

# Lucia Oliveri

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### **DAAD P.R.I.M.E. Research Fellow, University of Münster / Harvard University**

July 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020

### **Lecturer at the University of Münster, Germany**

October 1, 2016 – April, 2019

### **Trainee in the critical edition of Leibniz's philosophical papers and letters. Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster**

October 1, 2016 – April, 2019

### **Visitig Postdoc Fellow at Rutgers University, New Brunswick**

November 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

### **Research Associate at the Leibniz-Forschungsstelle Münster**

February 15, 2012 – September 30, 2016

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## EDUCATION

### **University of Münster, Germany**

PhD in Philosophy

July 20, 2016

Thesis: "Imagination and Harmony in Leibniz's Philosophy of Language"

Grade: magna cum laude

### **University of Padua, Italy**

MA in Philosophy

October 11, 2011

Thesis: "Machinae spirituales. Language, Signs and Characters in Leibniz's New Essays"

Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude

### **University of Padua, Italy**

BA in Philosophy

July 10, 2009

Thesis: "Leibniz's Conception of Continuous Creation"

Grade: 110/110 summa cum laude

### **Galileian School of Higher Education (SGSS), Padua, Italy**

**October 1, 2006 – October 1, 2011**

One of an annual enrolment of just twelve students of the Humanities at the University of Padua are admitted to the School and to the excellence education program in science and humanities. Besides the normal university program, all students have to attend obligatory classes in different selected topics in their own area, language courses, and common seminars in different disciplines. For more details see: <http://www.unipd-scuolagalileiana.it/en/>

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**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

History of Early Modern Philosophy  
Philosophy of Language  
Philosophy of Cognitive Sciences  
Epistemology and Philosophy of  
Mathematics

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Theories of Conceivability  
Epistemology of Thought Experiment  
Empiricism vs. nativism: historical and  
contemporary debate

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**RESEARCH STAYS**

**Harvard University**  
February 10-17, 2018

**Rutgers University**  
November 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

**Rutgers University**  
September 30, 2015 – October 31, 2015

**University of Münster**  
October 1, 2010 – July 29, 2011

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**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**DAAD P.R.I.M.E.** – Postdoctoral Research International Mobility Experience 2019

**WWU Fellowship** for the internationalisation of research and teaching at the WWU

**DAAD short fellowship – Research Grant** for the Project “Leibniz’s Innatism” for a research stay at Rutgers University. Financed by the German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD)

**WWU-Post-Doc Grant.**

**Research Grant** for a six-month-Stay at the Herzog-August Library Wolfenbüttel (declined in favor of the DAAD scholarship)

**PhD Scholarship** of the German National Merit foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes).

**PhD Scholarship** of the German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD). (declined in favour of the PhD Scholarship of the German National Merit Foundation)

**Erasmus Scholarship** for a Research Stay at the University of Münster

**BA and MA Scholarship** of the Galilean School of Higher Education (<http://www.unipd-scuolagalileiana.it/en/>)

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**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

**Italian:** mother tongue

**German:** fluent written and spoken

**English:** fluent written and spoken

**French:** good written and spoken

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**Latin:** advanced knowledge

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCES

**Fall 2016/2017:** Advanced Seminar for MA Students at the University of Münster (full responsibility)  
**Title:** “Philosophical Thought Experiments (Philosophisches Gedankenexperimente)”

**Spring 2017:** Advanced Seminar for MA Students at the University of Münster (together with PD. Dr. Stephan Meier-Oeser)  
**Title:** “Philosophy of Language in the Early Modern Period”

**Fall 2018/2019:** Seminar for BA Students at the University of Münster (full responsibility)  
**Title:** “Metaphysics and Epistemology from the insights of early modern women philosophers”

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### REVIEW ACTIVITY

Based on her expertise, Dr. Oliveri has acted as a referee for the following journals: *KRITERION -- Journal of Philosophy and Society and Politics*

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### PUBLICATIONS

Contributions subject to double-blind review process are marked with (P). Contributions submitted and selected for publications are marked with (S)

#### DOCTORAL THESIS

Oliveri, L. (2016) *Imagination and Harmony in Leibniz's Philosophy of Language* in: <https://miami.uni-muenster.de/Record/d88ae178-c9c1-4209-b087-2da40e328599>

A part of the dissertation has been developed into a book:

Oliveri, L. (forthcoming) *Imaginative Animals. Leibniz's Theory of the Mutual Development of Language and Thought*. (accepted in *Studia Leibnitiana Supplementa*)

#### PAPERS IN COLLECTIVE VOLUMES

Oliveri, L. (2016) On Concepts and Ideas: Themes from G.W. Leibniz's *New Essays on Human Understanding*. In: *Concepts and Categorization. Systematic and Historical Perspectives*, ed. Kann Christoph et al., Münster: Mentis Verlag, 2016, pp. 141-166 (S)

