

# Sean Bowden

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## AREAS OF QUALIFICATION

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*Area of specialization (AOS):* Contemporary French Philosophy

*Areas of competence (AOC):* Contemporary European Philosophy, Philosophy of Action (individual and collective)

## EDUCATION

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**PhD** in Philosophy (Cotutelle), University of New South Wales, 2010

- Thesis title: The Ontological Priority of Events in Gilles Deleuze's *The Logic of Sense*
- Examiners: Leonard Lawlor, James Williams, Daniel W. Smith
- Awarded the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences' Best Doctoral Thesis Prize, 2009

**PhD** in Philosophy (Cotutelle), Université de Paris 8, 2010

- Thesis title: La priorité ontologique des événements dans la *Logique du sens* de Gilles Deleuze
- Awarded with Highest Honours (*mention très honorable avec les félicitations du jury à l'unanimité*)
- Jury for the oral defence: Alain Badiou, Stéphane Douailler, Paul Patton, Charles Ramond, Daniel W. Smith and James Williams.

**DEA** (Diplôme d'Études Approfondies – MA equivalent) in Philosophy, Université de Paris 8, 2005

- Thesis title: Deleuze et Leibniz: La question du monde dans la jurisprudence de l'être
- Examiners : Alain Badiou, Stéphane Douailler
- Awarded with First Class Honours (*mention très bien*).

**BA (Honours)** in Philosophy, University of New South Wales, 2003

- Awarded with First Class Honours
- Awarded the University Medal in Philosophy

**BA**, University of Sydney, 2001

- Major in Philosophy
- Minor in French

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2019-present	Senior Lecturer in Philosophy Deakin University
2014-2018	Lecturer in Philosophy Deakin University
2013-2014	Associate Lecturer in Philosophy Deakin University
2012-2014	Alfred Deakin Postdoctoral Research Fellow Deakin University
2011-2012	Associate Lecturer in Philosophy Deakin University
2010-2011	Sessional Lecturer (Philosophy) Melbourne University
2009-2010	Sessional Lecturer (Philosophy) University of Wollongong

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Monographs*

1. *The Willing of Events: Expression, Action and Agency in Deleuze* (Edinburgh University Press, under contract).
2. *The Priority of Events: Deleuze's Logic of Sense* (Edinburgh University Press, 2011).

### *Edited Collections*

1. *Problems in Twentieth Century French Philosophy* (Routledge, 2020 – co-edited with Mark G.E. Kelly).
2. *Deleuze and Pragmatism* (Routledge, 2015 – co-edited with Simone Bignall and Paul Patton).
3. *Badiou and Philosophy* (Edinburgh University Press, 2012 – co-edited with Simon Duffy).

### *Journal Special Issues*

1. *Phenomenology, Naturalism and Non-reductive Cognitive Science, Australian Philosophical Review* 2:2 (2018 – co-edited with Jack Reynolds, Catherine Legg and Patrick Stokes).
2. *Problems in Twentieth Century French Philosophy, Angelaki* 23:2 (2018 – co-edited with Mark G.E. Kelly).
3. *The Virtual, the Actual and the Intensive: Contentions, Reflections and Interpretations, Deleuze and Guattari Studies* 11:2 (2017 – co-edited with Dale Clisby).

