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Education

2000 Habilitation, University of Frankfurt, Germany
1992 Ph.D. *summa cum laude* (Philosophy) University of Frankfurt, Germany
 Advisor: Jürgen Habermas
1987 M.A. *cum laude* (Philosophy) University of Valencia, Spain
1986 B.A. (Philosophy) University of Valencia, Spain

Academic Positions

2017- present Chair, Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University
2015- present Director, Program in Critical Theory, Northwestern University
2010-2013 Wender-Lewis Research and Teaching Professor of Philosophy, Northwestern
 University
2005- present Professor, Northwestern University
2001-2005 Associate Professor, Northwestern University
1995-2001 Assistant Professor, Northwestern University
1992-1995 Researcher, Institute of Philosophy (Spanish Council for Scientific Research), Spain
1993-95 Lecturer, University of Frankfurt, Germany

Fellowships, Grants, Honors

2015- present Co-director of the Research Group on Global Capitalism and Law, Buffett
 Institute, Northwestern University.
2013-14 ASG Faculty Honor Roll
2013, November Clough Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence, Boston College
2012-13 Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin, Germany.
2011, Spring Spinoza Chair and Lectures, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
2011, December Lectures on Global Justice, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile.
2009, September García Máynez Lectures, Universidad Autónoma de Mexico, Mexico.
2008, December The Secularity and Value Annual Lecture, London School of Economics, London.

- 2007, Summer Visiting Professor, University of Oviedo, Spain
- 2000, Summer Visiting Professor, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid
- 1994, Fall Visiting Professor, Universidad Autónoma de Méjico, Mexico
- 2015-2018 “Big Ideas” Grant for the study of Global Capitalism and Law, with Prof. Karen Alter (political science) and Prof. Bruce Carruthers (sociology), Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University.
- 2014 EDGS Conference Grant in support of the International Conference Critical Theory in Critical Times, May, 2-4, 2014, Equality, Development and Globalization Studies Program, Buffet Center, Northwestern University.
- 1999 Grant for publication of the book *Heidegger, Language, and World-disclosure*, (Cambridge University Press, 2000), Northwestern University Research Grants Committee.
- 1996 Grant for publication of the book *The Linguistic Turn in Hermeneutic Philosophy*, (MIT Press 1999), National Research Grants Committee, Spain.
- 1990-92 DAAD Fellowship, University of Frankfurt, Germany.
- 1987-90 National Fellowship for Young Researchers (4-years), University of Frankfurt, Germany.

Publications

Books:

- *Global Governance and Human Rights* (Spinoza Lectures Series, Amsterdam: van Gorcum, 2012)
- *Heidegger, Language and World-Disclosure* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000)
German edition: *Sprache und Welterschließung. Zur linguistischen Wende der Hermeneutik Heideggers* (Frankfurt: Suhrkamp 1994).
Spanish edition: *Lenguaje y apertura del mundo* (Madrid: Alianza Ed., 1997)
- *The Linguistic Turn in Hermeneutic Philosophy* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1999; paperback 2002)
Spanish edition: *La razón como lenguaje. Un análisis del giro lingüístico en la filosofía del lenguaje alemana* (Madrid: Visor, 1993).
Chinese edition: Zhejiang University Press, forthcoming.

Edited volumes:

- *The Future of Critical Theory: Transforming the Global Political and Economic Order* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2017). Co-edited with P. Deutscher.
- *Habermas Handbuch* (Stuttgart: Metzler Verlag, 2009). Co-edited with H. Brunkhorst and R. Kreide.

English edition: *The Habermas Handbook*, Columbia University Press, 2017.
Chinese edition: Social Sciences Academic Press Beijing, forthcoming.

Articles:

- “Can Democracy be Deliberative and Participatory? The Democratic Case for Political Uses of Minipublics,” *Daedalus, the Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, special issue on Prospects and Limits of Deliberative Democracy, ed. by J. Fishkin and J. Mansbridge, 146/3 (2017), 85-105.
- “Separation of Church and State” in G. Oppy ed., *The Blackwell Companion to Atheism and Philosophy*, Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, forthcoming.
- “Language and the Linguistic Turn” in A. Allen and E. Mendieta, eds., *The Cambridge Habermas Lexicon*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
- “Heidegger and The Frankfurt School” in E. Hammer, A. Honneth and P. Gordon, eds., *The Routledge Companion to the Frankfurt School*, London: Routledge, forthcoming.
- “Should we take the “Human” out of Human Rights? Human Dignity in a Corporate World,” *Ethics & International Affairs*, 30/2 (2016), 233-252.
- “Sovereignty and the International Protection of Human Rights,” *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, forthcoming.
- “Religion in the Public Sphere,” in J. Shook and P. Zuckerman, eds., *The Oxford Handbook on Secularism*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “Philosophical Foundations of Judicial Review,” in D. Dyzenhaus and M. Thornburn, eds., *Philosophical Foundations of Constitutional Law*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “Deliberation, Participation and Democratic Legitimacy: Should Deliberative Minipublics shape Public Policy?,” *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, 23/1 (2015), 40-63.
- “Human Rights, Sovereignty, and the Responsibility to Protect,” *Constellations* 22/1 (2015), 68-78.
Listed on SSRN’s Top Ten List for the topic International Law/Compliance.
- “Religious Pluralism in a Deliberative Democracy”, in F. Requejo and C. Ungureanu (eds), *Democracy, Law and Religious Pluralism in Europe*, London: Routledge, 46-60.
Reprinted in K. Appel (ed.) *Europa mit oder ohne Religion? Beiträge der Religionen für das gegenwärtige und künftige Europa*, Vienna: Vienna University Press, 2014, 39-56.
- *La religió en l'esfera pública / Religion in the Public Sphere*, Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona, Barcelona, 2013.
- “The Cunning of Law: Remarks on Hauke Brunkhorst’s *Critical Theory of Legal Revolutions*,” *Social & Legal Studies* 23/4 (2014), 565-575.
- “Habermas on the Future of the Human Species and Biotechnology,” in E. Mendieta, ed., *Habermas Now*, Polity Press, forthcoming.
- “Transcendental vs Hermeneutic Phenomenology in *Being and Time*,” in S. Gardner and M. Grist, eds., *The Transcendental Turn*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015, 278-293.
- “Global Governance and Human Rights”, in M. Lutz-Bachmann and A. Nascimento, eds., *Human Rights, Human Dignity and Cosmopolitan Ideals*, Ashgate, 2014, 45-74.
- “Jürgen Habermas,” in N. Keane and C. Lawn, eds., *The Blackwell Companion to*

