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Personal

Peter Murray Simons

Born 23.3.1950, Westminster, London
Nationalities: British, Austrian (naturalized 1988)

Civil Status: married, with two adult children

Languages: English, German (very fluent), French (good), Italian, Polish (basic)

Position and Address

Professor of Philosophy
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Academic Qualifications

B.Sc. (Hons.) Class I in Mathematics, University of Manchester (1971)
M.A. in Philosophy, University of Manchester (1973)
Dissertation: "Kierkegaard on Choice: A Critique"
Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Manchester (1975)
Dissertation: "The Experience of Meaning"
Habilitation in Philosophy in the Faculty of Arts, University of Salzburg (1986)
Habilitationsschrift: "Parts. A Study in Ontology".
M.A. (jure officii), University of Dublin (2009)

Positions

1975–77 Assistant Librarian, University of Manchester, England
1977–80 Lecturer in Philosophy, Bolton Institute of Technology, Bolton, England
1980–95 Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Salzburg, Austria (1980–86 *Assistent*, 1986–93 *Universitätsdozent*, 1993–95 *Assistenzprofessor*)
1995–2009 Professor of Philosophy, University of Leeds, England
2009– Chair of Moral Philosophy (1837), University of Dublin (Trinity College), Ireland

Visiting Positions

1989 Visiting Distinguished Professor, University of California, Irvine
1991 Visiting Professor, University of Texas at Austin
1992–4 Senior Departmental Visitor, King's College London

Teaching (other than main posts and visiting positions)

- 1972–75 Tutorial Assistant in Philosophy, University of Manchester
1977 Lecturer in Philosophy, Extra-Mural Studies Department, Univ. Manchester
1982–95 Adjunct Professor, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. (Salzburg Program)
1988, 93 Adjunct Professor, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon (Salzburg Program)
1988 Visiting Lecturer, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
1989 Visiting Distinguished Professor, University of California, Irvine
1989–90 Visiting Lecturer, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
1990 Visiting Lecturer, University of Geneva, Switzerland
1991 Visiting Professor, University of Texas at Austin
1992–93 Visiting Lecturer, University of Berne, Switzerland
1995 Visiting Lecturer, University of Innsbruck, Austria
1998, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2010 Guest Professor, University of Salzburg
2001 Nordic Postgraduate Lecturer, Helsinki, Finland
2005 Stanisław Kamiński Memorial Lecturer, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland
2006 Postgraduate Lecturer, Tampere University, Finland

Honours

- 1987 Prize of the Cultural Foundation of the City of Salzburg
1996 Honorary Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Salzburg
2004 Fellow of the British Academy
2006 Member of the Academia Europaea

Research Interests

Pure Metaphysics and Ontology: mereology, categories and systematics, abstract objects, nominalism, dependence, tropes, structure, revisionary metaphysics.

Applied Metaphysics and Ontology: ontology of engineering, ontology of enterprises, ontology of physical geography, ontology of biology, ontology of music.

Philosophical Logic: truth and truthmakers, meaning, categorial grammar, vagueness, Leśniewskian logic, relation between logic and ontology.

Philosophy of Science: classification, quantities, philosophy of mathematics.

History of Philosophy: the Austrian tradition from Bolzano to Wittgenstein; the origins of analytic philosophy; Polish logic and philosophy; Whitehead.

History of Logic: Bolzano, Brentano, Frege and logicism, Polish logic, especially Leśniewski.

Research Award

British Academy Research Readership (2004–06)

Research Student Supervision

- Salzburg: MA: 1994 Wolfgang Huemer (now University of Erfurt)
Leeds: PhD: 1997 Sarah Kattau
— 2000 Sandra Lapointe (now Kansas State University)
— 2004 Bo Rode Meinertsen
MPhil: 2003 Michael Everley

— 2007 Natalia Luna Luna
MA: 2007 Stephan Krämer

Further Scientific Activities

Editor: *History and Philosophy of Logic* (1993–2001)
Director: Franz Brentano Foundation (1999–)
Director: Centre for Metaphysics and Mind (Leeds) (2004–8)
Member of Reviewing Staff, *Mathematical Reviews* (to 1992)
Member of Editorial Boards: *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (to 1992),
Brentano Studien, *Dialectica*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Metaphysica*, *The Monist*,
European Review of Philosophy, *Sorites*, *Polish Journal of Philosophy*

President, European Society for Analytic Philosophy (1993–96)
President, Internationale Bernard-Bolzano-Gesellschaft (1993–98)
Member of Presidium, Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society (1993–95)
Member of UK Humanist Philosophers Group (2004–)

Referee for numerous journals, publishers, foundations, universities, government and funding bodies.

Services to the Profession

External Examiner, University of Manchester (1996–98)
External Examiner, University of Durham (2000–04)
External Examiner, University of Bolton (2004–07)
External Examiner, University of Dundee (2008–)
Scientific Adviser, Swiss National Research Council (1994–5)
External Evaluator for Dept. of Philosophy, University of Innsbruck (2003)
External Evaluator for Dept. of Classics and Philosophy, University of Cyprus (2009)
Member of Management Committee, Arché (AHRC Research Project), St. Andrews (2003–7)
Member of Peer Review College, Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK (2004–9)
External Examiner for PhDs and Habilitations in UK, Austria, Switzerland, France, Poland.
Chair of Philosophy Section (H12), British Academy (2008–10)

Interdisciplinary Activity

Consultant on Projects PACIS (Platform for the Automated Construction of Intelligent Systems), and MEREOS (product definition management system) with Ontek Corporation, California, (1989–2001).
Cooperation with the Keyworth Institute (Engineering), University of Leeds (2000–9).
Cooperation with the Royal Academy of Engineering (London) Engineering and Philosophy Programme (2006–).