curriculum vitae

Jasper van Buuren PhD

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Areas of Specialization

Phenomenology, Philosophical Anthropology, Philosophy of the Good Life, 20th Century Continental Philosophy

Areas of Competence

18th and 19th Century Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Neuroscience, Philosophy of History, Political Philosophy

Professional Experience in Philosophy

Oct 2013 – Sept 2015 Teacher of Philosophy, University of Potsdam (part-time)

May – Dec 2013 Postdoctoral researcher in the research group *Lebensformen und Lebenswissen*, Viadrina European University, Frankfurt Oder/ University of Potsdam

Other Professional Experience

2015 – present Founder and owner of Panathletic, Emmerich am Rhein, Germany

2004 – 2008 Branch manager at Studiekring, Institute for Private Instruction and Homework Supervision, Amsterdam

Education

2008 – 2013 Ph.D. Philosophy
Project: *The Body as Object: Materialism, Physical Reality, and the Structure of the Phenomenal World*
University of Potsdam
Advisors: Hans-Peter Krüger (Potsdam) and Mark Wrathall (UC Riverside)
Graduated magna cum laude

2008 – 2011 Doctoral researcher in the research group *Lebensformen und Lebenswissen*, Viadrina European University, Frankfurt Oder/ University of Potsdam

2002 – 2007	Doctoral Preparatory Program Philosophy Catholic University of Leuven Advisor: Rudolf Bernet Graduated magna cum laude
1993 – 2001	M.A. Philosophy University of Amsterdam Advisor: Maarten Coolen

Education at Other Universities

April-May 2011	Visiting student researcher, University of California, Department of Philosophy, Riverside
Feb.-March 2011	Visiting student researcher, Florida Atlantic University, Center for Body, Mind, and Culture, Boca Raton
Feb.-March 2009	Visiting student researcher, New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York

Monographs

Philosophy of the Outdoors: Physical Activity and the Experience of Meaning in Nature. Albany (NY): SUNY Press, 2026 (forthcoming).

Body and Reality: An Examination of the Relationships between the Body Proper, Physical Reality, and the Phenomenal World Starting from Plessner and Merleau-Ponty. Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag. 2018.

Articles in International Peer Reviewed Journals

"The Difference between Moral Sources and Hypergoods". International Philosophical Quarterly. Volume 56, Issue 2, June 2016. pp. 171-186. DOI: 10.5840/ipq201641259

"The Philosophical-Anthropological Foundations of Bennett and Hacker's Critique of Neuroscience". Continental Philosophy Review. Print version: Volume 49, Issue 2, June 2016. pp. 223-241. Online first: July 2015. DOI: 10.1007/s11007-015-9318-4

"From 'Sources of the Self' to 'A Secular Age': The Development in Taylor's Concept of Transcendence". Religion, Education and the Arts. Issue 9, 2014. pp. 96-108.

Book Chapters

Körper und Leib. In: Joachim Fischer (ed.). *Plessner-Handbuch: Leben – Werk – Wirkung*. Springer/ J. B. Metzler, Heidelberg, forthcoming: 2026.

Exzentrizität, Dingstruktur und der Leib als Subjekt und Objekt [Eccentricity, Thing-Structure, and the Body as Subject and Object]. In: Thomas Ebke and Caterina Zanfi (eds.). *Das Leben im Menschen oder der Mensch im Leben*. *Deutsch-französische Genealogien zwischen Anthropologie und Anti-Humanismus*. Potsdam: Potsdam University Press. 2017.

Der Realismus als notwendige Fiktion. Book Review of Etienne Bimbenet's *L'invention du réalisme*. In: Thomas Ebke (ed.). *Internationales Jahrbuch für Philosophische Anthropologie*. *Mensch und Gesellschaft zwischen Natur und Geschichte.* Vol. 6. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. 2016.

Plessner and the Mathematical-Physical Perspective: The Prescientific Objectivity of the Human Body. In: Jos de Mul (ed.), *Plessner's Philosophical Anthropology: Perspectives and Prospects*. Amsterdam University Press. 2014. pp. 129-148.

Buytendijk und die Philosophische Anthropologie [Buytendijk and Philosophical Anthropology]. In: Ralf Becker, Joachim Fischer, Matthias Schloßberger (eds.). *Philosophische Anthropologie im Aufbruch: Max Scheler und Helmuth Plessner im Vergleich (Internationales Jahrbuch für Philosophische Anthropologie)*. Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 2010. pp. 285-300.

Translations

Matthias Schloßberger. *The Varieties of Togetherness: Scheler on Collective Affective Intentionality.* Book chapter. In: Hans-Bernhard Schmid, Alessandro Salice (Eds.), *The Phenomenological Approach to Social Reality*. Translated from German, in collaboration with Katelyn Fricke. Dordrecht: Springer, 2016. pp. 173-195.

Helmuth Plessner. "Über den infantilisierenden Einfluss der modernen Gesellschaft auf die Jugend". Paper presented at the *Onderwijscongres* [Conference on Education] in Groningen, the Netherlands, 8 March 1946. Translation from Dutch into German. Commissioned by the Institute of Education of the University of Zurich.

Website of the Helmuth Plessner Society. Translation from German into English. In collaboration with Boris Reinecke. Commissioned by the Helmuth Plessner Society.

Undergraduate Teaching Experience (University of Potsdam)

Summer 2015	Seminar: *„A Natural History of Human Thinking". Michael Tomasello und der Unterschied zwischen Mensch und Tier* [Michael Tomasello and the Difference Between Human Beings and Animals].
Winter 2013-2014	Seminar: *Wieviel Struktur gibt es in der Welt? Die Idee der Gestalt bei Plessner und Merleau-Ponty* [How Much Structure is There in the World? The Idea of the Gestalt in Plessner and Merleau-Ponty].
Winter 2009-2010	Seminar (with Sophia Rost): *Vom Politischen, der Säkularisierung und der Idee des guten Lebens* [Politics, Secularization, and the Idea of the Good Life].

