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## Areas of specialization and competence

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AOS: Philosophy of Data; Philosophy of the life sciences; Data Ethics  
AOC: Bioethics, Metaphysics

## Education

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2010	MSc in Philosophy of Science (with distinction) London School of Economics, UK
2006 – 2009	Studies in Philosophy (BSc equivalent), University of Zurich, CH
2006	Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Supervisor: Prof. Ulrike Kutay Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, CH
2002	Master of Science ETH (Biochemistry) Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zurich, CH

## Research and teaching positions

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2021 –	Lecturer in Philosophy of Data/Data Ethics, University of Exeter, UK
2021	Teaching fellow, Department of Philosophy, Durham University, UK
2018 – 2021	Research associate and guest teacher, London School of Economics, UK
2014 – 2018	Research fellow, Egenis, University of Exeter, UK
2011 – 2014	Postdoctoral research fellow, London School of Economics, UK
2006 – 2009	Postdoctoral research fellow, Institute of Biochemistry, ETH, CH

## Publication list

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### *Philosophy (peer-reviewed):*

1. [Guttinger, S.](#) and Alan C. Love.  
modENCODE and the elaboration of functional genomic methodology.  
*Minnesota Studies in the Philosophy of Science*. **(Accepted)**
2. [Guttinger, S.](#)  
COVID-19 and the need for more history and philosophy of RNA.  
*History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*, 43(42). **(2021)**

3. Guttinger, S.  
Process and Practice: understanding the nature of molecules.  
*Hyle—International Journal for Philosophy of Chemistry*, 27(1): 47-66. (2021)
4. Guttinger, S.  
The limits of replicability.  
*European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, 10(10). (2020)
5. Guttinger, S.  
Editing the reactive genome: towards a postgenomic ethics of germline editing.  
*Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 37(1): 58-72. (2020)
6. Guttinger, S.  
Beyond the genome: the transformative power of functional genomics.  
*Genomics in Context*, edited by James Lowe, published online 2nd August. (2019)
7. Guttinger, S.  
A new account of replication in the experimental life sciences.  
*Philosophy of Science*, 86(3): 453-471. (2019)
8. Guttinger, S.  
Trust in Science: CRISPR-Cas9 and the Ban on Human Germline Editing.  
*Science and Engineering Ethics*, 24(4): 1077-1096. (2018)
9. Guttinger, S.  
A Process Ontology for Macromolecular Biology.  
In Nicholson, D. J. & Dupré, J. (eds.), *Everything Flows: Towards a Processual Philosophy of Biology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. (2018)
10. Guttinger, S. and John Dupré.  
Genomics and Postgenomics.  
*The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.). (2016)
11. Dupré, J. and Guttinger, S.  
Viruses as living processes.  
*Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 59: 109-116. (2016)
12. Guttinger, S.  
Creating parts that allow for rational design: synthetic biology and the problem of context-sensitivity.  
*Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 44(2): 199-207. (2013)

*Commentaries and other non-peer-reviewed output:*

1. Guttinger, S.  
Purse strings, patients, and personal glory (Book review “The Mutant Project” by E. Kirksey)  
*Science*, 370(6520): 1044. (2020)
2. Guttinger, S.  
A virus is not a thing.  
*LSE Philosophy blog*, 3-part series. (2020)  
<https://www.lse.ac.uk/philosophy/blog/2020/07/06/a-virus-is-not-a-thing-1/>
3. Guttinger, S. and Alan C. Love.  
Characterizing scientific failure.  
*EMBO Reports*, 20(9): e48765. (2019)
4. Guttinger, S.  
The anti-vaccination debate and the microbiome.  
*EMBO Reports*, 20(3): p.e47709. (2019)

5. Guttinger, S.  
Replications everywhere.  
*BioEssays*, 40: 1800055. (2018)
6. Guttinger, S.  
The Virome and the Anti-Vaccination Debate.  
*The Scientist*, June. (2017)
7. Guttinger, S.  
Riding the wave into a crispr future? (Essay review of "A Crack in Creation" by J. Doudna)  
*Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 67: 32-35. (2017)

*Life sciences:*

1. Doyle, M., Badertscher, L., Jaskiewicz, L., Guttinger, S., ..., Kutay, U., Filipowicz, W.  
The double-stranded RNA binding domain of human Dicer functions as a nuclear localization signal.  
*RNA*, 19(9): 1238-52. (2013)
2. Fronz, K., Guttinger, S., Burkert, K., Kühn, U., Stöhr, N., Schierhorn, A., Wahle, E.  
Arginine methylation of the nuclear poly(a) binding protein weakens the interaction with its nuclear import receptor, transportin.  
*J. Biol. Chem.*, 286(38): 32986-94. (2011)
3. Wach, JY., Guttinger, S., Kutay, U., Gademann, K.  
The cytotoxic styryl lactone goniotalamin is an inhibitor of nucleocytoplasmic transport.  
*Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett.*, 20(9): 2843-6. (2010)
4. Bonazzi, S., Eidam, O., Guttinger, S., Wach, J., Zemp, I., Kutay, U., Gademann, K.  
Anguinomycins C & D and Derivatives: Total Syntheses, Modeling and Biological Evaluation of the Inhibition of Nucleocytoplasmic Transport.  
*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 132(4): 1432-42. (2010)
5. Guttinger, S., Laurell, E., Kutay, U.  
Orchestrating nuclear envelope disassembly and reassembly during mitosis.  
*Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology*, 10(3): 178-91. (2009)
6. Bonazzi, S., Guttinger, S., Zemp, I., Kutay, U., Gademann, K.  
Total synthesis, configuration, and biological evaluation of anguinomycin C.  
*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.*, 46(45): 8707-10. (2007)
7. Guttinger, S., Mansfeld, J., ..., Mattaj, I.W., Kutay, U., Antonin, W.  
The conserved transmembrane nucleoporin NDC1 is required for nuclear pore complex assembly in vertebrate cells.  
*Mol. Cell*, 22: 93-103. (2006)
8. Hasan, S., Guttinger, S., Mühlhäusser, P., Anderegg, F., Bürgler, S., Kutay, U.  
Nuclear envelope localization of human UNC84A does not require nuclear lamins.  
*FEBS Lett.*, 580: 1263-1268. (2006)
9. Kutay, U. and Guttinger, S.  
Leucine-rich nuclear-export signals: born to be weak.  
*Trends Cell Biol.*, 15: 121-124. (2005)
10. Lund, E., Guttinger, S., Calado, A., Dahlberg, J.E. and Kutay, U.  
Nuclear export of microRNA precursors.  
*Science*, 303: 95-98. (2004)
11. Guttinger, S., Mühlhäusser, P., Koller-Eichhorn, R., Brennecke, J. and Kutay, U.  
Transportin2 functions as importin and mediates nuclear import of HuR.  
*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 101: 2918-2923. (2004)

