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**Curriculum Vitae**

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APPOINTMENTS

Nov 2017-Jan 2018 University lecturer, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU), NL.

Oct 2017-Mar 2020 Postdoctoral Fellow in the program ‘Cognitive Science in Search of Unity,’ Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, PL

Aug 2015-Jul 2017 Lecturer, Leiden University and Leiden University College, NL

Oct 2011-Oct 2014 Researcher, Fellow of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network *‘TESIS: Towards the Embodied Science of Intersubjectivity’*, University of Hertfordshire, UK

Sep 2012-Jan 2013 Tutor and Assistant Lecturer, University of Hertfordshire, UK

Jun 2010-Oct 2010 Assistant Policy Advisor, International Relations (paid internship), Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU), The Hague, NL

Apr 2009-Jun 2009 Research Assistant, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS), Wassenaar, NL

EDUCATION

Oct 2011-Oct 2015 University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

Degree: Philosophy Doctorate (pass without revisions)

Thesis:‘Pretence: role of representations and intersubjectivity?’

Supervision: Daniel D. Hutto, Shaun Gallagher, Sam Coleman

Sep 2009-Aug 2010 Leiden University, The Netherlands

Degree: MSc Occupational Health Psychology (*cum laude*) Thesis: ‘Fundamental attribution error of pilots’

Supervision: Patrick Hudson

Sep 2008-Aug 2010 Leiden University, The Netherlands

Degree: MA Philosophy of a Specific Discipline: Psychology (*cum laude*)

Thesis: ‘The Ontogeny of the Narrative Self’

Supervision: Jan Sleutels

Sep 2005-Jun 2008 University College Utrecht, The Netherlands

Degree: BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences (*cum laude*)

AREAS OF RESEARCH

**Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Embodied and Enacted Cognition, Social Cognition, Philosophy of Culture

**Areas of Competence**

History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics, Ryle, Wittgenstein, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Phenomenology, Philosophy of Sport, Philosophy of Play

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

5 Dec 2016 Basic Teaching Qualification degree in the Netherlands (BKO)

12 Nov 2015 Doctor of Philosophy award “with no amendments”

14 Jul 2014 International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS) Travel Award for the annual meeting in Natal, BRA

Jan 2012 Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK

3 Oct 2011 EU Commission Research Grant, Marie Curie Initiative

PUBLICATIONS

**Book Chapters**

1. Rucińska, Z. (pending). Social affordances in pretense and imagination: Ecological Psychology at play. In C. Read & A. Szokolszky (Eds.), Developmental Ecological Psychology: Transformations in Organism-Environment Systems Over Time. Special Issue of Ecological Psychology.
2. Rucińska, Z. & Aggerholm, K. (in press). Embodied and Enacted Creativity in Sport. In M. Cappucio (Ed.), *MIT Handbook on Embodied Cognition and Sport Psychology*. MIT Press.
3. Rucińska, Z. (2017). The Role of Affordances in Pretend Play. In C. Durt, T. Fuchs, & C. Tewes (Eds.), *Embodiment, Enaction, and Culture: Investigating the Constitution of the Shared World* (pp. 257-277). MIT Press.
4. Rucińska, Z. (2016). Enactive Mechanism of Make-Belief Games. In P. Turner (Ed.), *Digital Make-Believe* (pp. 141-160). Springer International Publishing.
5. Rucińska, Z. (2014). Basic Pretending as Sensorimotor Engagement? Lessons from Sensorimotor Theory for the Debate on Pretence. In J.M. Bishop & A.O. Martin (Eds.) *Contemporary Sensorimotor Theory: A brief introduction* (pp. 175-187). Springer International Publishing.