- Hermeneutics*, Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, forthcoming.
- “Martin Heidegger,” in N. Keane and C. Lawn, eds., *The Blackwell Companion to Hermeneutics*, Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, forthcoming.
 - “Correctness and Legitimacy in the Discourse Theory of Law”, in M. Klatt (ed.), *Institutionalized Reason. The Jurisprudence of Robert Alexy*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, 291-306.
 - “Human Rights and the Legitimacy of Global Governance Institutions,” *Revista Latinoamericana de Filosofía Política* 2/1 (2013), 1-33.
 - “Law, Normativity and Legitimacy: Can Moral Constructivism be fruitful for Legal Theory?”, in S. Berteau and G. Pavlakos, eds., *New Essays on the Normative Dimension of Law*, Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2011, 229-45.
- Revised edition: “Agreement and Consent in Kant and Habermas: Can Kantian Constructivism be fruitful for Democratic Theory?” *Philosophical Forum* 43/3 (2012), 277-95.
- “Accountability and Global Governance: Challenging the state-centric Conception of Human Rights,” *Ethics & Global Politics*, 3/3 (2010), 193-215.
- German translation: “Rechenschaftspflicht und Global Governance. Zur Kritik der staatszentrierten Menschenrechtskonzeption”, in R. Kreide, C. Landwehr and K Toens, eds. *Demokratie und Gerechtigkeit in Verteilungskonflikten, Nomos* 21 (2012), 71-102.
- Spanish translation: “Responsabilidad, inclusión y gobernanza global. Una crítica de la concepción estatista de los derechos humanos”, *Isegoría* 43 (2010), 407-34.
- “Can Democracy go Global? Comments on J. Bohman’s *Democracy across Borders*”, *Ethics & Global Politics*, 3/1 (2010), 13-19.
 - “The Place of Self-Interest and the Role of Power in Deliberative Democracy”, *The Journal of Political Philosophy* 18/1 (2010), 64-100. Co-author with J. Mansbridge, J. Bohman, S. Chambers, D. Estlund, A. Follesdal, A. Fung, B. Manin and J. L. Martí.
 - “Religion and the Public Sphere. What are the Deliberative Obligations of Democratic Citizenship?” *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, 35/1-2 (2009), 127-50.
- Revised edition in C. Calhoun, E. Mendieta and J. VanAntwerpen, eds., *Habermas and Religion*, Polity Press, 2013, 230-248.
- “Alternative Visions of a New Global Order: What should Cosmopolitans hope for?” *Ethics & Global Politics*, 1/1-2 (2008), 1-20
- Reprinted in S. Besson and J.L. Martí, eds., *Legal Republicanism and Republican Law. National and Post-National Perspectives*, Oxford University Press, 2009, 256-77.
- Reprinted in *Soziale Welt*, 18 (2009), 231-250.
- “Pluralismo y Justicia Global”, *Isonomía*, 31 (2009), 107-36.
- English translation: “Pluralism and Global Justice”, *Enrahonar* 46 (2011), 11-37.
- “Habermas”, entry in *The Routledge’s Pragmatics Encyclopedia*, ed. By L. Cummings, Routledge, NY, 2010, 184-86.
 - “Hermeneutik und *linguistic turn*”, in H. Brunkhorst, R. Kreide and C. Lafont, eds., *Habermas Handbuch*, Stuttgart: Metzler Verlag, 2009, 29-34.
 - “Kommunikative Vernunft”, in H. Brunkhorst, R. Kreide and C. Lafont, eds., *Habermas Handbuch*, Stuttgart: Metzler Verlag, 2009, 176-187.
 - “Kommunikatives Handeln”, in H. Brunkhorst, R. Kreide and C. Lafont, eds., *Habermas*

