

# Nadja-Mira Yolcu

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## Research Areas

Areas of Specialization Philosophy of language and mind: especially psychological expressivism, speech act theory

Areas of Interest Philosophy of language: conversational implicatures, conditionals, fictional names, fictive utterances

Epistemology: Gettier cases, suspension of belief

## Education

09/2018–04/2024 *Doctoral student in philosophy, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy and Philosophy of Language, University of Mannheim*

- Dissertation “Expression and Negation: An Expressivist Account of Disavowals” (submitted 12/2022, defended 04/2024): *summa cum laude*
- Examiners: Prof Dr Wolfgang Freitag (University of Mannheim), Prof Dr Dorit Bar-On (University of Connecticut)

10/2015–07/2017 *BPhil in Philosophy (Master’s Degree), Trinity College, University of Oxford*

- Thesis: Conditionals and Truth-Conditions

10/2012–05/2015 *Bachelor in Philosophy (75%), Psychology (25%), Heidelberg University*

- Thesis: Kripkes Argumentation gegen die Gleichsetzung von Person und Körper (Kripke’s argumentation against the person-body identity)

## Academic Employment

Since 07/2018 *Academic Staff Member, University of Mannheim*  
Chair of Theoretical Philosophy and Philosophy of Language, principal: Prof Dr Wolfgang Freitag

- Dissertation, teaching and organizational responsibilities (e.g., co-organization of international conferences and internal workshops)
- Designing and maintaining the MtM project website & the website of the Department of Philosophy (with M. Brecher)

04/2023–05/2023 *Academic Staff Member, University of Frankfurt*  
Chair of Theoretical Philosophy, principal: Prof Dr Alexandra Zinke

- Project work in the research project “Dimensions of Doubt”, PI: Alexandra Zinke
- Contract ended in mutual agreement due to longer illness

- 01/2021–09/2021 *Research Assistant, University of Connecticut*  
 Department of Philosophy, principal: Prof Dr Dorit Bar-On
  - Research assistance for the project “Expression and Self-Knowledge”
- 10/2013–12/2017 *Student Research Assistant, University of Freiburg*  
 Chair in Epistemology and Theory of Science, UCF, principal: Prof Dr Wolfgang Freitag
  - Literature research and developing bibliographies for different research topics, book reviews, preparing contents and slides for lectures

## Research Visits and Affiliations

- Since 06/2021 *Member, Network “Thinking About Suspension”*  
 Coordinators: Dr Verena Wagner (University of Konstanz), Prof Dr Alexandra Zinke (University of Frankfurt)
- Since 07/2020 *Affiliated Member, Research group “Expression, Communication and the Origins of Meaning”*  
 Director: Prof Dr Dorit Bar-On, University of Connecticut
- 04/2023–05/2023 *Member, Project “Dimensions of Doubt”*  
 PI: Prof Dr Alexandra Zinke, University of Frankfurt
- 07/2018–06/2022 *Member, Project “Mind the Meaning: The Philosophy of Psychological Expressivism”*  
 PI: Prof Dr Wolfgang Freitag, University of Mannheim
- 03/2020–04/2020 *Visiting Researcher, Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut*  
 Supervisor: Prof Dr Dorit Bar-On, research stay for 8 weeks (from March 18 onwards digitally from abroad due to the global outbreak of Covid-19)

## Grants and Scholarships

- 11/2019 *Women Go Abroad – Mobility Grants for Young Female Researchers, University of Mannheim*  
 (5.000 EUR)  
 for research stay at the University of Connecticut (March 2 – April 24, 2020)
- 07/2019 *IDEUM grant, University of Mannheim* (500,00 EUR)  
 for participation in “The Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind”
- 09/2015–07/2017 *Study abroad scholarship, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes* (tuition fee contribution of 20.000 EUR; monthly maintenance grant of 350,00 EUR)
- 12/2012–07/2017 *Scholar, Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes* (German National Academic Foundation, Germany’s largest and most prestigious scholarship foundation)  
 (monthly maintenance grant of 300,00 EUR)

## Publications

- 2022 *Vindicating Avowal Expressivism: A Note on Rosenthal’s Performance-Conditional Equivalence Thesis*, Special Issue of *Phenomenology and Mind*
- 2021 *An expressivist solution to Moorean paradoxes*, together with Wolfgang Freitag, *Synthese*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-020-03012-4>

- 2019 *Edmund L. Gettier: Is Justified True Belief Knowledge? / Ist wahre, gerechtfertigte Überzeugung Wissen?* German translation and commentary, edited together with Marc Andree Weber, Reclam
- 2015 *Eine kurze Einleitung in die Freiburger Philosophie*, with Katharina Kraus, Chinese translation in: Huang Yusheng (ed.), *Tsinghua Studies in Western Philosophy* vol. 1 no. 2, Tsinghua University Beijing, China

