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Area of Specialization	History of Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Science, History of 20th Century Philosophy
Area of Competence	(Analytic and Historical) Epistemology, History of Science

Employment History

2024 - 2027	Research Assistant Professor; Division of Humanities, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
2022 - 2024	Post-Doctoral Researcher; Department of Philosophy, Tilburg University; ERC/NWO project *Exiled Empiricists*; PI: Prof. Dr. Sander Verhaegh
2021 - 2022	Doctor-Assistant (50%); Higher Institute for Philosophy, KU Leuven
2018 - 2021	Post-Doctoral Fellow of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO); Department of Philosophy and Moral Science, Ghent University
2014 - 2018	PhD Fellow of the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO); Department of Philosophy and Moral Science, Ghent University

Education

2014-2018	PhD, Philosophy, Ghent University *Dissertation*: A Genealogy of Scientific Explanation, The Emergence of the Covering-Law Model at the Intersection of German Historical and Scientific Philosophy *Supervisor*: Prof. Dr. Maarten Van Dyck *Committee*: Prof. Dr. Alan Richardson, Prof. Dr. Paul Roth, Dr. Christian Damböck, Prof. Dr. Erik Weber
2013-2014	Special Teacher's Program: Philosophy and Moral Science, Magna cum Laude, Ghent University
2013-2014	Master of Arts Literature and Linguistics: Greek, Summa cum Laude, Ghent University
2012-2013	Master of Arts Philosophy, Summa cum Laude, Ghent University
2009-2012	Bachelor of Arts Philosophy, Summa cum Laude, Ghent University

Publications

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

Dewulf, F. (2026) "Coming to know anything as philosophy." *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 5 (89). https://doi.org/10.1007/s44204-026-00458-0

Dewulf, Fons. (2026) "Chang's Hermeneutic Operational Coherence: Ambiguities and Prospects." *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* 16 (28). https://doi.org/10.1007/s13194-026-00735-y

Dewulf, Fons. (2025) "Disciplinary Bounds and Their Upkeep: A Framework to Capture 20th Century Philosophy in its Context." *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 15 (1), 9-34. https://doi.org/10.1086/734066

Petrovich, E., Verhaegh, S., Bös, G. et al. (2024) "Bibliometrics beyond citations: introducing mention extraction and analysis". *Scientometrics* 129, 5731–5768. https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-024-05116-x

Dewulf, Fons. (2023) "Wittgenstein & het logisch empiricisme. Een gespannen verhouding." *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte*, 115 (2), 180-195. https://doi.org/10.5117/ANTW2023.2.006.DEWU

Dewulf, Fons. (2022) "Beyond Hempel: Reframing the Debate about Scientific Explanation." *Philosophy of Science*, 89, 585–603. https://doi.org/10.1017/psa.2021.45

Dewulf, Fons and Roth, Paul. (2022) "Real True Facts: a Reply to Currie and Swaim." *Journal of the Philosophy of History* 16, 207–225. https://doi:10.1163/18722636-12341478

Dewulf, Fons and Massimiliano, Simons. (2021) "Positivism in Action: The Case of Louis Rougier" *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 11 (2), 461-487. https://doi.org/10.1086/715873

Dewulf, Fons (2021) "The Institutional Stabilization of Philosophy of Science and its Withdrawal from Social Concerns after the Second World War." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 29 (5), 935-953. https://doi.org/10.1080/09608788.2020.1848794

Dewulf, Fons. (2020) "The Place of Historiography in the Network of Logical Empiricism." *Intellectual History Review* 30 (2), 321-345. https://doi.org/10.1080/17496977.2019.1648056

Dewulf, Fons. (2018) "Revisiting Hempel's Contribution to Philosophy of History." *Journal of the History of Ideas* 79 (3), 285-406. https://doi.org/10.1353/jhi.2018.0023

Dewulf, Fons. (2017) "Rudolf Carnap's Incorporation of the Geisteswissenschaften in the Aufbau." *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 7 (2), 199-225. https://doi.org/10.1086/693420

Book Chapters (peer reviewed)