- Handbuch*, Stuttgart: Metzler Verlag, 2009, 332-335.
- “World-Disclosure and Critique: Did Habermas succeed in thinking with Heidegger and against Heidegger?”, *Telos* 145 (2008), 161-176.
 - “Critical Theory: The Right and the Good”, *Philosophy Today* 52 (2008), 104-113.
 - “Religious citizens and public reasons”, invited contribution to *The Immanent Frame*, blog from the Social Science Research Council, posted on 02/08/2008, http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/.
 - “Inclusion and Accountability in the Public Sphere”, invited contribution to *The Immanent Frame*, blog from the Social Science Research Council, posted on 01/29/2008, http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2008/01/29/inclusion-and-accountability-in-the-public-sphere/
 - “Meaning and Interpretation. Can Brandomian Scorekeepers be Gadamerian Hermeneuts?,” in *Philosophy Compass*, 2 (2007), 1-13.
Reprinted in A. Wiercinski, ed., *Gadamer’s Hermeneutics and the Art of Conversation*, Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2011, 157-168.
Spanish translation: “Significado e interpretación en Gadamer y Brandom”, *Signos Filosóficos* 12/23 (2010), 95-114.
 - “Religion in the Public Sphere: Remarks on Habermas’s Conception of Public Deliberation in Post-secular Societies”, *Constellations*, 14/2 (2007), 236-56.
Reprinted in D. M. Rasmussen and J. Swindal, eds., *Habermas II*, volume 4, London: Sage Publications, 2010.
 - “Heidegger and the Synthetic Apriori”, in J. Malpas and S. Crowell, eds., *Transcendental Heidegger*, California: Stanford University Press, 2007, pp. 104-118.
 - “Democracia y deliberación pública”, in Rodolfo Arango, ed., *Filosofía de la democracia*, Bogota: Siglo del Hombre Editores, 2007, pp. 125-146.
 - “Is the Ideal of a Deliberative Democracy Coherent?,” in S. Besson and J.L. Martí, eds., *Deliberative Democracy and its Discontents*, Aldershot: Ashgate, 2006, pp. 3-26.
 - “Acuerdo discursivo y corrección moral en la ética del discurso”, in *Revista de Ciencias Sociales* 52 (2008).
 - “El giro lingüístico hoy”, *Diánoia* 56 (2006), pp. 19-31.
 - “Was Heidegger an Externalist?,” *Inquiry* 48/6 (2005), pp. 507-532.
 - “Universalization or Threat Advantage: The Difficult Dialogue between Discourse Ethics and the Theory of Rational Choice”, *Dialogue* 44 (2005), pp. 373-82.
 - “Heidegger’s Hermeneutics”, in H. Dreyfus and M. Wrathall, eds., *The Blackwell Companion to Heidegger*, Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, 2005, pp. 265-284.
 - “Justicia y legitimidad. La intrincada relación entre la política y la moral”, in M. Herrera / P. De Greiff, eds., *Razones de la Justicia. Homenaje a Thomas McCarthy*, México: Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, 2005, pp. 93-124.
 - “Heidegger on Meaning and Reference”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 31/1 (2005), pp. 9-20.
 - “Moral Objectivity and Reasonable Agreement: Can Realism be reconciled with Kantian Constructivism?” *Ratio Juris* 17/1 (2004), pp. 27-51.
Reprinted in D. M. Rasmussen and J. Swindal, eds., *Habermas II*, volume 2, London: Sage Publications, 2010.
 - “Remarks on Habermas’s *The Future of Human Nature*”, *APA Newsletter on Philosophy*

- and Medicine* 3/1 (2003), pp.157-160.
Reprinted in D. M. Rasmussen and J. Swindal, eds., *Habermas II*, volume 4, London: Sage Publications, 2010
- “Wahrheit und Welterschließung. Das synthetische Apriori nach der linguistischen Wende”, in G. Keil, ed., *Phänomenologie und Sprachanalyse*, Paderborn: Mentis, 2006, pp. 127-148.
Spanish Edition: “Verdad y Apertura de Mundo. El problema de los juicios sintéticos a priori tras el giro lingüístico”, *Azafea* 5 (2003), pp. 49-70.
Modified Spanish version: “El problema de la apertura lingüística del mundo en la filosofía hermenéutica y analítica”, en F. Galán, A. Xolocotzi, M. T. de la Garza, eds., *El futuro de la filosofía*, Universidad Iberoamericana, A.C., México, 2004, pp. 137-166.
 - “Procedural Justice? Implications of the Rawls-Habermas Debate for Discourse Ethics”, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 29/2 (2003), pp.167-185.
Reprinted in K. Guenther, C. Joerges and C. Ungureanu, eds., *Jurgen Habermas Volume 1: The Discourse Theory of Law and Democracy*, Ashgate, 2011.
Reprinted in D. M. Rasmussen and J. Swindal, eds., *Habermas II*, volume 2, London: Sage Publications, 2010.
 - “Précis of *Heidegger, Language, and World-disclosure*”, *Inquiry* 45 (2002), pp.185-90.
 - “Replies”, *Inquiry* 45 (2002), pp.229-48.
 - “Realismus und Konstruktivismus in der Kantianischen Moralphilosophie – Das Beispiel der Diskursethik”, *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 50/1 (2002), pp.39-52.
Spanish Edition: “Realismo y constructivismo en la teoría moral kantiana: el ejemplo de la ética del discurso”, *Isegoría* 27 (2002), pp. 115-129.
 - “Continental philosophy of language,” in *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, vol.3 *Philosophy*, Oxford: Elsevier Science, 2002, pp.8329-8336.
 - “Is Objectivity Perspectival? Reflexions on Brandom’s and Habermas’s Pragmatist Conceptions of Objectivity” in M. Aboulaflia, ed. *Habermas and Pragmatism*, London: Routledge, 2002, pp.185-209.
Reprinted in D. Rasmussen and J. Swindal, eds., *Critical Theory*, London: Sage Publications, 2004, vol. 3, pp. 50-72.
German Edition: “Kann Objektivität perspektivistisch sein? Ein Vergleich der Objektivitätskonzeptionen von Habermas und Brandom” in K. Günther/ L. Wingert, eds., *Die Öffentlichkeit der Vernunft und die Vernunft der Öffentlichkeit*, Frankfurt: Suhrkamp, 2001, pp. 192-216.
 - “A consideración da linguaxe na súa dimensión constitutiva nas concepcións de Humboldt”, *Grial* 40 (2002), pp.35-67. (Galician translation of chapter 2 of *The Linguistic Turn in Hermeneutic Philosophy*, MIT Press, 1999).
 - “How Cognitivist is Discourse Ethics?”, in M. Niquet, F. Herrero and M. Hanke, eds., *Diskursethik. Grundlegungen und Anwendungen*, Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2001, pp. 135-144.
 - “Pluralism and Universalism in Discourse Ethics” in A. Nascimento, ed., *A Matter of Discourse: Community and Communication in Contemporary Philosophies*, London: Avebury Press, 1998, pp.55-78.
Spanish translation: “Pluralismo y universalismo en la ética discursiva”, *Isegoría* 17 (1997), pp.37-58.

