

Academic Curriculum Vitae Univ.-Prof. Dr. Simone De Angelis

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Main Areas of Research

- History and Philosophy of Early Modern Science and Medicine
- Historical Epistemology
- Methodology of the History of Science
- Integrated History and Philosophy of Science (&HPS)
- Enlightenment Studies
- Renaissance Science
- History of Anthropology and Life Sciences

Universities Attended

1986-87 University of Zurich (Basic Studies in Philosophy)
1987-88 University of Berne
(Basic Studies in Classical Philology and Ancient Philosophy)
1988-1995 University of Berne
(Licentiatum Philosophiae in German Studies, Roman Philology, Linguistics,
History of Science)
1995-1998 University of Berne
(Dr. phil. in German Studies, Comparative Literature and History of Science)
1998-2000 University of Berne (Post-Doctoral Fellow)
2000-2003 Fellow of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF-Postdoctoral Grant)
2000-2001 Padova, Università degli Studi
2001-2002 Wolfenbüttel (Germany), Herzog August Bibliothek
2002-2003 London, The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University
College London
2003-2008 Assistant in German Studies and Comparative Literature, University of Berne
2008 Habilitation in Comparative Literature and History of Science, University of
Berne

Present Appointment

Univ.-Prof. (Full Professor), Zentrum für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Karl-Franzens-Universität
Graz, Austria (since October 2011)

Previous Appointments

2008-2011 Lecturer in Comparative Literature, University of Berne
1996-2000 Assistant Professor in German Studies and Comparative Literature, University
of Berne
1989-1995 Student Assistant, University of Berne

Awards, Fellowships, Visiting Positions

2024 Visiting Professor at École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)
and Centre Alexandre Koyré (CAK), Paris, France.
2011 Fellow of the Morphomata Center for Advanced Studies, Genesis, Dynamics
and Mediality of Cultural Figurations, University of Cologne, Germany.
Funded by The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

- 2010 Albrecht v. Haller-Medal of the Philosophical-Historical Faculty, University of Berne
- 2002-2003 London, Research Associate at The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at University College London (UK)
- 2004-2005 Fellow of the Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel (Germany)

Memberships

- Renaissance Society of America (RSA)
- European Society of Social Anthropology (EASA)
- European Society for the History of Science (ESHS)
- Awarding commission of the Bader-Prize for the History of the Natural Sciences (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, ÖAW)
- Kommission für Geschichte und Philosophie der Wissenschaften, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften (ÖAW)
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Wissenschaftsgeschichte (ÖGW)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für die Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts (DGEAJ)
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für die Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts (ÖGEAJ)
- Socio Villa Vigoni, Centro Italo-Tedesco / Deutsch-Italienisches Kulturzentrum
- Socio Studio Firmano per la storia dell'Arte medica e della Scienza
- Deutscher Hochschulverband (DHV)

Selected Publications:

Monographs:

- (2003): Von Newton zu Haller. Studien zum Naturbegriff zwischen Empirismus und deduktiver Methode in der Schweizer Frühaufklärung, Tübingen: Max Niemeyer Verlag (Frühe Neuzeit 74); ISBN 9783110940565.
- (2010): Anthropologien. Genese und Konfiguration einer ›Wissenschaft vom Menschen‹ in der Frühen Neuzeit. Berlin, New York: Walter De Gruyter (Historia Hermeneutica. Series Studia 6); ISBN 9783110202250.
- (2019): Anthropologien. Genese und Konfiguration einer ›Wissenschaft vom Menschen‹ in der Frühen Neuzeit, Berlin, New York: Walter De Gruyter (Historia Hermeneutica. Series Studia 6 (PB Edition)); ISBN 978-3-11-065629-9.

Edited Volumes:

- (2008): Scholarly Knowledge. Textbooks in early modern Europe. Edited by Campi, E., De Angelis S., Goeing, A.-S., Grafton, Anthony T., Genève: Librairie Droz (Travaux d'Humanisme et Renaissance N° CDXLVII), 445 pp.; ISBN 9782600011860.
- (2010): ›Natur‹, Naturrecht und Geschichte. Aspekte eines fundamentalen Begründungsdiskurses der Neuzeit (1600-1900). Edited by De Angelis, S., Gelzer, F., Gisi, L.M. (Beiträge zur neueren Literaturgeschichte; Vol. 283). Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag Winter, 520 pp; ISBN 9783825355548.
- (2017): Die akademische ›Achse Berlin–Rom?‹ Der wissenschaftlich-kulturelle Austausch zwischen Italien und Deutschland 1920 bis 1945, Edited by Albrecht, A., Danneberg, L. and De Angelis, S., Berlin-Boston: Walter De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 445 pp; ISBN 9783110466416.
- (2026): Blumenbach's Racial Classification: Deconstructing the Timeless Call for Human Differentiation, Edited by Schmidt, V. and De Angelis, S. (History, Philosophy and Theory of the Life Sciences, volume 39). Switzerland: Springer, 189 pp. <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-032-15950-2?as=webp>

Contributions to Edited Volumes:

- (2025): "The Inner Realm of Nature: Ignaz Paul Vital Troxler Within the Tradition of Early Modern Anthropology and Psychology", in: Cornejo, C., Maturana, C.H. (eds.): *Forgotten Streams in the History of 19th-Century German Psychology. Volume 1: Empirical, Romantic, and Idealist Psychologies*, Springer Nature (Theory and History in the Human and Social Sciences), pp. 95–114.
- (2024): "Das Menschenbild der 'Wissenschaft vom Menschen' (1660–1800)", in: Zichy, M. (Hrsg.): *Handbuch Menschenbilder*, Springer VS, pp. 33–49 https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-32138-3_9-1