### Journal Articles

1. 'Artistic Agency and the Painting of Sensation: Francis Bacon's Challenge to the Standard Theory of Action', *Parrhesia* 38 (2023): 70-111.
2. 'Encounters and the Differential Genesis of Thought in *The Logic of Sense*', *Deleuze and Guattari Studies* 16.1 (2022): 24-50.
3. 'Punishment for Mob-based Harms: Expressing and Denouncing Mob Mentality', *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 38:3 (2021): 366-83 (co-authored with Sarah Sorial and Kylie Bourne).
4. 'Assembling Agency: Expression, Action and Ethics in Deleuze and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus*', *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 58:3 (2020): 383-400.
5. 'Deleuze's Nietzsche on Becoming What One Is', *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie* 81:1 (2019): 53-80.
6. 'An Anti-Positivist Conception of Problems: Deleuze, Bergson and the French Epistemological Tradition', *Angelaki* 23:2 (2018), pp. 45-63.
7. 'Joint Action and the Expression of Shared Intentions: An Expanded Taylorian Account', *European Journal of Philosophy* 25:2 (2017), pp. 440-462.
8. 'The Intensive Expression of the Virtual: Revisiting the Relation of Expression in *Difference and Repetition*', *Deleuze and Guattari Studies* 11:2 (2017), pp. 216-239.
9. 'Normativity and Expressive Agency in Hegel, Nietzsche and Deleuze', *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 29:2 (2015), pp. 236-259.
10. "'Willing the Event": Expressive Agency in Deleuze's *Logic of Sense*', *Critical Horizons* 15:3 (2014), pp. 231-248.
11. 'Paul Redding's *Continental Idealism* (and Deleuze's Continuation of the Idealist Tradition)', *Parrhesia* 11 (2011), pp. 75-79.
12. 'Deleuze's Neo-Leibnizianism, Events and *The Logic of Sense*'s "Static Ontological Genesis"', *Deleuze Studies* 4:3 (2010), pp. 301-328.
13. 'Alain Badiou: Problematics and the Different Senses of Being in *Being and Event*', *Parrhesia* 5 (2008), pp. 32-47.
14. 'Deleuze, Leibniz and the Jurisprudence of Being', *Pli (The Warwick Journal of Philosophy)* 17 (2006), pp. 98-120.
15. 'Deleuze et les Stoïciens: une logique de l'événement', *Le Bulletin de la société américaine de philosophie de langue française* 15:1 (2005), pp. 72-97.

### Book Chapters

1. 'Problems, Problems Everywhere, Nor Any X to Think: Deleuze on the Communication of Problems and Geophilosophy', Robert W. Lucecky and Vernon W. Cisney (eds), *Deleuze, Guattari and the Schizoanalysis of the Earth* (Bloomsbury, forthcoming – co-authored with Timothy Deane-Freeman).
2. 'Events, Actions and Agency across the Analytic-Continental Divide', in James Bahoh, Marta Cassina and Sergio Genovesi (eds), *Twenty-First Century Philosophy of Events: Beyond the Analytic/Continental Divide* (Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming).
3. 'Bacon and Deleuze on the Act of Painting: The Expression of Painterly Intentions and the Formation of Forms', Alistair Macaulay, Timothy Deane-Freeman, and Antonia Pont, *Philosophical Perspectives on Artistic Agency* (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming).
4. 'Deleuze's Philosophy of Action', in Jeffrey A. Bell and Henry Somers-Hall (eds), *The Deleuzian Mind* (Routledge, forthcoming).