- “La teoría de la racionalidad comunicativa de Habermas: Una concepción discursiva de la aceptabilidad racional”, *Teoría/Crítica* 4 (1997), pp.315-30.
- “Truth, Knowledge and Reality,” *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal*, 18/2 (1995),109-126. Reprinted in *Sorites* (April 1995), 100-114.
Spanish translation: “Verdad, saber y realidad”, in *La filosofía moral y política de J.Habermas*, J.A.Gimbernat, ed., Biblioteca Nueva, Madrid 1997, 239-60.
- “La tradición humboldtiana y el relativismo lingüístico”, together with L.Peña, in *Enciclopedia Iberoamericana de Filosofía*, vol.7, El lenguaje, Trotta, Madrid 1999, 191-218.
- “Spannungen im Wahrheitsbegriff”, *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 42/6 (1994), 1007-1023.
Spanish translation: “Dilemas en torno a la verdad”, *Theoria* 10/23 (1995),109-124.
- “Referencia y verdad”, *Theoria* 9/21 (1994), 39-60.
- “Welterschliessung und Referenz”, *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 41/3 (1993), 491-507.
English translation: “World-disclosure and Reference”, *Thesis Eleven* 37 (1994), pp.46-63.
Spanish translation: “Apertura del mundo y referencia” in *Figuras del logos*, C. Thiebaut et alii, eds., FCE, Mexico 1994, pp.271-288.
- “Die Rolle der Sprache in ‘Sein und Zeit’”, *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 47/1 (1993), pp. 41-59.
Reprinted in: H. Dreyfus and M. Wrathall, eds., *Heidegger Reexamined: Heidegger and Contemporary Philosophy*, New York: Routledge, 2002, pp. 53-71.
Spanish translation: “El papel del lenguaje en *Ser y Tiempo*”, *Isegoría* 7 (1993), pp.183-196.

Reviews:

- Review of *Democracy Disfigured*, by Nadia Urbinati, *Constellations* 22/2 (2015), 326-328.
- Review of *Global Justice and Due Process*, by Larry May, *Ethics* 123/2 (2013), 386-91.
- “Whose Poor are the Global Poor?” Review essay on *World Poverty and Human Rights, second edition*, by Thomas Pogge, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 35/8 (2009), 1007-13.
- Review of *Communicative Action and Rational Choice*, by Joseph Heath, *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, 31/2 (2005), pp. 253-263.
- Review of *Verwandlung der Welt in Sprache*, by Ulrich Welbers, *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie*, 53/3 (2005), pp. 507-511.
- Review of *A Guide to Heidegger’s Being and Time*, by Magda King, *The Review of Metaphysics*, 56/1 (2002), pp. 181-83.
- Review of *Selected Essays, vol.1: Towards a Transcendental Semiotics and vol.2: Ethics and the Theory of Rationality* by K.-O. Apel, *Constellations*, 7/1 (2000), pp.148-153.
- Review of *Selected Essays, vol.1: Towards a Transcendental Semiotics* by K.-O. Apel, *Philosophical Quarterly*, 48/191 (1998), pp.280-82.
- Review of *Razón e Incertidumbre* by C. Pereda, *Logos* 66/3 (1994), pp.165-67.

Conference papers, Invited lectures:

- “Neoliberal Globalization and the International Protection of Human Rights”
 - Invited keynote speaker at an International Symposium on “Forty Years of Reform and China’s Road”, University of Shanghai, China, December 9, 2017
 - Invited keynote speaker for the annual *Constellations Lecture*, The New School for Social Research, NY, November 2017.
 - Invited talk at the 26th Annual Meeting of the *Critical Theory Roundtable*, University of California, Irvine, November 2017.
 - Speaker at the international, interdisciplinary workshop on “How Demanding Should Human Rights be?” at Northwestern University, October 13-14, 2017.
 - Invited keynote speaker at an international conference on Global Constitutionalism, University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, June 2017.
 - Invited keynote speaker at an international conference on Neoliberalism and Social Democracy, DePaul University, April 2017.

- “Global Governance and the Problem of the Second Best”
 - Invited speaker (with Karen Alter) at an international conference on Governance, Legality, and Political Morality Beyond the State, Burlington, Ontario, September 2017.

- “Deliberative Democracy & the Public Sphere”
 - Invited keynote speaker at a workshop on “Democratic Anxiety and Resilience,” Freie University of Berlin, Germany, October 2017.
 - Invited participant to a panel on Deliberative Democracy and the Public Sphere at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, August 2017.
 - Invited participant to a panel on Deliberative Democracy and the Public Sphere at the International Communication Association Annual Conference, San Diego, May 2017.

- “Citizens in Robes: The Role of Religion in Constitutional Democracies”
 - Invited Keynote Speaker at the 9th annual meeting of the Istanbul Seminars “Philosophers bridge the Bosphorus” on Religion, Rights and the Public Sphere, Istanbul, May 24-28, 2016.

- “Should We Take the “Human” out of Human Rights? Human Dignity in a Corporate World”
 - Invited speaker at a workshop on the Philosophical Justification of Human Rights, University of Frankfurt, Germany, June 13, 2015.
 - Invited speaker at a workshop on Human Rights and Human Dignity, University of Chicago, May 29, 2015.

- “Citizens in Robes (or how religious and secular citizens can equally own the institutions of a liberal democracy)”
 - Invited Keynote Speaker at an international conference on Religion in Liberal Political

Philosophy: New Approaches, University College London, June 11-12, 2015.

- “Sovereignty and the International Protection of Human Rights”
Invited Keynote Speaker at an international conference on Justification beyond the State, Yale University, December 5-6, 2014.