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

1. Rucińska, Z. (2016). What Guides Pretence? Towards the Interactive and the Narrative Approaches. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences 15*: 117-133. doi:10.1007/s11097-014-9381-z
2. Rucińska, Z. (2015). The Many Levels of Intersubjectivity: Comment on Fuchs’ ‘Pathologies of Intersubjectivity in Autism and Schizophrenia’. *Journal of Consciousness Studies, Vol. 22* (1-2), 215-219.
3. Rucińska, Z. and Reijmers, E. (2015). Enactive Account of Pretend Play and its Application to Therapy. *Frontiers in Psychology, 6*, 175.Published online on 2 Mar 2015. Doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2015.00175.
4. Rucińska, Z. and Reijmers, E. (2014). Between Philosophy and Therapy: Understanding Systemic Play Therapy through Embodied and Enactive Cognition (EEC). *InterAction: the Journal of Solution Focus in Organisations, 6(1)*, 37-52.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**University Lecturer**

Nov 2017 – Jan 2018 Free University Amsterdam (VU), NL

Bachelor Course:

* + 1. *Philosophy of Freedom: Freedom, Nature and Beauty*

**Lecturer**

Aug 2015 – Jul 2017 Leiden University and University College Leiden, NL

Master Courses:

* + 1. *Philosophy of Specific Discipline: Philosophy of Psychology*
    2. *Research Seminar: Philosophy, Politics and Economics in Practice*

Bachelor Courses:

* + 1. *The Creative Mind. A Humanities-Based Approach of the Human Psyche’s Hidden Potentials* (Honours Class)
    2. *Question of Representation,*
    3. *Philosophy of Mind*,
    4. *History of Philosophy*,
    5. *Humanities Lab: Introduction*,
    6. *Classical Readings: Gilbert Ryle.*

**Tutor**

Sep 2012 – Jan 2013 University of Hertfordshire, UK

Bachelor Courses:

* + 1. *Representation and Consciousness*,
    2. *Wittgenstein's Philosophy*,
    3. *Understanding Minds*,
    4. *Aristotle*,
    5. *Philosophy of Art*.

**Master Thesis Supervision**

Feb 2017 – June 2017 *The Effect of Embodiment on Moral Agency,* by Veerle de Jong. Thesis for MA program in Philosophy 60 EC within the specialization: Ethics and Politics, Leiden University.

**Book Reviewer**

Jan 2018 (pending) Review of an edited volume for *Phenomenological Reviews*: Legrand, D & Trigg, D. (Eds.) *Unconsciousness Between Phenomenology and Psychoanalysis*. Springer, 2017.

**Journal Reviewer**

2013-2017 *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*

2016 *Frontiers in Psychology*

2013-2015 *TOPOI: An International Review of Philosophy*

2014 *Argumenta*

2013-2014 *Philosophical Psychology*

2013 *Studies in Applied Philosophy, Epistemology and Rational Ethics*

**Conference Organizer**

Jul 2014 Conference: *Instituting Minds,* Institute of Philosophy, London, UK (ref. Prof Barry Smith) (<https://tesisherts.wordpress.com/speakers/)>

Jul 2014 Workshop: *How to write a successful research grant proposal?* Institute of Philosophy, London, UK

Sep 2010 Mission for the Dutch university board members to the Russian Federation, VSNU, the Hague, NL (ref. Dr Anke Schuster).

Sep 2010 The FirstInternational Student Study Success Conference (I3SC), Utrecht, NL.

**Interviews**

Jun 2014 Bragg, Jon and Ben Mitchell. “Imagination & pretence, more than just child's play”. *YouTube,* uploaded by UOWTV Multimedia, 1 June 2014, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9tQ45ikL30>

May 2014 Deighton, Ben. “Talk to your baby: they might understand”. *Horizon:* The EU’s Research and Innovation Magazine, 8 May 2014,

<http://horizon-magazine.eu/article/talk-your-baby-they-might-understand_en.html>

**Interdisciplinary Projects**

Sep 2013-Jan 2014 Project on enactivism in family therapy. *Interactie Academie*, Antwerp, Belgium (ref. Ellen Reijmers).

Mar 2013-Jan 2014 Project on enactivism and dance therapy. University of Heidelberg, Germany (ref. Dr Liesbet Manders).

ACADEMIC TRAINING

**Professional Training received in Teaching**

Oct 2012-Jan 2013 “Considering the student experience” course, Learning and Teaching Institute, University of Hertfordshire, UK.

Sep 2012 “Teaching and Supporting Learning” course, Learning and Teaching Institute, University of Hertfordshire, UK.