Dewulf, Fons (2026) "Der Logische Aufbau der Welt." In: Damböck, C. and Schiemer, G. (eds.) *Rudolf Carnap Handbook*,173-178. Stuttgart: J.B. Metzler Verlag.

https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-72937-3_34

Dewulf, Fons (2026) “Carnap, Feigl and Hempel.” In: Damböck, C. and Schiemer, G. (eds.) *Rudolf Carnap Handbook*, 221-226. Stuttgart: J.B. Metzler Verlag. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-662-72937-3_27

Dewulf, Fons. (2025) “The Failed Reception of the Voluntarism in Logical Empiricism.” In: Verhaegh, S. (ed.), From Hamburg to Harvard, from Jena to Yale: Euro-American Migration and the Development of Postwar Philosophy, 211-232. Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter. https://doi.org/10.1515/9783111335209-012

Dewulf, Fons. (2022) “The Heuristic and Epistemic Account of Verstehen in 20th century American Philosophy.” In: Tuboly, A. and Sivadó, A. (eds), *The History of Understanding in Analytic Philosophy: Before and After Logical Empiricism*. London: Bloomsbury. https://doi.org/10.5040/9781350159235.ch-003

Dewulf, Fons. (2022) “Leo Apostel and Rudolf Carnap: The Development of Logical Empiricist Ethics in Post-War Europe.” In: Tuboly, A. and Damböck, C. (eds.), *The Socio-Ethical Dimension of Knowledge*, 127-147. Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-80363-6_7

Dewulf, Fons (2021) “The Emergence of Scientific Explanation as a Problem for Philosophy of Science: Aristotle, Nagel and Hempel.” In: Tuboly, A. and Neuber, M. (eds), *Ernest Nagel: Between Pragmatist Naturalism and Logical Empiricism*, 67-87. Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-81010-8_4

Dewulf, Fons. (2021) “Carnap’s Opposition to Logic of the Geisteswissenschaften.” In: Wolters, G. and Damböck, C. (eds), *Young Carnap in an Historical Context: 1918–1935*, 55-73. Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-58251-7_3

Dewulf, Fons. (2017) "The Epistemic Indispensability of Understanding in Historiography." In: Massimi M., Romeijn JW., Schurz G. (eds), *EPSA15 Selected Papers*, 25-36. European Studies in Philosophy of Science, Vol. 5. Cham: Springer. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-53730-6_3

Reviews (not peer reviewed)

Dewulf, Fons. (2020) “Review - Paul A. Roth, The Philosophical Structure of Historical Explanation.” *Œconomia. History, Methodology, Philosophy* 10 (2): 363-367. https://doi.org/10.4000/oeconomia.8092

Dewulf, Fons. (2025) “Alan Richardson and Adam Tamas Tuboly, eds., Interpreting Carnap: Critical Essays.” *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science* 15 (1): 296-272.

Dissertation

Dewulf, Fons. (2018) A Genealogy of Scientific Explanation: the Emergence of the Deductive-Nomological Model at the Intersection of German Historical and Scientific philosophy. *PhD Dissertation*. Ghent University. http://hdl.handle.net/1854/LU-8562228

Book Contract

Dewulf, Fons and Vanrie, Wim. *Wittgenstein and Carnap*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Contract signed for a volume in the "Cambridge Elements in the Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein" series, manuscript delivery: 1 July 2027)

Teaching Experience

2025-2026 *Science and Values*, Primary Instructor, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Postgraduate course on the recent literature about the role of values in scientific inquiry (Heather Douglas, Helen Longino), and a historical investigation into the values that have been advocated as central to the scientific life (Merton, Weber, Shapin).

2024-2025 *Introduction to Analytic Philosophy*, Primary Instructor, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

"Common core" course aimed at general students (business, science, engineering) as an introduction to analytic philosophy through reading primary texts (Plato, Moore, Russell, Frege, Anscombe, Haslanger). Approximately 85 students. Student evaluations available.

2021-2022 *Philosophy (Civil Engineers)*, Primary Instructor, KU Leuven

The epistemology, logic and philosophy of science part of this course was written by myself. The ethics and political philosophy part was taken from the textbook of prof. Stefan Rummens. Approximately 400 students.

