the Idea right after 60 years.” Invited talk at the “Workshop: Sixty Years of an Idea: Peter Winch’s “The Idea of a Social Science” after more than Half a Century”, University of Pécs, Hungary
- 2017 “Winch’s Idea of a Social Science Then and Now.” Invited talk at “Truth in Ethics and Politics: Celebrating the Work of Peter Winch’, King’s College London
- 2017 “Whatever Happened to the Azande? A Short History of Rationality between Anthropology and Philosophy,” Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- 2016 “Winch’s Idea of Durkheim’s Social Science,” Invited talk for ‘Durkheim and Critique: An International Conference’. Invited Presentation. The New School for Social Research. Sep 9, 2016
- 2016 “Naturalism, Pluralism and the Interests of Social Inquiry,” Fifth Conference of the European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences (ENPOSS) 2016 Helsinki, University of Helsinki, Finland, Aug 24-26, 2016
- “The Naturalist-Pluralist Orientation and the Interests of Social Inquiry,” Meeting Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, University of South Florida, Tampa, March 11-13, 2016
- 2013 “The Idea of Philosophy and Its Relation to Social Science,” 15th Annual Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable, UC Santa Cruz, March 22-24, 2013
- 2008 “Aesthetic Perfection in Kant’s Lectures on Logic: Individuals and Empirical Concept Formation,” Joint Conference of the Society for European Philosophy and the Forum for European Philosophy, University College Dublin, August 29-31, 2008

Other Invited Contributions

- 2016 Response paper to “Winch,” Lynette Reid, Wittgenstein Workshop, September 2016, The New School for Social Research
- 2014 Response paper to “Computationalism, Neuroscience and Verum Factum,” Martin Fultot, 13th Annual Graduate Student Conference, 2014, The New School for Social Research
- 2012 Response paper to “Responsibility to Enforce Social Rules,” Paul Morrow, 11th Annual Graduate Student Conference, 2012, The New School for Social Research
- 2011 Response paper to “William James and the Depth of Experience,” Alexis Dianda, Wittgenstein Workshop, October 2011, The New School for Social Research
- 2010 Response paper to “Wittgenstein on Community in *On Certainty*,” Chantal Bax, Wittgenstein Workshop, December 2010, The New School for Social Research
- 2009 Response paper to “Does Scholarly Knowledge Ruin Bodily Knowledge?” Michael Brownstein, 9th Annual Graduate Student Conference, 2009, The New School for Social Research

Response paper to “Language and Responsibility,” A. Christensen, Wittgenstein Workshop, 2009, The New School for Social Research

Other Research Experience

- 2020 Co-Curator Jones Beach Energy & Nature Center Exhibition, Long Island, New York
- 2017 Audio Documentary Project ‘River Stories’: Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum, Washington, DC. Documentary Researcher and Editor
- 2011-16 Research Assistant for Prof. Omri Boehm, Department of Philosophy, The New School for Social Research. Research several book projects on Kant, Spinoza and history of conceptions of free speech.
- 2003-05 University of Amsterdam / Elsevier, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Project Assistant for the project ‘Handbook on the Philosophy of Information’, edited by Prof. J.F.A.K. van Benthem and Prof. P. Adriaans. Organized an international conference on the Philosophy of Information, liaison between the publisher, Elsevier, the editors and authors, applied for and received over €25.000 in governmental funding. (<http://www.illc.uva.nl/HPI>)
- 2001-08 Project Manager Knots Europe/ADK, Hoofddorp, The Netherlands
Online Market Research in 10+ European Markets, Data Analyses of large (100K) consumer panels, small focus group research, data visualization of analyses to communicate results to clients

Teaching

Delft University of Technology (2021-)

- 2021 - Lecturer at Department of Values, Technology and Innovation, Section Ethics and Philosophy of Technology

The New School for Social Research (2019-20)

- 2020 Guest Lecturer (2 weeks) *The Animal Question in Ethics and Politics* (Seminar on animal ethics)
- 2019 Guest Lecturer (4 weeks, 8 sessions) *The Philosophy of Wittgenstein* (Seminar on later philosophy of Wittgenstein and his relevance for ethics and political theory)

Parsons School of Design, The New School (2010-20)