Sep 2012 “Studynet Training,” General Training for Researchers (GTR), University of Hertfordshire, UK

**Professional Training received in Research**

Nov 2011-Mar 2014 “Project Planning,” “Finding Research Funding Opportunities,” “Research-Oriented Writing Skills,” “Research Methods in Philosophy.” General Training for Researchers (GTR), University of Hertfordshire, UK.:

**Participation in interdisciplinary study exchange (Secondments)**

1 Apr - 31 May 2013 Centre for Subjectivity Research, University of Copenhagen, DK

13-31 Jan 2014 University of Heidelberg, DE

**Participation in short-term interdisciplinary training programs + conferences**

15-17 Oct 2014 International Conference [*Enacting Culture: Embodiment, Interaction and the Development of Human Culture*](http://enactingculture.unitt.de/). Heidelberg, DE

21-27 Jun 2014 Summer School [*Meeting Minds. Ways of Engaging and Making Sense.*](http://homepage.univie.ac.at/nicole.rossmanith/MeetingMinds/index.html)Portsmouth, UK.

13-15 Mar 2014  Workshop [*Phenomenology of Intersubjectivity*](http://cfs.ku.dk/calendar-main/2014/tesis-workshop/). Copenhagen, DK

11-14 Sep 2013  Summer School[*Neuroscience.*](http://summerschoolparma.wordpress.com/) Parma, IT

6-7 Jun 2013  Munich, DE

Workshop [*Psychotherapy and Psychopathology: An Interpersonal Approach*](http://munichtesismeeting.wordpress.com/).

7-8 Feb 2013 International Conference *Enactive and Phenomenological Approaches to Intersubjectvity.*Copenhagen, DK

14-18 May 2012  Summer School [*Embodying Intersubjectivity Research.*](http://tesis2012.wordpress.com/)San Sebastián, SP

1-3 Oct 2012 Conference [*The implications of Embodiment: Enactive – Clinical – Social.*](http://www.upd.unibe.ch/research/symposien/HA17/HA17.html) Heidelberg, DE.

13-15 Sep 2012  Workshop [*Experimental Approaches to Embodiment and Intersubjectivity.*](http://aarhustesismeeting.wordpress.com/)Aarhus, DK

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**Invited Keynote Speaker**

Oct 2017 Lublin, Poland.

“On the explanatory role of affordances in Dennett’s project.”

*Special symposium on Daniel Dennett’s ‘From Bacteria to Bach and back’.*

May 2016 Antwerp, Belgium.

“Are the same affordances good for all? Pretence vs. Creativity.” *Bringing Together Ecological and Enactive Approaches.*

Jun 2013 Antwerp, Belgium.

“The Game of Seeing-In: Towards Non-Representational Pretence.” *The Reach of Radical Embodied of Enactive Cognition*.

**Speaker Conferences and Workshops**

Oct 2017 Lublin, Poland.

“Social affordances in pretence and imagination.”

*Understanding Social Cognition*

Aug 2017 Antwerp, Belgium

“The Enactivist take to an Imaginary Friend.”

*Red Star Line Conference*

Jul 2017 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

Respondent to talk by Maria Jose Pietrini-Sanchez: “Is Surrogacy Like Prostitution?”

[*Conference by Women in Philosophy #4*](https://womeninphilosophyconference.wordpress.com/)

Aug 2016 World Forum the Hague, the Netherlands.

“Pretence and Creativity as Social Cognitive Phenomena.”

*Collective Intentionality X*.

Oct 2015 Warsaw, Poland.

“Situating Pretence in Wide Mechanism.”

*Situating Cognition: Agency, Affect and Extension*.

Nov 2014 Prague, Czech Republic.

“Pretend Play as Dialogue.”

*Ethics of Play*.

Oct 2014 Heidelberg, Germany

“Pretend Play as a basis of Cultural Games and Norms.”

*Enacting Culture*.

Sep 2014 Natal, Brazil.

“Radically Enacted Creativity.”

*International Association for the Philosophy of Sport*.

May 2014 **Wollongong, Australia.**

**“Towards enactive pretence: about, alternative and application.” *Workshop on Imagination and Pretence*.**

Feb 2014 Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

“Radically Enacted Creativity.”

*First International Conference in Sport Psychology and Embodied Cognition.*

Sep 2013 Hartfordshire, UK.