5. 'The Immanence of Desire: Subjectivity and Agency in *Anti-Oedipus*', in Gavin Rae and Cillian Ó Fathaigh (eds), *Subjective Agency and Poststructuralism* (Routledge, 2024).
6. 'Badiou's *Being and Event* Trilogy and the *Pas de Deux* with Deleuze', in Daniel Whistler and Mark Sinclair (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Modern French Philosophy* (Oxford University Press, 2024 – co-authored with Caitlyn Lesiuk).
7. "'Becoming-Equal to the Act": The Temporality of Action and Agential Responsibility', in Simone Bignall and Rosi Braidotti (eds), *Posthuman Ecologies: Complexity and Process after Deleuze* (Roman & Littlefield International, 2019).
8. 'Jean Wahl', in Graham Jones and Jon Roffe (eds), *Deleuze's Philosophical Lineage, Vol 2* (Edinburgh University Press, 2019).
9. 'Human and Non-Human Agency in Deleuze', in Hannah Stark and Jon Roffe (eds), *Deleuze and the Non/Human* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), pp. 60-80.
10. 'Tragedy and Agency in Hegel and Deleuze', in Craig Lundy and Daniela Voss (eds), *At the Edges of Thought: Deleuze and Post-Kantian Philosophy* (Edinburgh University Press, 2015).
11. 'Antirepresentationalism and Objectivity in Rorty, Brandom and Deleuze', in Sean Bowden, et al. (eds), *Deleuze and Pragmatism* (Routledge, 2014).
12. (with Simone Bignall and Paul Patton) 'Deleuzian Encounters with Pragmatism', in Sean Bowden, et al. (eds), *Deleuze and Pragmatism* (Routledge, 2014).
13. 'Gilles Deleuze, a Reader of Gilbert Simondon', in Arne de Boever, et al. (eds), *Gilbert Simondon: Being and Technology* (Edinburgh University Press, 2012), pp. 135-153.
14. 'The Set-Theoretical Nature of Badiou's Ontology and Lautman's Dialectic of Problematic Ideas', in Sean Bowden and Simon Duffy (eds), *Badiou and Philosophy* (Edinburgh University Press, 2012), pp. 39-58.
15. (with Simon Duffy) 'Badiou's Philosophical Heritage', in Sean Bowden and Simon Duffy (eds), *Badiou and Philosophy* (Edinburgh University Press, 2012), pp. 1-15.

#### Review Essays

1. 'Alain Badiou: From Ontology to Politics and Back', *Journal of French Philosophy* 15:2 (2005), pp. 68-93.

#### Reviews

1. 'Jean Wahl, *Transcendence and the Concrete: Selected Writings*, ed. Alan D. Schrift and Ian Alexander Moore (Fordham 2017)' *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2017.09.17.
2. 'Timothy O'Leary and Christopher Falon (eds), *Foucault and Philosophy* (Wiley-Blackwell 2010)', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90:1 (2012), pp. 203-3.
3. 'Christian Kerslake, *Deleuze and the Unconscious* (Continuum 2007)', *Deleuze Studies* 2 (Suppl) (2008), pp. 148-53.

## PAPERS GIVEN

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#### Keynote Presentations

1. 'Deleuze on Events, Action and Agency', *The Philosophy of Events*, University of Bonn, June 30-July 6, 2018

### *Invited Conference Papers*

1. 'An Expressive Account of Mob Action', *Legal Punishment and Collective Agency*, University of Melbourne, November 27-28, 2017.
2. 'Response to Brent Adkins, "To Have Done with the Transcendental: Deleuze, Immanence, Intensity"', *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Conference 2017*, University of Memphis, October 19-21, 2017.
3. 'The Expression of Collective Intentions in Unstructured Groups', *Between the Individual and the Collective: Processes of Socio-political Formation*, Deakin University, September 25, 2017.
4. 'New Materialism and Non-Human Agency: Three Questions for Bennett', *Encounters Through New Materialism*, Deakin University, November 25, 2014.
5. 'Antirepresentationalism and Objectivity in the thought of Rorty, Brandom and Deleuze', *The Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Annual Conference 2014*, University of Colorado, Denver, March 6-8, 2014.
6. 'Normativity and Expressive Agency in Hegel, Nietzsche and Deleuze', *Ethics and Norms in Recent European Philosophy*, Monash University, May 6, 2013.
7. 'Expressivity and Action in Hegel, Nietzsche and Deleuze', *Continental Philosophy and Social Transformation*, University of New South Wales, December 13-14, 2012.
8. 'Events, Agency and Expression in Deleuze's *Logic of Sense*', *The International Association for Philosophy and Literature Conference*, Tallinn University, Estonia, May 28–June 3, 2012.
9. 'The Relation between Leibniz's Different Definitions of Individual Substance', *Leibniz: Body, Organism, Soul*, University of Melbourne, April 16, 2010.