- “Human Rights, Sovereignty and the Responsibility to Protect”
Invited Keynote Speaker at the X Philosophy Symposium, University of Lima, Peru, October 22-24, 2014.
- Invited Keynote Speaker at an international conference on Representation, Democracy, and Social Control, Catholic University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 2014.
- Invited talk at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, September 2014.
- Invited speaker to a panel on International Law, Human Rights and Cosmopolitanism at the 2014 APSA Annual Meeting in Washington DC, August 30, 2014.
- Invited talk at the University of Hamburg, Germany, June 17, 2014.
- Invited speaker at a conference on Normative Theory and International Law, University of Richmond, Virginia, February 28, 2014.
- Clough Distinguished Lecture in Jurisprudence, Boston College, November 1, 2013.
- Invited talk at the Yale Political Theory Workshop, Yale University, October 16, 2013.

- “Deliberation, Participation and Democratic Legitimacy: Should Minipublics shape Public Policy?”
Invited speaker at a workshop on The Epistemic Dimensions of Democracy Revisited, Center for Human Values, Princeton University, April 30, 2014.
- Keynote speaker at a workshop on “Political Legitimacy and the Fact of Expertise”, University of Oslo, Norway, April 4-5, 2013.

- “The Responsibility to Respect: Comments on Samantha Besson’s *Human Rights as Law*”
Invited speaker at a workshop on Samantha Besson’s forthcoming book *Human Rights as Law*, PluriCourts, University of Oslo, June 12, 2014.

- “Citizens in Robes: The Public Sphere as a Forum of Principle”
Invited speaker at a session on Religious Toleration at the APA Central Division Meeting in Chicago, March 1st, 2014.

- “The Politics of Imagination: Critical Theory and Realistic Utopias”
Invited talk at the Constellations 20th Anniversary Conference, The New School for Social Research, NY, April 25-27, 2014.
- Invited talk at a conference on The Force of Imagination, University of Macau, Macau, December 14-15, 2013.

- “Religious Pluralism and the Obligations of Democratic Citizenship”
Invited talk at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, June 26, 2013.
- Keynote speaker at an international conference on “Rethinking Europe with(out) Religion”,

- University of Vienna, Austria, February 20-23, 2013.
- Invited talk at the University of Frankfurt, November 28, 2012.

- “Global Governance and Human Rights”
- Invited talk at Humboldt University Berlin, May 16, 2013.
- Invited talk at Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, March 26, 2013.
- Invited talk at Graduiertenkolleg, Humboldt University of Berlin, January 30, 2013.
- Invited talk at Freie Universität Berlin, December 4, 2012.
- Invited talk at University of Frankfurt, November 27, 2012.
- IV Congreso Iberoamericano de Filosofía, Universidad de Santiago, Chile, November 2012.
- Keynote speaker at a Conference on Cosmopolitan Rights and Responsibilities, University of Washington, Seattle, May 10-12, 2012.
- Invited talk at Grand Valley State University, March 23, 2012.

- Invited participant to a panel discussion on N. Urbinati’s book *Democracy Disfigured* at the 2014 APSA Annual Meeting in Washington DC, August 2014.

- Invited participant to a panel discussion on my book *Global Governance and Human Rights* at a conference on Critical Theory and European Studies, European University of Flensburg, May 10-12, 2013.

- “The Cunning of Law: Remarks on Hauke Brunkhorst’s Critical Theory of Legal Revolutions,” invited participant to a panel discussion of Brunkhorst’s book *Critical Theory of Legal Revolutions* at a conference on Critical Theory and European Studies, European University of Flensburg, May 10-12, 2013.

- “Human Rights and the Legitimacy of Global Governance Institutions”
- Invited talk at a workshop on Human Rights and Democracy in a Globalized World, Torcuato di Tella University, Buenos Aires, November 2012.
- Invited talk at a conference on Authority and Legitimacy of International Institutions, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, June 2012.

- “Deliberative Democracy: From Theory to Practice and Back Again?” invited talk to a Symposium on The Practice of Deliberative Democracy of the APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, February 18, 2012.
- Lectures on Global Justice, Universidad Diego Portales, Chile, December 2011.
- “Religious Pluralism in a Deliberative Democracy”, invited talk at a conference on Religious Pluralism at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, November 2011.
- “Religion in the Public Sphere”, invited talk at the Centro de Cultura Contemporanea de Barcelona, Barcelona, November 2011.
- “Global Justice and Human Rights”, invited talk to a conference on Global Justice, Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia, October 2011.
- “Agreement and Consent in Kant and Habermas: Can Kantian Constructivism be fruitful for Democratic Theory?”, invited talk to a conference on The Legacy of Kant, Cornell