- (2021): “The Concept of Self-Interest in Eighteenth-Century Anthropology and Economic Theory, From Richard Cumberland to Adam Smith”, in: Zabel, C. (ed.): *Historicizing Self-Interest in the Modern Atlantic World, A Plea for Ego?* London, New York: Routledge (Political Economies of Capitalism, 1600-1850), pp. 95–116. ISBN 978-0-367-90122-6
- (2017): “Renaissance Aristotelianism and the Birth of Anthropology”, in: Buchenau, S. and Lo Presti, R. (eds.): *Human and Animal Cognition in Early Modern Philosophy and Medicine*, Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh University Press, 17–36; ISBN: 978-0-8229-4472-0.
- (2016): “‘So how do we know that the moon is mountainous?’ Problems of Seeing in Galileo’s Reflection on Observing the Moon”, in: Sauer, T. and Scholl, R. (eds.): *The Philosophy of Historical Case Studies*, Dordrecht, Heidelberg, London, New York: Springer (Boston Studies in the Philosophy and History of Science), 223–250; ISBN: 9783319302270.
- (2013): “Experiments, Judicial Rhetoric and the *Testimonium*. Practices of demonstration in the Hamberger-Haller controversy on the Respiration Mechanism”, in: Holenstein, A., Steinke, H., Stuber, M. (eds.): *Scholars in Action, The Practice of Knowledge and the Figure of the Savant in the 18th Century*, Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2 Vols., (History of Science and Medicine Library Vol. 34/2), 679–701; ISBN 9789004243903.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals:

- (2026): “The ‘Historical West’ in the Early Modern Period”, in: *Journal of European Studies*, Special Issue: Evolving Concepts of Europe from the Enlightenment to the Present, Guest Editors: Bieber, F. and De Angelis, S. (forthcoming).
- (2016) “‘Um diese Begriffe von dem an ihnen anhaftenden Tabu zu befreien’, Zum Verhältnis von Ideengeschichte und Geschichte der Naturwissenschaften am Beispiel des Wandels von Raumkonzepten um 1900”, in: *Scientia Poetica*, Jahrbuch für Geschichte der Literatur und der Wissenschaften, 20, 277–289.
- (2007) “Unbewusste Perzeptivität und metaphysisches Bedürfnis, Ernst Platners Auseinandersetzung mit Haller in den *Quaestiones physiologicae* (1794)”, in: *Aufklärung. Interdisziplinäres Jahrbuch zur Erforschung des 18. Jahrhunderts und seiner Wirkungsgeschichte*, 19, 247–276.
- (2004) “Pufendorf und der Cartesianismus, Medizin als Leitwissenschaft und die Rolle der Bibelhermeneutik in Pufendorfs Verteidigung des Naturrechts um 1680”, in: *Archiv für Sozialgeschichte der deutschen Literatur*, 29/1, 128–171.

Additional Research Achievements

Selected Presentations (all invited):

- 2024: Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, 16 January 2024: Lecture: “Ist Rassismus ein Kind der Aufklärung?” <https://www.jkip.kit.edu/botzell/3193.php>
- 2019: RSA Toronto Annual Meeting, Sheraton Center, 17-19 March 2019: Paper: “The ›Anatomy‹ of Hands in Renaissance and Early Modern Anthropology”) (<https://www.rsa.org/page/2019Toronto>)
- 2018: 15th EASA Biennial Conference, Stockholm University, 14-17 August 2018, Staying-Moving-Settling, P050: Writing history of anthropology in a global era [History of Anthropology Network], Paper: “Renaissance Philosophy and the Emergence of Modern Anthropology”.
- 2018: Symposium: Kepler and the Red Planet, Vienna, December 18, 2018, Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW), Paper: “Kepler and Galileo Revisited”.

Workshops, Conferences, Lectures Series Organized (Selection):

- 2025: Workshop: “Scientific Philosophy. New Perspectives on a Research Program”. Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences, 23-24 October (Organisation: Simone De Angelis & Rudolf Meer).
- 2022: Symposium: “Idea. Historical Development of a Concept from Kant to Fries”. Graz, Centre for the History of Science, 10-12 November (Concept and Organisation : Simone De Angelis & Rudolf Meer).
- 2021/22: Lecture Series: “Integrating History and Philosophy of Science”. Graz, Centre for the History of Science (Organisation: S. De Angelis & R. Meer, funded by the Austrian Academy of Science, ÖAW).
- 2019: Workshop international: “Le concept de nature humaine à l’Age moderne, entre philosophie, anthropologie et médecine”. Paris-Sorbonne, Maison de la Recherche, salle D 040, 5 juillet 2019 (Organisation: Stefanie Buchenau (EA 1577 Les mondes allemands: histoire des idées, et de représentations, Université Paris 8 Saint Denis), Claire Crignon (Paris-Sorbonne, UMR 8011: Sciences, Normes, Démocratie), Simone De Angelis (Zentrum für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz).
- 2019: Internationale Konferenz der Forschungsplattform *The Exercise of Judgment in the Early Modern Period*:

“Zeugenschaft / Testimony in der Frühen Neuzeit”, University of Graz, 22-23 May 2019 (Organisation: Gabriele Haug-Moritz (Dpt. of History), Udo Thiel (Dpt. of Philosophy), Simone De Angelis (Centre for the History of Science) <https://wissenschaftsgeschichte.uni-graz.at/de/allgemeine-informationen/archiv/veranstaltungen/>