Presentations

27 August 2025	*Flow as Mediated Immediacy: Helmuth Plessner and the Philosophy of Nature Sports*. 52nd Annual Meeting of The International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS), Odense, Denmark.
10 June 2025	*Physical Activity and the Experience of Beauty, Value, and Meaning in Nature.* International Institute of Applied Aesthetics (IIAA) XVI International Summer Conference, *Experiencing Environments—Human Perspectives in the Changing World*. Lahti, Finland.

21 May 2025	*Loving Nature: Simple Joy, Appreciative Joy, and Wonder*. Annual conference of the Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists (ICNAP): *Phenomenology and Nature* (online).
5 Feb 2025	*Wonder at the Unfathomable as an Experience of Meaning.* Research Colloquium of the Section Phenomenological Psychopathology and Psychotherapy, Heidelberg University.
12 Sept 2024	*Wonder and Appreciation as Distinctly Human*. Conference: *Philosophical Anthropology and Biology: Between History and Evolution*. University of Hradec Králové.
18 May 2018	*Widerstand jenseits der Erfahrung. Oder: was uns töten kann, ist wirklich.* Workshop: *Widerstand und Erfahrung*. Humboldt University, Berlin.
11 Sept 2015	*Lebenswelt und physische Realität* [Lifeworld and Physical Reality]. Conference: *Lebenswelt und Lebensform: Tagung der deutschen Gesellschaft für phänomenologische Forschung*. University of Koblenz-Landau, Campus Landau.
25 March 2015	*Exzentrizität, Dingstruktur und der Leib als Subjekt und Objekt*. Conference: *Tier, Mensch, Verhalten*. University of Kassel.
23 July 2014	Commentary (in German) to Etienne Bimbenet's presentation *Ce que le langage fait à la vie: quelques ressources phénoménologiques* [What Language Does with Life: Some Phenomenological Resources]. École d'été de l'Université Franco-Allemande, *La vie dans l'homme ou l'homme dans la vie?* École normale supérieure de Paris.
13 Dec 2013	*De distantie tot het eigen lichaam: een vergelijking tussen Merleau-Ponty en Plessner* [The distance to the Body Proper: A Comparison between Merleau-Ponty and Plessner]. Annual Meeting of the Dutch Society for Phenomenological Research, Wageningen University, the Netherlands.
21 May 2012	*Does Nature Fit into the Immanent Frame?: Comparing "A Secular Age" to "Sources of the Self"*. Workshop with Charles Taylor: *Sources of the Self in a Secular Age*, University of Potsdam.
26 March 2011	*Phenomenal Space and Physical Space: A Comparison between Maurice Merleau-Ponty and Helmuth Plessner*. University of Kentucky 14th Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference on *Place, Space, and Spatiality*.
5 March 2011	*External World and the Other Person: The Structure of the Social World according to Helmuth Plessner*. Fourth Annual USF Graduate Student Conference: *Ipseity and Alterity: Dialectics and Distances between Self and Other*, University of South Florida, Tampa.
16 Nov. 2010	*Zu Christoph Menkes "Autonomie und Befreiung"* [On Christoph Menke's "Autonomy and Liberation"]. Workshop: *Christoph Menkes "Kraft und Autonomie"*. Research group *Lebensformen und Lebenswissen*, Potsdam.
21 Jan. 2010	*Maschine und Organismus in Canguilhems "Maschine und Organismus"*. [Machine and Organism in Canguilhem's "Machine and Organism"] Workshop: *Georges Canguilhem: Die Erkenntnis des Lebens*. Research group *Lebensformen und Lebenswissen*, Potsdam.

17 Sept. 2009	*Plessner and the Mathematical-Physical Perspective*. Conference: *Artificial by Nature*: IVth International Plessner Conference, Rotterdam.
9 June 2009	*From "Sources of the Self" to "A Secular Age": The Development in Taylor's Concept of Transcendence*. Conference: *"A Secular Age": Tracing the Contours of Religion and Belief*. Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin.
22 March 2005	*Theater und Transzendenz. Plessner und die Frage nach einem letzten Weltgrund* [Theater and Transcendence: Plessner and the Question Concerning the Final Ground of the World]. *Plessner Workshop,* Helmuth Plessner Society, Dresden.
22 Jan. 2005	*De dubbelrol van de opvoeder. De opvoedingsrelatie in filosofisch perspectief* [The Double Role of the Educator: A Philosophical View on Upbringing and Education]. Conference: Studiekring, Utrecht.
10 April 1997	*Theology and Phenomenology: The Privilege of Questioning Being*. Conference: *50 Years "Brief über den Humanismus"*, University of Amsterdam.

Fellowships

2013	Postdoctoral Fellowship from the research group *Lebensformen und Lebenswissen*, Viadrina European University, Frankfurt Oder/ University of Potsdam
2008 - 2011	Dissertation Fellowship from the research group *Lebensformen und Lebenswissen*, Viadrina European University, Frankfurt Oder/ University of Potsdam

Peer Review

January 2024	Blind review of original paper for Human Studies
January 2022	Blind review of original paper for Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
July 2021	Review of postdoctoral research project, commissioned by the Czech Science Foundation (GACR)

Language Skills

Dutch native speaker, fluent in English and German, good skills in French

Professional Affiliations

- Helmuth Plessner Society
- Study Group Philosophy of Sport (Dutch Research School of Philosophy)
- International Society for Environmental Ethics (ISEE)
- International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS)
- Interdisciplinary Coalition of North American Phenomenologists (ICNAP)