- University, September 16-17, 2011.
- “Global Governance and Human Rights: Can a practical conception of human rights offer any guidance to the human rights project?”, invited talk at the Oxford Political Theory Seminar Series, Oxford University, May 19, 2011.
- “Global governance and human rights: Challenging the state-centric conception of human rights”, Second Spinoza Lecture, University of Amsterdam, May 12, 2011.
- “Global Governance and Human Rights: Can a practical conception of human rights offer any guidance to the human rights project?”, First Spinoza Lecture, University of Amsterdam, March 31, 2011.
- “Gadamer and Brandom on Interpretation”, invited talk for a conference on the Future of Hermeneutics 50 Years after *Truth and Method*, at the Freie Universität Berlin, November 2010.
- “Accountability and Global Governance”, talk at the 2010 Critical Theory Roundtable, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, October 2010.
- “Accountability and Global Governance: Challenging the State-Centric Conception of Human Rights”, invited talk at the Workshop on Global Political Justice, Monash University Prato Centre, Prato, Italy, June 2010.
- “Democratic Accountability and Global Governance: Challenging the State-Centric Conception of Human Rights”, invited talk at a conference on Deliberative Democracy and Global Justice, University of Frankfurt, March 2010.
- “Pluralism and Global Justice”, invited talk for the Consortium of German Philosophy in the Chicago Area, DePaul University, February 2010.
- “Pluralism and Global Justice”, invited talk at Michigan State University, February, 2010.
- “Comments on T. May’s ‘Kant via Rancière: From Ethics to Anarchism’ and J. Bohman’s ‘Living without Freedom: Cosmopolitanism at Home and the Rule of Law’”, invited participation on a Symposium on New Trends in Democratic Theory, APA Eastern Division Meeting, December 2009.
- “Pluralism and Global Justice”, invited talk at the Workshop in Political Theory of the Department of Political Science at Stanford University, December 2009.
- “Pluralismo y Justicia Global”, invited talk at the Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, December 2009.
- “La religión en la esfera pública: cuáles son las obligaciones deliberativas de la ciudadanía democrática?”, invited talk at the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, December 2009.
- “Who’s Afraid of Epistemocracy? On D. Estlund’s *Democratic Authority*”, invited talk for a conference on Estlund’s book *Democratic Authority* at the University of Norway, Oslo, December 2009.
- “Pluralism and Global Justice”, invited talk at the University of Norway, Oslo, December 2009.
- “Pluralism and Global Justice”, invited talk at the Law School of Northwestern University, December 2009.
- “Religion in the Public Sphere”, invited talk for a workshop on “Religion, the Public Sphere and World Society” at New York University, October 22-25, 2009.
- Invited lecture series on Democracy and Global Justice for the “XIX Seminario Eduardo

- García Máynez in Theory and Philosophy of law”, at the Universidad Autónoma de Mexico, September 21-24, 2009.
- “Pluralism and Global Justice”, invited key-note speech at the University Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile, September 8th, 2009.
 - “Law, Normativity and Legitimacy”, invited public lecture at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, June 2nd, 2009.
 - “The Normative Validity of Law and the Two Sides of Autonomy”, invited talk for a workshop on “The Normative Dimension of Law” at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, June 3-4, 2009.
 - Invited participation to a workshop on “Public Reasons and Deliberation” at the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, May 8-10, 2009.
 - “Comments on J. Bohman’s *Democracy across Borders*”, invited participation in an Author Meets Critics Panel on J. Bohman’s book *Democracy across Borders* at 2009 Pacific APA, Vancouver, April 8-12, 2009.
 - “Global Justice in a Pluralist World Society”, invited talk at Union College, New York, February 19th, 2009.
 - “Gadamer and Brandom on Interpretation”, invited keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics, SPEP, Pittsburgh, October 16th, 2008.
 - “Correctness and Legitimacy in the Discourse Theory of Law”, invited talk for a symposium on Rights, Law and Morality: Themes from the legal philosophy of Robert Alexy at Oxford University, September 2008.
 - “The role of self-interest in a deliberative democracy”, invited talk at a panel on deliberative democracy at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2008.
 - “Religion, Secularism and the Public Sphere”, invited lecture for the Secularity and Value Annual Lecture Series of the Forum for European Philosophy at the London School of Economics, June 17th, 2008.
 - “Should we strive for a public sphere without hegemony?”, invited discussion with Prof. Jose Casanova on the role of religion in the public sphere, Forum of European Philosophy at the London School of Economics, June 16th, 2008.
 - “Global Justice in a Pluralist World Society”, invited plenary speaker at the III Congreso Iberoamericano de Filosofía, Medellín, Colombia, June 2008.
 - “Comments on W. Rehg’s “Moral Realism and Autonomy in Discourse Ethics””, invited talk for a colloquium session at the Central Division Meeting of the APA, Chicago, April 2008.
 - “Alternative Visions of a New Global Order: What should Cosmopolitans hope for?”, invited talk at Kalamazoo College, April 2008.
 - “Critical Theory: The Right and the Good”, invited talk for a colloquium session on the Future of Critical Theory at the 46 Annual Conference of the SPEP, Chicago, November 2007.
 - “Alternative Visions of a New Global Order: What should Cosmopolitans hope for?”, invited talk for the 2007 Critical Theory Roundtable, Saint Louis University, October 2007.
 - “Alternative Visions of a New Global Order: What should Cosmopolitans hope for?”,

- invited keynote speech for a conference on Democracy and Legitimation in the Global Society, University of Flensburg, Germany, June 14th- 16th 2007.
- “Models of Democracy”, graduate seminar at the Universidad of Oviedo, Spain, June 2007.
 - “Religion in the Public Sphere”, invited talk for a panel on Religion and Science in the Public Sphere: New Directions in Critical Theory, for the 2007 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 30th – September 2nd 2007.
 - “Religion in the Public Sphere: What are the Deliberative Obligations of Democratic Citizenship?”, invited plenary speaker at a conference of the Society for European Philosophy annual conference in Sussex University, England, September 8th-10th 2007
 - “Deliberative Democracy and its Challenges”, invited talk for the biannual Conference of the SEFA, University of Barcelona, Spain, September 2007.
 - “Religion in the Public Sphere”, invited talk at Grinnell College, April 2007.
 - Participation in the “Workshop on the Role of Bargaining, Negotiation, Compromise and Voting in Deliberative Democracy”, Center for Ethics/Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Kennedy School, Harvard University, March 17th -18th 2007.
 - “World-Disclosure and Critique: Did Habermas succeed in thinking with Heidegger and against Heidegger?”, invited talk for a conference on Phenomenology and Critical Theory at The Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, March 15th -16th 2007.
 - “Ways of Post-metaphysical Thinking” invited talk at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, January 11th, 2007.
 - “Critical Theory, the Right and the Good”, invited talk for a conference on Critical Theory in America in honor of Prof. Thomas McCarthy, Northwestern University, December 1st, 2006.
 - “Democracy and Public Deliberation”, invited talk for a conference on the future of democracy, University of Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, September 25th- 27th 2006.
 - “Transcendental versus Hermeneutic Phenomenology in *Being and Time*”, invited talk for a conference on Phenomenology at the University of London, June 15th-17th 2006.
 - “The Public Use of Reason in Post-Secular Societies”, invited talk for the annual Prague Critical Theory Conference at the Institute of Philosophy at the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, May 18th-21st, 2006.
 - “Religion in the Public Sphere. Remarks on Habermas’s Conception of Post-secular Societies”, invited talk at the New School for Social Research, New York, May 2006.
 - “Religion and the Public Use of Reason”, invited talk at Rice University, Houston, March 24th, 2006.
 - “Comments on R. Brandom’s “Hermeneutic Practice and Theories of Meaning” and S. Critchley’s, “Originary Inauthenticity””, invited talk for a Symposium on Perspectives in Analytic and Continental Philosophy at the Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, New York, December 2005.
 - “The Burdens of the Public Use of Reason”, invited talk for a seminar in honor of the Holberg International Memorial Prize 2005 laureate J. Habermas at the University of Bergen, Norway, November 29th-30th, 2005.
 - “Was Heidegger an Externalist?”, invited talk at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November 11th, 2005.

