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**EMPLOYMENT**

- Since 05/01/2021** Research Fellow (*Investigador Júnior*).  
IFILNOVA – Instituto de Filosofia da Nova.  
Universidade Nova de Lisboa (Lisbon, Portugal).
- 1/09/2016-31/08/2019** PhD Research Fellow.  
Universitat de Girona (Girona, Spain).

**EDUCATION**

- 14/02/2020** PhD in Philosophy. Universitat de Girona (UdG).  
Thesis title: *Unamuno's Natural Foundation for Religious Faith*.  
Qualification: Excellent *Cum Laude* (with International Mention).  
Supervisor: Josep Ll. Prades (U. Girona).
- 22/12/2015** BA in Geography and History. Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED): Facultad de Geografía e Historia.
- 01/09/2015** MA in Analytic Philosophy. Universitat de Barcelona (UB): Facultat de Filosofia.
- 01/09/2013** BA in Philosophy. Universitat de Girona (UdG): Facultat de Lletres.

**COMPETITIVE GRANTS**

- 29/10/2020** Six-year (3+3) Research Fellowship (Ranked second from eighty international candidates) (“Individual Call to Scientific Employment 2019, 3rd Edition”). Funder: Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT): Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education. Host institution: IFILNOVA - Instituto de Filosofia da Nova (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal).
- 27/07/2018** Mobility Grant (“Ajuts complementaris per a la mobilitat d’investigadors de la UdG, MOB2018”). Funder: Universitat de Girona (UdG).
- 14/07/2016** Three-year PhD Grant (“Ajuts per a investigadors en formació, IFUdG2016”). Funder: Universitat de Girona (UdG).

**RESEARCH STAYS**

- 28/01/2019-19/05/2019** University of Sheffield (Department of Philosophy).  
Topic: Pragmatic Arguments for Theism.  
Supervisor: T. Ryan Byerly.  
Duration: 4 months (16 weeks: 28/01/2019 – 19/05/2019).

**MEMBERSHIP OF RESEARCH GROUPS**

- Since 05/01/2021** IFILNOVA / ArgLab – Lisbon Mind and Reasoning Group (U. Nova de Lisboa).
- 1/09/2016-14/02/2020** LOGOS. Research Group in Analytic Philosophy (Universitat de Barcelona).
- 1/09/2016-14/02/2020** Filosofia (Universitat de Girona).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books (peer reviewed)

- 2020** *Unamuno's Religious Fictionalism*. Palgrave Macmillan (Palgrave Frontiers in Philosophy of Religion). ISBN: 978-3-030-54689-2.