### *Conference Papers – Full Paper Refereed*

1. 'Tragic Agency in Hegel and Deleuze', *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy Conference 2013*, University of Oregon, October 24-26, 2013.

### *Seminar Papers*

1. 'Deleuze's Nietzsche on "Becoming What One Is"', Royal Holloway, University of London, September 28, 2018.
2. 'Joint Actions and Shared Intentions: An Expressive Conception of Collective Agency', University of Melbourne Philosophy Seminar Series, August 27, 2015.
3. 'Expressive Agency in Deleuze's *Logic of Sense*', Deakin University Philosophy Seminar Series, July 31, 2012.
4. 'Neo-Pragmatism in Deleuze's *The Logic of Sense*', La Trobe University Philosophy Seminar Series, June 2, 2010.
5. 'Leibniz and Neo-Pragmatism in Deleuze's *The Logic of Sense*', University of Melbourne Philosophy Seminar Series, May 20, 2010.

### *Other Selected Conference Papers*

1. 'Solving some open problems in the philosophy of action, between Dreyfus and Deleuze', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2024*, Deakin University, December 2-4, 2024.

2. 'The Immanence of Desire: Subjectivity and Agency in *Anti-Oedipus*', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2022*, University of Melbourne, November 28-30, 2022.
3. 'Events, Actions and Agency across the Analytic/Continental Divide', *Agency and Subjectivity: Rethinking Poststructuralism*, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, January 26, 2022.
4. 'Artistic Agency and the Painting of Sensation: Francis Bacon's Challenge to the Standard Theory of Action', *Philosophical Perspectives on Artistic Agency*, Deakin University, November 19, 2021.
5. 'Expressive action and destratification in *A Thousand Plateaus*', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2019*, University of Melbourne, December 4-6, 2019.
6. 'Ethics and agency in *Anti-Oedipus*', *Deleuze and Guattari Studies Conference*, Royal Holloway University of London, July 8-10, 2019.
7. "'Becoming-Equal to the Act": The Temporality of Action and Agential Responsibility', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2018*, Western Sydney University, November 20-23, 2018.
8. 'Book Panel: Michael J Bennett, *Deleuze and Ancient Greek Physics: The Image of Nature*', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2018*, Western Sydney University, November 20-23, 2018.
9. 'The Role of the Category of Problems in Philosophies of Life and Philosophies of the Concept', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2017*, University of Tasmania, November 29 – December 1, 2017.
10. 'Book Panel: Andrew Inkpin, *Disclosing the World: On the Phenomenology of Language*', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2016*, Deakin University, December 7-9, 2016.
11. 'Jean Wahl and the Problem of the Concrete', *Problematizing the 'Problem' in 20th Century French Thought*, Deakin University, December 10, 2015.
12. 'Looking at Shared Intentions through an Expressive Lens', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference*, Australian Catholic University, December 4-6, 2014.
13. 'Thinking about Collective Agency: Insights from Anglo-American and Contemporary French Thought', *Collectives in Contemporary French Thought*, Deakin University, November 14, 2014.
14. 'Ontological Relativity and Indirect Discourse: A Potted History with a Deleuzian Coda', *Multiple Ontologies/Ontological Relativity*, Deakin University, December 17-18, 2013.
15. 'Ontological Relativity and Indirect Discourse: A Potted History with a Deleuzian Coda', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference*, University of Western Sydney, December 3-5, 2013.
16. 'Objective Constraint in Brandom and Deleuze', *The Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference 2013*, University of Queensland, July 7-12, 2013.
17. 'Antirepresentationalism and Objectivity in the thought of Rorty, Brandom and Deleuze', *Deleuze, Pragmatism and Post-Kantian Thought Conference*, Deakin University, December 17-18, 2012.
18. 'Tragedy and Agency in Deleuze and Hegel', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference*, University of Auckland, December 10-12, 2012.
19. 'An Expressive Account of Agency in Deleuze's *Logic of Sense*', *Kaifeng International Deleuze Conference*, Henan University, China, May 18-21, 2012.
20. 'Actions and Events in *The Logic of Sense*', *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference*, La Trobe University, December 12-15, 2011.
21. 'Deleuze's Neo-Pragmatism in *The Logic of Sense*', *The Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference 2010*, University of New South Wales, July 4-9, 2010.