## Invited talks and keynote lectures

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1. "Ontology and sustainable pig farming"  
*Interdisciplinarity, Sustainability and Expert Disagreement*. Digital Conference, June **2020**, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU).
2. "A certain uncertainty: the idea of control in the laboratory"  
Workshop: *Possibility and Certainty in Laboratory Environments*, October 18, **2019**, Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Berlin, DE.
3. "Understanding the nature of molecules: process ontology and scientific practice"  
*Bridging the Philosophies of Biology and Chemistry* (Keynote lecture). June 25-27, **2019**, University of Paris Diderot, Paris, FR.
4. "Biology and the internet: open science and the case of vaccination"  
*Internet and Science: An Analysis from the Structural and Dynamic Complexity*. March 14-15, **2019**, University of Ñ Coruna, ES.
5. "ENCODE and the nature of functional genomics"  
Workshop: *Perspectives on the Human Genome Project and Genomics*, November 14-16, **2018**, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA.
6. "'Merely descriptive': On the value of ENCODE and Big Science"  
*History of functional genomics program*, August 16-17, **2018**, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA.
7. "A new account of replication in the experimental life sciences"  
Workshop: *Scientific method – testing, experimenting, controlling results*, June 29, **2018**, University Bielefeld, DE.
8. "Proteins, processes, and nature's joints"  
Workshop: *From Thing to Being*, September 28-29, **2017**, University of Dundee, UK.
9. "'Parts and their properties': a useful conceptual framework to tackle the issue of context-sensitivity in synthetic biology?"  
Invited talk at the of the *Centre for Synthetic Biology and Innovation (CSynBI)*, September 24, **2012**, Imperial College, London, UK.

## Presentations at academic conferences

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1. "The many faces of the postgenomic revolution"  
*Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, July 7-12, **2019**, Oslo, Norway.
2. "Scientific metaphysics and the theory/practice dichotomy"  
*Biennial conference of the European Philosophy of Science Association*, September 6-9, **2017**, University of Exeter, UK.
3. "The boundaries of boundaries. Biological membranes and scientific metaphysics"  
*Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences of Biology (ISHPSSB)*, July 16-21, **2017**, Sao Paulo, BR.
4. "Far Western blot: a step too far?"  
*Sixth International Conference on Integrated History and Philosophy of Science*, July 3-5, **2016**, University of Edinburgh, UK.
5. "If you go too Far Western you can't trust your data anymore"  
*Biennial conference of the Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice*, June 17-19, **2016**, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ, USA.
6. "Towards a process ontology for biochemistry"

- Biennial conference of the European Philosophy of Science Association*, September 23-16, **2015**, Dusseldorf, DE.
7. "The production of change in biological systems"  
*Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Sciences of Biology (IHPSSB)*, July 6-10, **2015**, Montreal, CA.
  8. "Extending the experimental realm: descriptive and functional experimentation"  
*Biennial conference of the Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice*, June 24-26, **2015**, Aarhus University, DK.
  9. "Synthetic Biology and what it can teach us about uncertain significance and personalized medicine"  
Workshop: "Philosophical problems in personalized medicine", May 29-30, **2014**, London School of Economics, London, UK
  10. "The nature of exploratory experimentation and its relation to theory in the life sciences"  
*PSA Biennial Meeting*, November 15-17, **2012**, San Diego, CA, USA.
  11. "Embodying the context: how synthetic biologists turn a reductionistic vision of biology into reality"  
*Annual Conference of the British Society for the Philosophy of Science*, July 5-6, **2012**, University of Stirling, UK.

## Awards and grants

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2013 – 2014	Follow-up grant for Advanced Researchers, Swiss National Science Foundation Amount awarded: 56'700 CHF (£39'800).
2011 – 2013	Two-year Fellowship for Advanced Researchers, Swiss National Science Foundation. Amount awarded: 121'540 CHF (£80'800).
2006	Medal of the ETH Zürich for outstanding PhD theses.

## Academic activities and service to the profession

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- Member of the Management Committee of the Centre for Philosophy of Natural and Social Science, LSE.
- Editorial board *Life Sciences, Society, and Policy*.
- Member of the *PhilInBioMed Network*.
- Referee for: *Philosophy of Science*; *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*; *Biology & Philosophy*; *Synthese*; *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*; *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*; *Biological Theory*; *Science and Engineering Ethics*; *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*; *Science: Nature*; *Molecular Cell*; *EMBO Journal*; Oxford University Press (book chapter); Wiley Blackwell (book proposal); European Research Council; Dutch Research Council (NWO).

## Languages

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- German (native speaker)
- English (fluent)
- French (basic)
- Italian (basic)