### Papers (peer reviewed)

- Forthcoming** "On Jamesian 'Passionally Caused Atheistic Belief': a Reply to Cockayne and Warman". Forthcoming in *Sophia. International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*.
- Forthcoming** "El argumento moral de William James" ["William James's Moral Argument"]. Forthcoming in *Espíritu*.
- 2020** "Nietzsche and Unamuno on *Conatus* and the Agapeic Way of Life". *Metaphilosophy*, vol. 51, nos. 2-3 (2020), pp. 303-317.  
[Reprinted in James M. Ambury, Tushar Irani, Kathleen Wallace, eds. 2020. *Philosophy as a Way of Life: Historical, Contemporary, and Pedagogical Perspectives*. Wiley, pp. 141-154 (ISBN 978-1-119-74686-7).]
- 2020** "Unamuno and James on Religious Faith". *Teorema. Revista Internacional de Filosofía*, vol. XXXIX, n. 1 (2020), pp. 85-104.
- 2019** "Is it Reasonable to Believe that Miracles Occur?". *Teorema. Revista Internacional de Filosofía*, vol. XXXVIII, n. 2 (2019), pp. 39-50.
- 2019** "Annihilationism and the Eradication of All Sin". *Cauriensia. Revista anual de Ciencias Eclesiásticas*, vol. 14 (2019), pp. 551-556.
- 2019** "Classical Emotivism: Charles L. Stevenson". *Bajo Palabra. Revista de Filosofía*, n. 22 (2019), pp. 309-326.
- 2019** "Miguel de Unamuno: uso y abuso de la razón" ["Miguel de Unamuno: Use and Misuse of Reason"]. *Estudios Filosóficos*, vol. 68, n. 197 (2019), pp. 195-201.
- 2018** "W. K. Clifford and William James on Doxastic Norms". *Comprendre. Revista Catalana de Filosofía*, vol. 20, n. 2 (2018), pp. 61-77.
- 2018** "Logical Positivism and Carnap's Confirmability on the Meaningfulness of Religious Language". *Espíritu*, n. 155 (2018), pp. 243-249.
- 2018** "La crítica de George Berkeley al representacionalismo de John Locke" ["George's Berkeley's Criticism of John Locke's Representationalism"]. *Anales del Seminario de Historia de la Filosofía*, vol. 35, n. 1 (2018), pp. 109-126. [2 citations (Google Scholar)].
- 2017** "¿Es la medicalización un fenómeno negativo? Un análisis de las consecuencias que suelen atribuirse a la medicalización" ["Is Medicalization a Negative Phenomenon? An Analysis of the Consequences that are often Ascribed to Medicalization"]. *Daimon. Revista Internacional de Filosofía*, n. 71 (2017), pp. 7-18. [2 citations (Google Scholar)].
- 2017** "El argumento vertebrador del *Sentimiento Trágico de la Vida*, de Miguel de Unamuno" ["The Central Argument of Miguel de Unamuno's *The Tragic Sense of Life*"]. *Daimon. Revista Internacional de Filosofía*, n. 70 (2017), pp. 199-207. [1 citation (Google Scholar)].
- 2017** "George Berkeley: els arguments positius a favor del immaterialisme i el principi de semblança" ["George Berkeley: the Positive Arguments for Immaterialism and the Likeness Principle"]. *Comprendre. Revista Catalana de Filosofía*, vol. 19, n. 1 (2017), pp. 83-92.
- 2016** "The Platonist View about the Subject Matter of Linguistics". *Revista Laguna*, n. 38 (2016), pp. 9-17
- 2016** "Introducció. El debat entre W. K. Clifford i William James" ["Introduction. The Debate Between W. K. Clifford and William James"]. *Quaderns de Filosofía*, vol. III, n. 2 (2016), pp. 123-127.

- 2015** “Análisis del argumento de Berkeley para probar la existencia de Dios (*Tratado sobre los principios del conocimiento humano* I, §29)” [“Analysis of Berkeley’s Argument to Prove the Existence of God (*A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge* I, §29)”. *Endoxa: Series Filosóficas*, n. 35 (2015), pp. 109–118.

### **Encyclopedia Entries (invited)**

- 2020** “Unamuno, Miguel de (1864–1936)”. *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers*.

### **Book chapters**

- 2020** “Believing without Evidence: Pragmatic Arguments for Religious Belief in Martel’s *Life of Pi*”. In Adam T. Bogar, ed. *Critical Insights: Life of Pi*. Hackensack (New Jersey, USA): Salem Press, pp. 136–147 (ISBN 978–1–64265–667–1).
- 2019** “R. B. Braithwaite: ¿es la creencia religiosa un compromiso ético?” [“R. B. Braithwaite: is Religious Belief an Ethical Commitment?”]. In: Chillón, J. M., ed. 2019. *Hombre y Logos. Antropología y comunicación*. Madrid (Spain): Editorial Fragua, pp. 105–114 (ISBN 978–84–7074–829–5).

### **Conference papers**

- 2019** “John Dewey: el caràcter científic de l’educació” [“John Dewey: The Scientific Character of Education”]. In: Monserrat i Molas, Josep; Roviró, Ignasi, eds. 2019. *Col·loquis de Vic (XXIII). L’educació*. Barcelona (Spain): Institut d’Estudis Catalans, pp. 45–48 (ISBN: 978–84–9965–495–9).
- 2018** “The Failure of William James’s Pragmatic Argument for Religious Belief”. In Solà, Miquel, ed. 2018. *II Conference of Pre-Doctoral Researchers Abstract Book*. Girona (Spain): Servei de Publicacions de la UdG, p. 64 (ISBN: 978–84–8458–542–8).
- 2017** “The Vienna Circle, Religious Language and John Hick’s Eschatological Verification”. In Pinart, Elisabeth, ed. 2017. *I Conference of Pre-Doctoral Researchers Abstract Book*. Girona (Spain): Servei de Publicacions de la UdG, pp. 37–38 (ISBN: 978–84–8458–502–2).