Philosophy and Bio-ethics (Bio-Engineers), Primary Instructor, KU Leuven

Introductory course to problems in epistemology, logic, philosophy of science and the relation between science and society. Part of this course was written by myself, another by prof. Pieter Adriaens. Approximately 350 students.

Introduction to Philosophy (Psychology), Primary Instructor, KU Leuven

Introductory course to problems in epistemology, logic, philosophy of science, philosophy of psychology and the relation between science and society. Part of this course was written by myself, another by prof. Pieter Adriaens. Approximately 650 students. Student evaluations available.

Philosophy (Science, Bio-Engineers, Medicine, Physics), Primary Instructor, KU Leuven (campus Kortrijk)

Introductory course to problems in epistemology, logic, philosophy of science and the relation between science and society. Part of this course was written by myself, another by prof. Pieter Adriaens. Approximately 250 students.

2020-2021 *Advanced Survey of Problems in Philosophy of Science*, Primary Instructor, Ghent University

Master's course in the History of Philosophy of Science. Focused reading of texts in Neo-Kantian philosophy of science (Cassirer, Friedman, van Fraassen). Students were partly evaluated on the presentation of their own application of Neo-Kantian concepts to case-studies. Student evaluations available.

2018-2020 *Epistemology I*, Primary Instructor, Ghent University

Introductory course in analytic epistemology for first year philosophy students. This course also serves as an introduction to strategies of argumentation in analytic philosophy (thought experiments, analysis of concepts, the use of counterexamples). Student evaluations available.

2014-2017 *Epistemology I*, Teaching Assistant, Ghent University

Assisted Prof. Dr. Maarten Van Dyck for the course; organized, graded, and provided feedback for an extended assignment on Humes' *Enquiry*; lectured on definitions of knowledge. The structure for the assignment and the method of feedback (using rubrics) which I introduced, is still used today and has served as an exemplar for other courses.

Fellowships & Grants awarded on a competitive basis

2026 General Research Fund project "The Function of History and Philosophy of Science in Modern Scientific Societies" awarded by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council

Fall 2019 Visiting Fellow at the Center for Philosophy of Science – University of Pittsburgh

2018-2021 Post-Doctoral Fellowship of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)

Project: "The Origins of Early Anglophone Philosophy of Science: Debating Scientific Explanation"

2014-2018 PhD Fellowship of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)

Project: "Between object and meaning: re-evaluating the objectivity of the human sciences

Prizes

2024 Ernest Nagel Early-Career Scholar Essay Award for my paper "Beyond Hempel: Reframing the Debate about Scientific Explanation", awarded by the Philosophy of Science Association.

Conference Presentations / Invited talks

"The Institutional Function of Modern HPS", paper presented at APSA26, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, July 2026

"The Socio-Cultural Origins of Modern HPS", paper presented at SPSP26, Cambridge, July 2026

"In Search of a Constitutive A Priori in Historiography", paper presented at EPSA25, Groningen, August 2025

"Historical Evidence and the Constitutive A Priori", paper presented at the workshop "Explanation, Narrative, and Understanding in the Social Sciences", Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, June 2025

"What can HPS do for you? Answers from 1944, 1960 and Today", paper presented at the Philosophy Department, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, May 2025

"Chang's Pragmatic Realism doesn't work in practice", paper presented at the Dewey Center, Fudan University, Shanghai, May 2025

"Oral History of Philosophy of Science", Paper presented at Philosophy of Science: Past, Present, Future, Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Minnesota/Minneapolis, October 2024

"Oral History of Philosophy of Science: Project Overview and Results", Paper presented at HOPOS, Vienna University, July 2024

"The Failed Reception of the Voluntarism in Logical Empiricism", Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy, University of Berlin (Humboldt), July 2023

"Discipline and Bounding: Identifying Philosophy in the 20th Century", Paper presented at the workshop "Exiled Empiricist", Tilburg university, August 2022

"The Emergence of Philosophy of Science as a Discipline: refractions in SPSP, IHPS, STS and HOPOS", Paper presented at SPSP, Ghent University, July 2022