22. 'Paul Redding's *Continental Idealism*', *The Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2009*, Monash University, November 29-December 1, 2009 (Plenary Panel on the work of Paul Redding).
23. 'A Response to James Williams on the Role of Language and the Status of the Human in Gilles Deleuze's *The Logic of Sense*', *Workshop on Gilles Deleuze's Logic of Sense*, University of New South Wales, February 16, 2009.
24. 'Deleuze and Leibniz: The Question of "World" and the Politics of Being', *The Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2005*, University of New South Wales, June 15-17, 2005.
25. 'Deleuze and the Stoics: The Logic of the Event', *The Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2003*, University of Queensland, November 20-22, 2003.

#### *Poster Presentations*

1. 'Looking at Shared Intentions through an Expressive Lens', *Thinking (about) Groups*, University of Copenhagen, October 8-10, 2014.

### **POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION (COMPLETIONS)**

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#### *Principal Supervisor*

- Alistair Macaulay, *Deleuze, Guattari, and Improvisation: Intentions from the Inside* (PhD, Deakin, 2024).
- Max Lowdin, *Sign and Idea: Spinoza and Deleuze* (PhD, Deakin, 2023).
- Brian Claude Macallan, *Freedom as a Centralizing Motif in the Work of Henri Bergson* (PhD, Deakin, 2023).
- William John Bennett, *In Sublimity's Wake* (MA, Deakin, 2022).
- Caitlyn Lesiuk, *Revisiting Badiou's Beckett: Poetry and Truth in L'immanence des vérités* (MA, Deakin, 2021).
- Timothy Deane-Freeman, *The Digital Outside - Deleuzian film philosophy and contemporary screen cultures* (PhD, Deakin, 2020).

#### *Co-Supervisor*

- David Giles Field, *Suits Rules Okay? The Relationship Between Fun and Games* (MA, Deakin, 2019).

#### *Associate Supervisor*

- Sam Matthews, *Nietzsche's Dionysian: Our Emancipatory Guide* (MA, Deakin 2024)
- Erin Donnarumma, *Radical New Self: Modern Ideology in the Age of Individualism* (MA, Deakin 2021)
- Andrew Kirkpatrick, *Whitehead and Merleau-Ponty: Toward a Process Phenomenology* (PhD, Deakin 2020)
- Daniel Timothy Connell, *Defending Nietzsche from Heidegger's Nietzsche An analysis and critique of Heidegger's understanding of Nietzsche's ontology and epistemology* (MA, Deakin, 2016).

## TEACHING

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### *Courses taught*

- *20<sup>th</sup> Century French Philosophy* (Deakin 2017-2024)
- *Plato and Nietzsche* (Deakin 2015-2017, 2019-2022)
- *Philosophy, Art, Film* (Deakin 2011, 2013-2016, 2024)
- *Honours, Reading in the Discipline* (Deakin 2015-2017)
- *Honours, Theory and Debates in the Discipline* (Deakin 2021, 2024)
- *Concepts in the Discipline* (Deakin 2014-2015)
- *Great Ideas in Philosophy* (Deakin 2011)
- *Nietzsche and Critics* (Melbourne 2010, 2011)
- *Theoretical Ethics* (Wollongong 2009)