### **Translations**

- 2019** Catalan translation and notes on George Berkeley’s *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*. Published in Berkeley, George. *Tractat sobre els principis del coneixement humà*. Almería (Spain): Círculo Rojo, November 2019 (ISBN: 978–84–1338–476–4).
- 2016** Catalan translation, introductory study and notes on William James’s “The Will to Believe”. Published in James, William. “La voluntat de creure”. *Quaderns de Filosofia*, vol. III, n. 2 (2016), pp. 151–172.
- 2016** Catalan translation, introductory study and notes on W. K. Clifford’s “The Ethics of Belief”. Published in Clifford, W.K. “L’ètica de la creença”. *Quaderns de Filosofia*, vol. III, n. 2 (2016), pp. 129–150.
- 2015** Spanish translation and notes on John Dewey’s *The Sources of a Science of Education*. Published in Dewey, John. *Las fuentes de la ciencia de la educación*. Girona: Lapsilatzuli Editorial, September 2015 (ISBN: 978–84–943707–4–8).

### **Teaching & Dissemination Materials**

- 2020** *An Introduction to Logical Positivism: the Viennese Formulation of the Verifiability Principle*. Published online at: <https://philpapers.org/archive/OYAAIT.PDF> [Paperback edition published at Amazon (ISBN: 978–86–440751–4–0)].

**TALKS**  
***(peer reviewed)***

- 17/05/2019** “Nietzsche and Unamuno on *Conatus* and (the Death of) God”. *Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference University College Dublin & Trinity College Dublin: “Philosophy as a Way of Life”*. Organizer: University College Dublin & Trinity College Dublin. Place: University College Dublin (REPUBLIC OF IRELAND).
- 03/04/2019** “Berkeley on God”. *Berkeleyian Minds: Will and Understanding*. Organizer: University of York & The International Berkeley Society. Place: University of York (UNITED KINGDOM).
- 04/10/2018** “John Dewey: el caràcter científic de l’educació”. [“John Dewey: The Scientific Character of Education”]. *XXIII Col·loquis de Vic: “Educació”*. Organizer: Societat Catalana de Filosofia (Institut d’Estudis Catalans). Place: University of Vic (SPAIN).
- 26/09/2018** “R. B. Braithwaite: la concepció emotivista del llenguatge religiós”. [“R. B. Braithwaite: the Emotivist Conception of Religious Language”]. *XIII Congreso Internacional de la Sociedad Hispana de Antropología Filosófica: “Antropología y Comunicación”*. Organizer: Sociedad Hispana de Antropología Filosófica. Place: University of Valladolid (SPAIN).
- 05/07/2018** “Is it Reasonable to Believe that Miracles Occur?”. *Congrès international triennal 2018 de la SoPhA: “Lé continu, le discret”*. Organizer: The Société de Philosophie Analytique (SoPhA). Place: Université Catholique de Louvain (BELGIUM).
- 21/06/2018** “El optimismo de Miguel de Unamuno en su novela *Un pobre hombre rico* (1930)”. [“Miguel de Unamuno’s Optimism in his novel *A poor rich man* (1930)”]. *I Jornadas Doctorales SET*. Organizer: Seminario de Estudios Transatlánticos de la Facultad de Filosofía y Letras de la Universidad de Granada. Place: University of Granada (SPAIN).
- 06/06/2018** “The Failure of William James’s Pragmatic Argument for Religious Belief”. *II Conference of Pre-Doctoral Researchers of the Universitat de Girona*. Organizer: University of Girona. Place: University of Girona (SPAIN).
- 10/05/2018** “On Miguel de Unamuno’s *The Tragic Sense of Life*: The Irresoluble Conflict Between Our Desire to Believe and Our Lack of Epistemic Lawfulness for Religious Believing”. *5th Czech-Spanish Philosophical Conference: Topics in Spanish Philosophy*. Organizer: Philosophy Department of the University of Pardubice. Place: University of Pardubice (CZECH REPUBLIC).
- 04/05/2018** “Is it Reasonable to Believe that Miracles Occur?”. *Third Belgrade Graduate Conference in Analytic Philosophy*. Organizer: Philosophy Department of the University of Belgrade. Place: University of Belgrade (SERBIA).
- 16/03/2018** “¿Es razonable creer que ocurren milagros?” [“Is it Reasonable to Believe that Miracles Occur?”]. *XXII Congrés Valencià de Filosofia*. Organizer: Societat de Filosofia del País Valencià (SFPV). Place: University of Alacant (SPAIN).
- 02/03/2018** “¿Es la medicalización un fenómeno negativo?” [“Is Medicalization a Negative Phenomenon?”]. *XIX Congreso de la Sociedad de Filosofía de Castilla-La Mancha: “Filosofía y Mundo Actual”*. Organizer: Sociedad de Filosofía de Castilla-La Mancha. Place: University of Castilla La Mancha (UCLM), Facultad de Letras de Ciudad Real (SPAIN).
- 24/11/2017** “Platonismo y lingüística” [“Platonism and Linguistics”]. *Jornada sobre lingüística*. Organizer: Seminari de Recerques Lingüístiques. Place: University of Girona (SPAIN).
- 22/11/2017** “Is there an Argument from Miracles?”. *Logos Graduate Reading Group (LOGOS GRG)*. Organizer: Logos Research Group in Analytic Philosophy. Place: University of Barcelona (SPAIN).
- 07/06/2017** “The Vienna Circle, Religious Language and John Hick’s Eschatological Verification”. *I Conference of Pre-Doctoral Researchers of the Universitat de Girona*. Organizer: University of Girona. Place: Universitat de Girona (SPAIN).