- “Rightness and Truth in Moral Discourses”, invited talk at the Conference “A teoria discursiva do direito e a reabilitação da racionalidade prática”, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 7-9th September, 2005.
- “The Linguistic Turn in Perspective”, invited talk to Coloquio Diánoia, Mexican Institute for philosophical Research (UNAM), Mexico DF, June 23-24, 2005.
- “Models of Democracy: Deliberative Democracy”, invited talk to University of Campeche, Yucatán, México, June 21, 2005.
- “Is the Ideal of a Deliberative Democracy Coherent?” invited talk at the 22nd World Congress of Philosophy of Law, Granada, Spain, May 2005.
- “Acuerdo discursivo y corrección moral en la ética del discurso”, invited talk at the Universidad de Granada, Spain, May 2005.
- “Deliberative Democracy and Citizenship”, invited talk to the “Ethics in Today’s World” Videoconferences, organized by Loyola University of Chicago and Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, México, Chicago, April 2005.
- “Acuerdo discursivo y corrección moral en la ética del discurso”, invited talk at the Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain, December 2004.
- “Habermas: La ética del discurso”, invited talk at the Societat Catalana de Filosofia, Barcelona, Spain, December 2004.
- “Was Heidegger an Externalist?”, invited talk at the Annual Meeting of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Monterey, California, 13-17th July, 2004.
- “Universalization or Threat Advantage: The Difficult Dialogue between Discourse Ethics and The Theory of Rational Choice”, invited talk for a symposium on J. Heath’s book *Communicative Action and Rational Choice*, Annual meeting of the CPA, Winnipeg, May 2004.
- “Justice and Legitimacy”, invited talk at the Conference “Razones de la Justicia. Homenaje a Thomas McCarthy”, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas (UNAM), Mexico D.F., May 2004.
- “Heidegger and Putnam on the Synthetic Apriori”, invited talk at the University of Kansas, April 2004.
- “Moral Objectivity and Reasonable Agreement”, invited talk at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, April 2004.
- “Incommensurability and Relativism”, invited talk for plenary session at the II Congreso Iberoamericano de Filosofia, Lima, Peru, January 2004.
- “Justice and Legitimacy”, invited talk at the Critical Theory Roundtable, State University of New York at Stony Brook, New York, October 2003.
- “El problema de la apertura lingüística del mundo en la filosofía hermenéutica y analítica”, invited talk for a Conference on New Developments in Phenomenology and Hermeneutic Philosophy at Universidad Iberoamericana de Mexico, Mexico DF, September 2003.
- “Referencia Directa y Anáfora”, invited talk at the Mexican Institute for philosophical Research (UNAM), Mexico DF, September 2003.
- “The Objectivity of Normative Judgments: Defending Realism within Kantian Constructivism”, invited talk for plenary session at the 21st World Congress of Philosophy of Law, Lund, Sweden, August 2003.

- “Heidegger and the Synthetic Apriori”, invited talk for a Conference on Heidegger and Transcendental Philosophy at Rice University, Houston, April 2003.
- “Pragmatism, Direct Reference, and Anaphora”, invited talk for a panel on Pragmatism and Reference, Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, San Francisco, 27th-30th March 2003.
- “Is Objectivity Perspectival? On Habermas and Brandom”, invited lecture, State University of New York at Stony Brook, September 27, 2002.
- “Apriorismus nach der linguistische Wende. Heidegger und Putnam über das synthetische Apriori”, invited talk for a Conference on Phänomenologie und Sprachanalyse, Humboldt-Universität Berlin, 11th-13th July 2002.
- “Realismo y constructivismo en la teoría moral kantiana: el ejemplo de la ética del discurso”, International Conference on Realism, Universidad Autónoma de México, México DF, 29th-30th November 2001.
- “Heidegger’s conception of meaning and reference”, Annual Meeting of the SPEP at Goucher College, Baltimore, 4th-6th October 2001.
- “Is Objectivity Perspectival?”, Annual Meeting of the SPEP at Goucher College, Baltimore, 4th-6th October 2001.
- “Realism and Constructivism in Kantian Moral Theory: The Example of Discourse Ethics”, Inaugural Lecture at the University of Frankfurt, Germany, June 27th, 2001.
- “Remarks on Bill Blattner’s and Mark Wrathall’s Comments on my book *Heidegger, Language and World-disclosure*”, Annual Meeting of the International Society for Phenomenological Studies, Asilomar Conference Grounds, Monterey, California, 13-17th June, 2001.
- “Procedural Justice? Implications of the Rawls-Habermas Debate for Discourse Ethics”, 45th Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Université Laval, Québec, Canada, 24-27th May 2001.
- “Can Knowledge Claims be Perspectival?”, Central Division Meeting of the APA, Minneapolis, 3rd-5th May 2001.
- “Procedural Justice? Remarks on the Rawls-Habermas Debate”, VIII Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Kentucky, 27-29th October 2000.
- “How Cognitivist is Discourse Ethics?”, International Conference on Discourse Ethics: New Developments and Applications, Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 28th-31st August, 2000.
- Lectures Series as a Visiting Professor at Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain, 5th, 20th and 21st July, 2000.
- “Kann Objektivität perspektivistisch sein? Zur R. Brandoms Konzeption von Objektivität”, University of Frankfurt, Germany, 7th June 2000.
- “On the Origins of Heidegger’s Reification of Language”, International Conference on Heidegger’s Presence in Twentieth-Century Thought, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 16-19th January 2000.
- “Pluralism and Universalism in Discourse Ethics”, IV. Critical Theory Roundtable, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 25-27th October 1996.
- “World-disclosure and Reference”, Northwestern University, Evanston, Chicago, 1994.
- “Heidegger on World-disclosure and Reference”, New School for Social Research, New York, 1994.