Oliveri, L. (2015). Perché gli animali non sono capaci di articolazione? Leibniz sul linguaggio animale. *Blytiri*, 1/2, pp. 57-73

Oliveri, L. (2014). Logische und Semantische Funktion der Präpositionen bei Leibniz' Sprachphilosophie. In: *Studia Leibnitiana Supplementa*, 38, pp. 55-82 (S)

#### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Oliveri, L. (2016) Leibniz on the Role of Innate Ideas in Human Cognition. In: „Für unserer Glück oder das Glück anderer.“ *Vorträge des X. Internationalen Leibniz-Kongress*, ed. Li Wenchao et al., pp. 37-48, Hildesheim: Olms, 2016

Oliveri, L. (2016) Leibniz on the Cognitive Conditions for the Origins of Natural Languages. In: „Für unserer

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*Glück oder das Glück anderer.* “Vorträge des X. Internationalen Leibniz-Kongress, ed. Li Wenchao et al., pp.467-478, Hildesheim: Olms, 2016

#### REVIEWS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

Oliveri, L. (2015). “*I volti dell’errore nel pensiero moderno. Da Bacone a Leibniz - Università Ca’ Foscari, Venezia, 20-21 Marzo 2014*”. *Rivista di Storia della Filosofia*, 3 (2015), pp. 639-43

Oliveri, L. (2012). “J. MITTELSTRAß, *Leibniz und Kant. Erkenntnistheoretische Studien*, De Gruyter, Berlin/Boston 2011”. *Verifiche*, 4, pp. 433-439

Oliveri, L. (2012). “*Leibniz’ Sprachforschung und Sprachphilosophie Hannover 1-2 Juni 2012. Eine gemeinsame Veranstaltung mit der Gottfried-Wilhelm-Leibniz Gesellschaft zum 75 Geburtstag von Prof. Dr. Hans Poser*”. *Blytiri*, I (1), 2012, pp. 203-209

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#### TALKS

##### REFEREED TALKS

On the Epistemological Status of Thought Experiments in Leibniz's Metaphysics: Conceivability, Possibility and Compossibility (P)

International Congress: *Leibniz – scientist, Leibniz – philosopher* Lampeter Campus of University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, July 3-5, 2015.

Leibniz and the Wild Boar. (P)

Workshop: *Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Nijmegen, February 24-25, 2015.

Leibniz and the Poverty of the Stimulus Argument. (P)

Summer School: *Epistemology and Cognition, Historical Track*, University of Groningen, August 25-29, 2014.

Why Do We Need Concepts? Leibniz and Locke on Concepts. (P)

Workshop: *Concepts and Categorization in Linguistics, Cognitive Science, and Philosophie*, Heinrich Heine Universität Düsseldorf, May 15-16, 2013

##### PARTECIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

Summer School *Joint Attention: Psychological and Philosophical Perspectives*

German National Merit Foundation

Überlinge, August 18-22, 2016

*Leibniz Summer School*

Max Planck Institute for Mathematics in the Sciences

July 7-12, 2016

##### INVITED TALKS

Why are Schemata Temporal? Kant on Schematism

International Conference: *Zeit für Kant*, University of Bonn, June 08-09, 2018

Idee innate, linguaggio e immaginazione nei *Nuovi Saggi*

University of Milan, Italy, May 9, 2018

Leibniz Against Descartes’s Pure Intellection

NY/NJ Research Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy

John Jay College of Criminal Justice/The City University of New York, April 18, 2018

Leibniz-Treuer Correspondence.  
Rutgers University, March 28, 2018

Leibniz's Logic of Imagination.  
Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop, February 16, 2018, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Leibniz on the Role of Innate Ideas in Human Cognition  
X. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress, Juli 18-23, 2016, Hannover

The Origins of Natural Languages and Their Role for the Establishment of a Society.  
X. Internationaler Leibniz-Kongress, Juli 18-23, 2016, Hannover

Leibniz on the Origins of Language: Innate Ideas, Tropic Expressions and the Place of the Other. Workshop:  
"Language in Early Modern Philosophy", University of Groningen, May 26, 2016  
On the Distinction Between Human and Animal Cognition in Leibniz's Epistemology  
Forschungskolloquium des Philosophischen Seminar, University of Paderborn, Mai 21, 2015

Logische und Semantische Funktion der Präpositionen bei Leibniz' Sprachphilosophie  
Workshop: "Leibniz' Sprachforschung und Sprachphilosophie", Hannover, June 1- 2, 2012

Il ruolo dell'immaginazione nell'invenzione dei caratteri in Leibniz. Appunti intorno a un progetto di ricerca.  
Workshop: "Leibniz & Locke on Language. Themes from the Book III of the New Essay/ Essay"  
Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa, November 10, 2011

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## REFEREES

Prof. Martha B. Bolton  
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Prof. Jeffrey McDonough  
Harvard University  
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