“Between Philosophy and Therapy: the Mutual Affect of Systemic/ Dialogical Therapy (SDT) and Embodied Enactive Cognition (EEC).” *Orienting Solutions*.

Sep 2013 Lausanne, Switzerland.

“Interacting with Objects in Typical and Atypical Development: Participation, Anticipation and Imitation.”

*16th European Conference in Developmental Psychology*.

Aug 2013 Kazimierz Dolny, Poland.

“Towards Non-Representational Pretence: the Effect of Props and Players on the Development of Imaginative Play.”

*Wide Cognition and Social Intelligence*.

Oct 2012 Bochum, Germany.

“Is There Content to Pretence or Only Pretend Content?”

*Radical Enactivism Workshop*.

Oct 2012 Leusden, the Netherlands.

“Pretence as Embodiment of Social Narratives Instead of Individual Concepts.”

*Narrativity: Interpretation, Embodiment and Responsibility*.

**Poster Presentations**

Mar 2017 Bochum, Germany

“Effectivities in pretence: dynamical model of emotions.”

*Spring School: Social Cognition, Emotion and Joint Action*

Feb 2014 Wassenaar, the Netherlands.

“How the Enactive Account of Pretence Informs Therapies.” Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS).

May 2012 Cologne, Germany.

“Pretence De-Individualised.”

*Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Cognition, Engagement and the Second-Person Perspective*.

Feb 2012 Cumberland Lodge, UK.

“Pretending from the Perspective of Radical Enactivism.” *Foundations of Cognitive Science*.

**Speaker Seminars and Colloquia’s**

Dec 2017 Rotterdam, the Netherlands

"Enactive Mechanisms: Integrating Ecological Psychology with Cognitive Science."

*Enactivism workshop.*

Oct 2017 Warsaw, Poland

"Social affordances in pretence and imagination: Ecological Psychology at play."

*Cognitivist philosophy seminars at IFIS PAN.*

Oct 2017 Nijmegen, the Netherlands

“The Enactivist take to an Imaginary Friend.”

*Cognition and Language Seminar*, Radboud University

May 2017 Leiden, the Netherlands

“What kind of knowledge is needed for pretending? Exploring the knowledge condition.”

*Leiden University Cluster Meeting*

Dec 2015 Leiden, the Netherlands

“Pretend play and enactive mind: New philosophical account of pretence and its practical application.”

*Symposion Student Association Meeting.*

Nov 2015 Bochum, Germany

“Pretending without Representing.”

*Consciousness and Cognition Research Colloquium.*

May 2015 Warsaw, Poland.

“How to explain enactive pretence?”

*National Scientific Institute Colloquium.*

Mar 2015 Nijmegen, the Netherlands.

“The role of affordances in pretend play.”

*Mind & Language Research Colloquium*.

Apr 2014 Memphis, TN, USA

**“Towards enactive pretence: about, alternative and application.”** *Philosophy of Mind class*.

Jan 2014 Heidelberg, Germany.

“Pretence as Engagement in Unscripted Routines.”

*University Research Colloquium*.

Apr 2013 Copenhagen, Denmark.

“Basic Pretending as Sensorymotor Engagement? Lessons from O’Regan and Noe’s Sensorimotor Theory.”

*Center for Subjectivity Research Seminar*

Feb 2013 Cumberland Lodge, UK.

“Does Pretence Require Higher Order Cognitive Skills?”

*University of Hertfordshire Philosophy Weekend*.

Apr 2012 Hertfordshire, UK.

“Basic Pretence Without Representations”

*University of Hertfordshire Postgraduate ResearchColloquium*.

COMPETENCIES AND INTERESTS

**Languages**

Polish – Native, English – Academic, Dutch – Level B1, Japanese – Conversational.

**Computer-Based Skills**

Microsoft Office, SPSS, Studynet, Blackboard, EVS (Electronic Voting System).

**Personal Interests**

Travel, Tennis, Cooking, Hiking, Wall-Climbing, Cycling (Participant of the 2009 EU Enlargement Program “Danube by Bike”), Opera, Rock Music Festivals, Japanese language, culture and cuisine.

REFERENCES: RESEARCH

1. **Prof Daniel D. Hutto**

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REFERENCES: TEACHING/TUTORING

1. **Dr Jan Sleutels**

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