

# Jakob J. Ortmann

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## Professional Experience

### Academic

- 2024 – *today*     **Doctoral Research Fellow**, Centre for Ethics and Law in the Life Sciences, Philosophische Fakultät, Leibniz University of Hannover.
- 2020 – 2021     **Tutor** in Philosophy of Science, University of Bayreuth.

### Consulting

- 2016 – *today*     **Fullstack Webdeveloper**, Freelance. Customers include Leibniz Institute for Education (LIfBi), Bayreuth InnovationLab for Ethics and Management (i-em), Fundmate GmbH.
- 2021 – 2022     **Management Consultant**, Internship at Ramboll (formerly civity Management Consultants). Assessing public transport policies for european rail infrastructure and on-demand ridepooling.


### Other

- 2020 – 2022     **Co-Founder & Head of Negotiations**, Klimeaentscheid Bayreuth. Built up team of 60+ local volunteers to aid municipality of Bayreuth to achieve Paris climate goals. Negotiated terms for a local “Bürgerbegehren”. National coverage due to precedent lawsuit against municipality.
- 2018 – 2019     **Project Lead**, bayreuther dialoge. Strategic planning and execution of a conference with 250+ visitors on topics of philosophy, economics and society. Working in a team of 45 volunteers with agile best practices.
- Conference Partner**, ev. academy Tutzing on “Young Political philosophy”

## Education

- 2023 – 2024     **University of Cambridge (UK), M.Phil. History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine.**  
Supervisors: *Anna Alexandrova, Marta Halina, Stephen John.*  
Grade: Distinction
- 2018 – 2023     **University of Bayreuth (DE), B.A. Philosophy and Economics.**  
Published in *Environmental Values*.  
Supervisor: *Patricia Rich*
- 02/22 – 08/22     **Universidad de los Andes (CO), Semester abroad.**  
Focus on advanced econometrics, industrial policy and theories of asset management.

## Publications

- 1 J. Ortmann, “Of opaque oracles: Epistemic dependence on ai in science poses no novel problems for social epistemology,” *Synthese*, forthcoming.
- 2 J. Ortmann and W. Veit, “Theory roulette: Choosing that climate change is not a tragedy of the commons,” *Environmental Values*, vol. 32, 1 2023.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3197/096327122X16452897197784>.

## Presentations

- 2024 **Of Opaque Oracles: Epistemic Dependence on AI in Science Poses No Novel Problems for Social Epistemology**, CELLS Research Colloquium.  
**Evolution, Lineages and Human Kinds: on the requirements of evolutionary social constructivism**, Fifth conference of the East European Network for Philosophy of Science.  
**Models as Memes: Understanding and Hedging Performativity in Science**, Third INEM Lake Como Philosophy of Economics Summer School.  
**Of Opaque Oracles: Epistemic Dependence on AI in Science Poses No Novel Problems for Social Epistemology**, Tenth Biennial SPSP. *Cancelled*.
- 2022 **Models as Memes**, German Network for Plural Economics.  
**Theory Roulette: Choosing that Climate Change is not a Tragedy of the Commons**, Klimakonferenz.net.
- 2021 **Theory Roulette: Choosing that Climate Change is not a Tragedy of the Commons**, LSE-UBT Student Conference.

## Service to the Profession

Refereed for *Philosophy of Science*.

## Other

### Scholarships

- 2023 - 2024 **German Exchange Service (DAAD)**, Postgraduate Grant, awarded to students with outstanding academic merit. Total value: 36.900 €
- 2018 - 2024 **Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes**, scholarship awarded to <0.5% of students in Germany, based on continuous academic merit. Total value: 26.000 €

### Grants

- 2024 **Travel Grant**, awarded by the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge. Value: 300 £  
**Travel Grant**, awarded by the Darwin College, University of Cambridge. Value: 300 £

### Awards

- 2017 **Geschichtswettbewerb des Bundespräsidenten (Körber-Stiftung)**, National competition for historical research projects. Awarded for the documentary movie “Freiburger Kreis” and associated research.  
**Denkt@g**, 2nd place in the Germany-wide competition by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.  
**History competition of “Freiburg Netzwerk Geschichte”**, 2nd place.  
**Scheffel Award**, awarded by the Society of Literature Karlsruhe.  
**School Award Economics**, awarded by Südwestmetall.
- 2016 **Youth Movie Award Baden-Württemberg**, nominated for “Best Documentary”.

### Media Coverage

- 2023 **National Media Coverage of Klimaentscheid**, *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, covered the Klimaentscheid initiative and its legal developments (read article).

## Other (continued)

- 2017 **Portrait**, *Badische Zeitung*, featured article on my achievement as the state winner in the national history competition organized by the Bundespräsident ([read article](#)).
- Portrait**, *Badische Zeitung*, featured article on my achievement as the state winner in the Denkt@g competition organized by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung ([read article](#)).

## References

Available on Request.