

Author Bios

Stella Indira Auer is a life drawer and undergrad at the University of Vienna. Currently focussing on the body to repudiate Cartesian dualism and its lasting effects on health care. They plan to specialise in philosophy of medicine and hope to contribute to the philosophical foundation necessary for the improvement of public health systems, in the future. In seeking answers to the questions posed by the conference they were able to further develop their criticism of the bodies of Homo Sapiens/Faber/Ludens.

Caterina De Gaetano graduated at Rome La Sapienza University, attends currently Milan State University and has made an Erasmus experience at University of Vienna. She has a specific interest in the modes of knowledge, both in traditional philosophy and in the interdisciplinary field of cognitive sciences. One of the major topic for her is the role of the body in shaping human experience and articulating the relationship between the individual and the world, the latter conceived in its broadest sense as the natural and social environment or the spiritual aspect of reality.

Anna-Maria Edlinger studied Philosophy and Political Sciences at University of Vienna and just began her master studies in Philosophy at École Normale Supérieure, Paris. Her main interest is in political philosophy, where she is trying to combine social sciences methods with philosophical reflection. This publication allows her to further explore the philosophy of religion and embodiment and to draw attention to the situation of refugees at European external borders.

Kevin (Kev) Grane is a PhD student at the university of Denver perusing a degree in religious studies with an emphasis in critical theory. Moving forward in my career I plan to study comparative Abrahamic tradition through the lese of lived religion. Ideally, I would love to become an educator further down the road and spend my career opening the hearts and minds of students to decide for themselves what they believe and why.

Kevin Hujing received his M.A. in the religious studies program at the University of Denver. He completed his undergrad at the University of California, Santa Cruz receiving a degree in Philosophy. Kevin's research interests are globalization theory, decoloniality, capitalism and the global division of labor. He works full-time at the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless as a Veteran Case Manager and hopes to teach at the community college level after graduation.

Anna Magnasco has graduated in Philosophy with a thesis in Environmental Anthropology in 2019 and is continuing her academic studies in Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at the University of Turin. Her areas of research are within the urgent framework of the Anthropocene, a concept that is capable of uniting the environment, humanity and politics in a nexus of entanglements and frictions. On the one hand, she aims to deconstruct many of our paradigms, those that have brought us this far — such as that of nature, politics, health, progress, suffering, future. On the other hand, she seeks other horizons of meaning, other concepts, other possible ways of relating to the environment and society. In particular, she has been working on human-animal relations in the complex world of the Inuit, based on reciprocity and trust.

Tobias Patry has for the last nine years immersed himself deep into finding my reference point with art (especially performance and movement practises) and art therapy here in Austria. He was a founding member and chairman of the art association "CoPoiesis" a bridging network between performing and teaching arts, scientific reflections, thinking and assessments as well as therapeutic and social work till its closure during the pandemic. Now he is bridging into Linguistics with Japanese studies at the University of Vienna in a very close approach to Anthropology. Probably expanding his art therapy studies by a M.A. in „Expressive Arts Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding“.

Philipp Quell is a master's student in philosophy at the University of Vienna and works at the dean's office for the faculty of philosophy and education. His research focuses on contemporary continental philosophy with special attention to that of Gilles Deleuze.

Magdalena Sedmak is a master's student at the University of Vienna developing her own approach to a philosophical practice beyond theoretical thoughts and arguments, understanding that any process must be felt, expressed and embodied if it is to be fully lived out, which is the base of somatic-based trauma therapies that she is continuing to study. She focuses on the points of connection (*Berührungspunkte*) in her work — academically as well as in movement instruction — that allow for the creation of safe spaces within and without, vital for a fulfilled and meaningful life in a turbulent world.

Anna Westin is Visiting Lecturer and Researcher at St. Mary's University in the United Kingdom. She is the author of *Embodied Trauma and Healing: Critical Conversations on the Concept of Health* (Routledge, 2022). She completed her PhD in existential phenomenology and addiction at St. Mary's University. Anna lectures at St. Mellitus College and is a Visiting Lecturer and Honorary Research Fellow at The Bakhita Centre for the Study of Modern Slavery, Exploitation and Abuse, at St. Mary's University. She has also lectured at Richmond, the American University in London and LST. Her current research interests and publications explore ethics, trauma, the imagination and suffering. Anna has published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics* and the *New Bioethics Journal* and is involved in community initiatives on creativity and suffering.

Kieryn Wurts received her M.A. in philosophy from the University of Bonn, Germany. Her research is at the intersections of religious studies, theology, and philosophy with special emphasis on philosophy of religion, history of metaphysics and ontology, political theology, phenomenology, hermeneutics, and interreligious ethics. She works with the European Baptist Union as a human rights advocate with special expertise in freedom of religion of belief for all with a regional focus in western and eastern Europe, central Asia, and the Middle East.