- “Lenguaje y razón”, University of Mexico (UAM), Mexico, 1994.
- “Verdad, saber y realidad”, Mexican Institute for philosophical Research (UNAM), Mexico DF, 1994.
- “Verdad, saber y realidad”, El Escorial (Summer Course of University of Madrid), Madrid, Spain, 1994.
- “Spannungen im Wahrheitsbegriff“, University of Frankfurt, Germany, 1994.
- “Dilemas en torno a la verdad”, XV Congress of Philosophy: “Truth in Literature, Philosophy and the Social Sciences”, University of Barcelona, Spain, 1994.
- “Realismo e idealismo tras el giro lingüístico”, University of Barcelona, Spain, 1994.
- “Realismo interno o relativismo lingüístico?”, Central University of Barcelona, Spain, 1994.
- „Überlegungen zur Logik der Begriffe 'Referenz' und 'Wahrheit'“, Free University of Berlin, Germany, 1993.
- „Referenz und Wahrheit“, University of Frankfurt, Germany, 1993.
- “La razón como lenguaje”, Central University of Barcelona, Spain, 1993.
- “Lenguaje y apertura del mundo”, Central University of Barcelona, Spain, 1993.
- “Razón y Lenguaje”, University of Barcelona, Spain, 1993.
- “Apertura del mundo y referencia”, Institute of Philosophy (Spanish Council for Scientific Research), Madrid, Spain, 1992.
- “Welterschliessung und Referenz”, University of Frankfurt, Germany, 1992.
- “Die Rolle der Sprache in *Sein und Zeit*”, University of Frankfurt, Germany, 1991.
- “Wittgenstein y la polémica explicación-comprensión”, Philosophy Conference, University of Valencia, Spain, 1986.

Editorial and other professional service:

- Member of the Editorial Council of the Journal *Constellations*.
- Associate editor of the Journals *Law, Ethics and Philosophy*, *Isegoría*, *Azafea*, *Pléyade*.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the *Interdisciplinary Journal for Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society*.
- Consulting editor for Cambridge University Press, Blackwell Publishing.
- Consulting editor of the Journals *Philosophy and Social Criticism*, *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* (New School for Social Research).
- Referee for *Ethics*, *The Journal of Political Philosophy*, *The American Political Science Review*, *Political Theory*, *the European Journal of Political Philosophy*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Policy Sciences*, *Res Publica*, *The European Journal of Philosophy*, *Constellations*, *Inquiry*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Social Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Ethical Perspectives*, *Crítica*.
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Horizon 2020 Project on Global Justice (Arena Center for European Studies, Oslo, Norway)
- Member of the Eastern Division Advisory Committee to the Program Committee of the American Philosophical Association (2004-6).
- Member of the Program Committee for the 2006 Central Division meeting of the American

- Philosophical Association.
- Peer Reviewer of Research Projects for the American Academy in Berlin.
 - Peer Reviewer of Research Projects for the Deutsche Forschung Gemeinschaft (DFG).
 - Member of the Committee for Evaluation of Scientific Research Projects of the National Agency of Science and Technology (CONACYT) of Mexico.
 - Co-organizer with Karen Alter and Samantha Besson of an interdisciplinary workshop on “How Demanding Should Human Rights be?” Northwestern University, October 2017.
 - Co-Organizer with Dilip Gaonkar of a workshop on Critical Theory of Legal Revolutions. A Discussion with Hauke Brunkhorst, Northwestern University, February 2015.
 - Co-Organizer with Penelope Deutscher of a conference on Critical Theory in Critical Times, Northwestern University, May 2014.
 - Organizer of a yearlong interdisciplinary workshop on Democracy and Globalization at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, October 2012 to June, 2013.
 - Co-Organizer with Dilip Gaonkar (Communication studies, NU) of a conference on Critical Theory in America in honor of Prof. Thomas McCarthy, Northwestern University, December, 2006.
 - Organizer of a symposium on “deliberative democracy” at the APA Central Division meeting, the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, April 2006.
 - Organizer of a symposium on “Recognition or Redistribution?” at the APA Central Division meeting, the Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, April, 2006.
 - Co-Organizer with Gregory Ward (Linguistics, NU) of a NU campus visit by Francois Recanati (CNRS, Paris) for a two-week seminar on literal meaning, May 2004.
 - Organizer of the Conference on “The philosophy of J. Habermas” in El Escorial (Summer Course of University of Madrid), Spain, August 22-26, 1994.

Professional Organizations:

- Member of the American Philosophical Association
- Member of the American Political Science Association
- Member of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
- Member of the International Institute of Hermeneutics

Languages:

Spanish (native speaker)
 English (fluent spoken and written)
 German (fluent spoken and written).