## Presentations

(o invited)

(\* peer reviewed)

(+ chairing of some other sessions)

(x postponed to 2021/22 due to the Covid-19 outbreak)

- 03/2024 *Précis of my dissertation "Expression and Negation: An Expressivist Account of Disavowals,"* book symposium at the G27 group meeting, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
- 09/2023\* *Expressivism for Negative Avowals*, Conference "ECAP.11," University of Vienna (talk cancelled due to illness)
- 05/2023\* *The Expressive 'Because'* (with Wolfgang Freitag), Conference "PhiLang 2023," Lodz (talk cancelled due to illness)
- 04/2023<sup>o</sup> *Negative Selbstzuschreibungen mentaler Zustände: Eine expressivistische Analyse*, Guest lecture, Saarland University (talk cancelled due to illness)
- 09/2022\* *Expressive Denegation: Presenting myself as not being in a mental state*, Conference "GAP.11: Philosophie & Öffentlichkeit", HU Berlin
- 07/2022<sup>o</sup> *Psychological Expressivism and Expressive Denegation*, Workshop "Rhineland Expressivism Workshop Event (REWE)", University of Bonn (online)
- 05/2022+ *Psychological Expressivism and Expressive Denegation*, Workshop "Varieties of Philosophical Expressivism", Mannheim
- 04/2022<sup>o</sup> *Psychological Expressivism* (together with Felix Bräuer) Workshop "Mind the Meaning: The Philosophy of Psychological Expressivism", Tsinghua University of Beijing (online)
- 02/2022\* *Expressive Denegation*, ECOM Graduate Conference "Kinds of Expression", University of Connecticut (online)
- 09/2021\* *Vindicating Avowal Expressivism: A Note on Rosenthal's Performance-Conditional Equivalence Thesis*, 2021 San Raffaele School of Philosophy "Mind, Language, and the First-Person Perspective", Milan (online)
- 09/2021\* *No Expressivism for Disavowals? I don't think so.* XXV. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil 2020/2021; online)
- 05/2021\* *Illocution and Expression* (together with Wolfgang Freitag), PhiLang 2021, Lodz (online)
- 05/2021\* *The Dual Use of Avowals and its Methodological Relevance for Empirical Research* (together with Felix Bräuer), First-Person Science Consciousness, Witten/Herdecke University (online)

03/2021	<i>Disavowals: A Challenge for Expressivism?</i> ECOM Spotlight Series, University of Connecticut (online)
09/2020 <sup>x</sup>	<i>An Expressivist Solution to Moorean Paradoxes</i> (together with Wolfgang Freitag), Workshop “Mind the Meaning: The Philosophy of Psychological Expressivism”, Tsinghua University of Beijing
09/2020 <sup>*x</sup>	<i>No Expressivism for Disavowals? I don't think so.</i> XXV. Kongress der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Philosophie (DGPhil 2020)
05/2020 <sup>x</sup>	TBA (together with Wolfgang Freitag), Workshop “Varieties of Philosophical Expressivism”, Mannheim
03/2020	<i>Solving Moore's Paradox: Going Expressivist</i> (joint work with Wolfgang Freitag), Expression, Meaning, and Self-Knowledge (graduate seminar, Instructor: Prof Dr Dorit Bar-On), University of Connecticut
10/2019 <sup>*</sup>	<i>Wittgenstein's True Solution to Moore's Paradox</i> (joint work with Wolfgang Freitag), 130 years Ludwig Wittgenstein: 1889-2019, Sofia
09/2019	<i>An Expressivist Solution to Moorean Paradoxes</i> (together with Wolfgang Freitag), Mini Workshop with Dorit Bar-On, Mannheim
09/2019 <sup>*+</sup>	<i>Is there Expressive Denegation?</i> SOPhiA 2019, Salzburg
07/2019	<i>Disavowals and Expressive Denegation</i> (poster presentation), Summer School “The Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind: Cognition, acquisition and representation”, Oslo
05/2019 <sup>+</sup>	<i>Is there Expressive Denegation?</i> Workshop “Perspectives on First-Person Thought”, Mannheim
05/2019 <sup>*</sup>	<i>Is there Expressive Denegation?</i> PhiLang 2019, Lodz
09/2018 <sup>*+</sup>	<i>Explicit Cancellability of Conversational Implicatures</i> , SOPhiA 2018, Salzburg
11/2016	<i>A Reply to Stone's Unlucky Gettier Cases</i> , Ockham Society, Oxford