### **SERVICES TO PROFESSION**

- 2020** Reviewer for: *Idealistic Studies*; *Claridades*.
- 2019–2020** Co-organizer of the *XXI Taller d'Investigació en Filosofia (TIF) – Philosophy Graduate Conference* (Universitat de Girona, SPAIN) [Postponed due to COVID-19].
- 2018** Co-organizer of the *II Conference of Pre-Doctoral Researchers of the Universitat de Girona* (Universitat de Girona, SPAIN).
- 2014–2015** Member of the “Comité de Evaluación Interna” [“Internal Evaluation Committee”] of the Faculty of Arts (Universitat de Girona, SPAIN).

### **EXTERNAL EVALUATIONS**

- 2020** Positive evaluation (“*Acreditación*”) from the Spanish National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation (ANECA) for the academic ranks: *Profesor Ayudante Doctor*; *Profesor de Universidad Privada*; and *Profesor Contratado Doctor*.

### **PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- 1/10/2017 – 30/09/2019** Name: “Ajuts del Programa d’impuls a la recerca per als grups de recerca amb més projecció competitiva de la Universitat de Girona” [“Grants to the University of Girona’s most competitive research groups through the Research Promotion Programme”]. Main researcher: Jorg Rudolf Zimmer. Reference: GdRCompetUdG2017/16. Number of researchers: 20. Funder: Universitat de Girona (UdG). Quantity: 57.000€.
- 1/01/2016 – 31/12/2018** Name: “Metafísica de la Mente (Fenomenología, Cognición y Emociones)” [“The Metaphysics of Mind (Phenomenology, Cognition and Emotions)”]. Main researcher: Jose Luis Prades Celma. Reference: MPCUdG2016/122. Number of researchers: 5. Funder: Universitat de Girona (UdG). Quantity: 13.500€.

### **LANGUAGES**

- Spanish: native.
- Catalan: native.
- English: fluent (*University of Cambridge: Certificate in Advanced English*, 2015).
- Portuguese: reading ability.

### **TRAINING COURSES IN UNIVERSITY TEACHING**

- 17/05/2018 - 22/05/2018** “Taller sobre estratègies d’avaluació” [“Workshop on Evaluation Strategies”]. Organizer: Institut de Ciències de l’Educació Josep Pallach (ICE), Girona.
- 16/04/2018 - 14/05/2018** “Seminari sobre motivació i participació activa” [“Seminar on Motivation and Active Participation”]. Organizer: Institut de Ciències de l’Educació Josep Pallach (ICE), Girona.