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

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2024	Excellence in Research Supervision and Training Award, Faculty of Arts & Education, Deakin University
2017	Teaching Excellence Award, Faculty of Arts & Education, Deakin University
2011	Alfred Deakin Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Deakin University
2009	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Best Doctoral Thesis Prize, University of New South Wales
2008	Cotutelle International Travel Grant, \$2,500, the French Embassy in Australia
2004	French Government Scholarship, €10,500, the French Embassy in Australia
2003	Australian Government Postgraduate Award
2003	The University Medal in Philosophy, University of New South Wales

## INTERNAL GRANTS

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2016	Alfred Deakin Research Institute, Major Research Events Funding ('Australian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, 2016'), \$3000, Deakin University
2014	Faculty of Arts and Education, Conference Funding ('Collectives in Contemporary French Thought'), \$2000, Deakin University
2012	Alfred Deakin Research Institute Conference Funding ('Deleuze, Pragmatism and Post-Kantian Thought'), \$8,500, Deakin University
2009	Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Workshop Funding, \$3,500, University of New South Wales



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

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### *On-campus service*

- Co-Convenor, Philosophy and the History of Ideas Research Group, 2025 – present
- Faculty Board, Arts and Education, Deakin University, 2021 – 2022.
- Philosophy Discipline Convenor, Deakin University, 2017 – 2022.
- Convenor, European Philosophy and the History of Ideas Research Group, 2016.
- Philosophy Honours Convenor, Deakin University, 2014 – 2016.
- Convenor, Philosophy Seminar Series, Deakin University, 2012 – 2016, 2025.
- Postgraduate Representative, Philosophy, University of New South Wales, 2003.

### *Service to the profession*

- Secretary, *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy*, 2025 – present.
- Treasurer, *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy*, 2015 – 2017.
- Government/Institutional Representative, *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy*, 2012 – 2014.

### *Conferences Organized*

- Co-Organizer, *Philosophical Perspectives on Artistic Agency*, Deakin University, November 19, 2021.
- Organizer, *The Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2016*, Deakin University, December 7-9, 2016.
- Organizer, *Problematizing the 'Problem' in 20<sup>th</sup> Century French Thought*, Deakin University, December 10, 2015.
- Organizer, *Collectives in Contemporary French Thought*, Deakin, November 14, 2014.
- Organizer, *Deleuze, Pragmatism and Post-Kantian Thought*, Deakin University, December 17-18, 2012.
- Co-organizer, *The Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference 2011 – 'The Time(s) of our Lives'*, La Trobe University, December 12-15, 2011.
- Organizer, *Workshop on Gilles Deleuze's The Logic of Sense*, UNSW, Feb 16, 2009.

### *Editorial Board Member*

- *Continental Philosophy in Austral-Asia* (Roman & Littlefield International).

### *Refereeing (Journals)*

- *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (Wiley).
- *British Journal of Aesthetics* (Oxford).
- *Critical Horizons* (Taylor and Francis).
- *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (Johns Hopkins UP).
- *Culture, Theory and Critique* (Routledge).
- *Deleuze and Guattari Studies* (Edinburgh University Press).
- *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* (CALJ).
- *Parrhesia: A Journal of Critical Philosophy* (Open Humanities Press).
- *interconnections: journal of posthumanism* (OJS/PKP).
- *Context: Journal of Music Research* (University of Melbourne Press).
- *Humoresques* (Z'éditions).

*Refereeing (Book Proposals)*

- *Routledge*
- *Edinburgh University Press*
- *Bloomsbury*
- *Palgrave Macmillan*

*Refereeing (Book Manuscripts)*

- *Edinburgh University Press*
- *Bloomsbury*
- *Palgrave Macmillan*

*Professional Affiliations*

- Member of the *Australasian Society for Continental Philosophy*.
- Member of the *Australasian Association of Philosophy*.
- Member of the *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*.
- Member of the French-Australian network for research cooperation *Feast-France*.

**LANGUAGES**

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French (fluent)

**REFEREES**

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Professor Paul Patton

- Scientia Professor of Philosophy – University of New South Wales
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Professor Anne Sauvagnargues

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Professor Daniel W. Smith

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