## Teaching

Winter term 2024	<i>Philosophy of Language: Semantics</i> , seminar, University of Mannheim undergraduate level, in German, class size: TBD
Spring term 2024	<i>Thought Experiments</i> , seminar, University of Mannheim undergraduate level, in German, class size: 17 people
Spring term 2023	<i>The Philosophy of Fiction</i> , seminar, University of Mannheim undergraduate level, in English, class size: 8 people  <i>Speech Act Theory and Political Philosophy</i> , seminar, University of Mannheim undergraduate level, in English, class size: 7 people
Winter term 2022	<i>Introduction to Analytic Philosophy</i> , seminar, University of Mannheim undergraduate level, in English, class size: 12 people

Spring term 2022	<i>Assertion: Insincerity, Lies and Bullshit</i> , seminar, University of Mannheim with Dr Helge Rückert, graduate level, in English, class size: 7 people
Winter term 2021	<i>Introduction to Epistemology</i> , seminar, University of Mannheim undergraduate level, in English, class size: 5 people
Winter term 2019	<i>Analytic Philosophy: seminal papers</i> , seminar, University of Mannheim undergraduate level, in English, class size: 12 people
Spring term 2019	<i>Wissen und Nichtwissen</i> (Knowledge and Skepticism), seminar, University of Mannheim with PD Dr Marc Andree Weber, undergrad. level, in German, class size: 11 p.
Spring term 2018	<i>Two-hour weekly tutorials</i> , accompanying Prof W. Freitag's lecture "Perspectives on Science", University of Freiburg, in English, class sizes: 15-35 people (2x)
10/2013–09/2015	<i>Two-hour weekly tutorials</i> , accompanying the lecture "Einführung in die formale Logik" (Introduction to formal logic), Heidelberg University, in German, class sizes: 15-25 people (3x)

## Organized Workshops and Talks

05/2022	<i>Varieties of Philosophical Expressivism</i> , International Conference, University of Mannheim (together with Wolfgang Freitag & Felix Bräuer) External Speakers: Stephen Barker, Jochen Briesen, Matthew Chrisman, Katharina Felka, Stephen Finlay, Luca Incurvati, Christa Peterson, Benjamin Schnieder, Mark Schroeder, Michael Scott Acquired funding: FTS 12.000 EUR, GAP 500,00 EUR
11/2021	<i>Prof Dr Dr h.c. Dieter Birnbacher: Zukunftsverantwortung und Klimaethik</i> Public Talk UNESCO World Philosophy Day (Co-organization together with Wolfgang Freitag, Martin Brecher; Zoom moderation)
05/2020 (postponed to 2022 due to Covid-19 outbreak)	<i>Varieties of Philosophical Expressivism</i> , International Conference, University of Mannheim (together with Wolfgang Freitag, Joachim Bromand, Felix Bräuer, Marc Andree Weber) External Speakers: Stephen Barker, Matthew Chrisman, Stephen Finlay, Vera Flocke, Luca Incurvati, Teresa Marques, Benjamin Schnieder, Mark Schroeder, Michael Scott, Jack Woods Acquired funding: FTS 9.000 EUR, GAP 500,00 EUR
11/2019	<i>Prof Dr Ursula Wolf: Haben Tiere Rechte?</i> Public Talk UNESCO World Philosophy Day (together with Wolfgang Freitag, Martin Brecher, Felix Bräuer)
09/2019	<i>Mini Workshop with Dorit Bar-On</i> , University of Mannheim (together with Wolfgang Freitag, Marc Andree Weber and Joachim Bromand)
05/2019	<i>Perspectives on First-Person Thought</i> , International Conference, University of Mannheim (together with Wolfgang Freitag, Katharina Kraus, Marc Andree Weber and Maik Niemeck) External Speakers: José Luis Bermúdez, Manuel García-Carpintero, Mitchell Green, Daniel Gutzmann, Tim Henning, Max Kölbel, Ursula Renz, Gianfranco Soldati, Eunike Wetzel Acquired funding: DFG 3.600 EUR, GAP 500,00 EUR

## Professional Services

Reviewing for Journals	<i>Theoria, Philosophia</i>
01/2023	Reviewer, ECOM Kinds of Actions Graduate Conference 2023 Areas: Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Mind
07/2017	Reviewer, Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference 2017 Areas: Philosophy of language, Epistemology

## Summer Schools

07/2019–08/2019	<i>The Norwegian Summer Institute on Language and Mind: Cognition, acquisition, and representation</i> , University of Oslo (two weeks)
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## Skills

Languages	German (native speaker), English (fluent), Turkish (basic), Latin (proficiency certificate)
Computer literacy	MS Office (advanced), WordPress (basic), TYPO3 (basic)