"The Emergence of Philosophy of Science as a Discipline: Grünbaum and Salmon at Work", Paper presented at HOPOS, UC Irvine, June 2022

"The institutional stabilization of philosophy of science and its withdrawal from social concerns after the Second World War", Paper presented at TiLPS History of Analytic Philosophy Conference, University of Tilburg, December 2020

"Aristotle, Nagel and the Philosophy of Science", Paper presented at the workshop 'Ernst Nagel and the Making of Philosophy of Science as a Profession', Hungarian Academy of Science, October 2019

"The Emergence of the Covering Law Model and What We Might Learn from It", Lunch Time Talk at the Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, September 2019

"Leo Apostel and Rudolf Carnap: The Development of Logical Empiricist Ethics", Paper presented at the meeting of the Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy, University of Boston, June 2019

"Cassirer reading Ficino - Foucault Reading Cassirer: In Search of Discourse Restyling Itself", Paper presented at the workshop 'Marsilio Ficino's Cosmology: Sources, Reception, Historiography', Ca'Foscari University of Venice, May 2019

"Naturalist and Empiricist Theory of History: Diamond, Neurath and von Mises", Paper presented at INTH (International Network for Theory of History), Stockholm, August 2018

"Conflicts in and over Carl Hempel", Paper presented at HOPOS 18, Groningen, July 2018

"Rousian History of Philosophy of Science: the Hempel-Neurath debate", Paper presented at SPSP 2018, Ghent, June 2018

"The Emergence of Historical Explanation as a Philosophical Problem", Paper presented at 'Scientific and Historical Explanation: Reexamining the Connection' Conference, Leuven, June 2018

"The Emergence of Scientific Explanation in the Work of Carl Hempel", Paper presented at TiLPS History of Analytic Philosophy Workshop, Tilburg, October 2017

"A Variety of Logics of the Cultural Sciences: Dilthey, Rickert, Carnap", Paper presented at 'Der junge Carnap in historischem Kontext: 1918–1935', workshop, Konstanz, October 2017.

"Conflicts over History in Logical Empiricism", Paper presented at Making of the Humanities VI, Oxford, September 2017.

“Methodological Developments in Hempel’s Analysis of Science”, Paper presented at ECAP 9, München, August 2017.

“Historicizing Historical Explanation: The Origins of Hempel's Covering Law Model”, Paper presented at INTH (International Network for Theory of History), Ouro Preto, August 2016.

“Historicizing Historical Explanation: The Origins of Hempel's Covering Law Model”, Paper presented at HOPOS 16, Minneapolis, June 2016.

“How Hempel changed the philosophical reflection on the historical sciences”, Paper presented at the workshop Fifty Shapes of Explanation, Ghent, November 2015.

“The Objectivity of the Humanities: Hempel, Carnap and the Case of Lucien Febvre”, Paper presented at the fifth Conference of the European Philosophy of Science Association, Düsseldorf, September 2015.

“The unification of the natural sciences and the humanities in Carnap’s Aufbau”, Paper presented at The Making of the Humanities IV, Rome, October 2014.

Academic Service and Administration

2025	Member of the Program Committee (Post-Kant) for the HOPOS 2026 meeting, Ohio State University
2018-2021	Secretary of the Philosophy Department, Ghent University
2017-2018	Temporary Secretary of the Philosophy Department, Ghent University
2012-2014	Elected Student Representative, Arts & Philosophy Faculty Board, Ghent University

Graduate Advising

2023-2026	Co-supervisor of Ties van Gemert, PhD student at Tilburg University; main supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sander Verhaegh Dissertation title: Deep Disagreements in Metaphilosophy: French Philosophy and the Analytic Program
2026	Member of the doctoral guidance committee of Benjamin Zonnekeyn at Ghent University; main supervisor: Prof. Dr. Maarten Van Dyck Dissertation Title: From Kant to the Classics. The place of historiography of philosophy in German neo-Kantianism

Languages

	Reading	**Writing**	**Speaking**
Dutch	Native	Native	Native
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Excellent	Good	Good
German	Excellent	Fair	Fair
Ancient Greek	Good	/	/