- As sole instructor, self-designed syllabus**
- 2017-20 *Ethical Decision Making and Leadership* (seminar on ethical theory and ethical issues for design and management students)
- 2018 *Design and Management* (intensive summer course on design thinking, ethnography, and visualization)

- 2018 *Information Visualization* (seminar on theory, ethics and practices of data visualization and design)
- 2016-18 *Innovation*, Teaching Fellow (applied anthropology and philosophy of technology, 100 student lectures, supervising teaching assistants)
- 2016 *Leadership*, Teaching Fellow (applied ethics, psychology and political philosophy)
- 2013-16 *Integrative Seminar I & II*, Teaching Fellow (creative writing, research, community engagement and organizing)
- 2010-13 *Business Ethics*, Teaching Fellow (applied ethics, case study based)

As teaching assistant and group instructor

- 2014-16 *Innovation*, Teaching Assistant and group instructor
- 2009-12, 14-15 *Society, Self and Design*, Teaching Assistant and group instructor (science and technology studies, philosophy of design and technology)

New York University, Tandon School of Engineering

- 2015 *Symbolic Logic*, Visiting Lecturer

Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut

- 2010-11 *Philosophy of Logic* and *Symbolic Logic*, Visiting Lecturer

Mount Saint Vincent College, The Bronx, New York

- 2009-11 *Introduction to Philosophy: The Life of Reason*, Adjunct Professor

University of Amsterdam, Department of Mathematics / ILLC

- 2001-06 *Simulating and Modeling, Automata Theory, Logic for Computer Scientists, Database Theory of AI, Semantics of Programming, Reasoning and Implementing*, Teaching Assistant and Lab Instructor (topics in theoretical computer sciences and mathematics for mostly computers science and artificial intelligence students)

Awards, Scholarships, Academic Honors

The New School

- 2017 Alfred Schutz Memorial Award in Philosophy and Sociology
- 2010-17 Teaching Fellowship, The New School (*Highest honor for Teaching*)
- 2013-15 Vera G. List Fellowship for the Netherlands, The New School
Awarded for outstanding students from the Netherlands
- 2013,15-17 Student Conference Travel Fund Award, NSSR
- 2011 Dissertation Fellowship, The New School
Highest honor awarded for Research
- 2008 University Fellowship, The New School
Highest honor for pre-dissertation graduate students

Dutch Scholarships for study at The New School

- 2008 Prins Bernhard Culture Fund, Netherlands
Award for highly talented graduate student studying abroad
- 2007 HSP Talent Scholarship, Dutch Government (competitive)
Award for highly talented graduate students studying abroad
- 2006 Dr Hendrik Muller's Vaderlandsch Fund
- 2006 Bekker de la Bastide Fund

Dutch Scholarships for study at NYU as exchange student

- 2001 Amsterdam University Fund, University of Amsterdam
- 2001 Schimmel Schuurman van Outeren Stichting
- 2001 Bekker de la Bastide Fund

University of Amsterdam

- 2006 MA awarded with Cum Laude Distinction, University of Amsterdam

Academic Service

- 2019- Project Peter Winch's Archives
- 2009-2015 Organizer Tilburg Philosophy Summer School hosted by Simon Critchley
- 2009-11 Organizer/Founder 'Wittgenstein Workshop', Department of Philosophy, New School for Social Research (4-5 meetings per semester)
- 2005-06 Student Representative in the search committee for the chair in Mathematical Logic and the Foundations of Mathematics at the Institute for Logic, Language and Computation, University of Amsterdam
- 2001-03 Organizer/Founder 'The Logic Tea', colloquia series at the ILLC, University of Amsterdam (5-6 meetings per semester)

Languages

- English (fluent), Dutch(native)
- German (reading, intermediate speaking and writing)
- French (reading, translation, intermediate speaking)
- Latin (intermediate translation)
- Ancient Greek (intermediate translation)

Computer Skills

- Microsoft Office, Keynote, Tableau, Latex, Basic Python for data science, Basic HTML/JavaScript/CSS, Mathematica

Professional Affiliations

- European Network of the Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable

References

- Alice Crary, University Distinguished Professor
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Upon request, further recommendations can be made available.

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