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**Curriculum Vitae**

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APPOINTMENTS

01.10.18-30.09.21 Postdoctoral Fellow of the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Centre for Philosophical Psychology, Department of Philosophy, University of Antwerp, BE

16.10.17-31.09.18 Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, PL

01.02.18-31.08.18 Lecturer, Leiden University, NL

01.11.17-01.02.18 Lecturer, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, NL

31.08.15-31.07.17 Lecturer, Leiden University, NL

03.10.11-02.10.14 Research Fellow of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network *‘TESIS: Towards the Embodied Science of Intersubjectivity’*, School of Humanities, University of Hertfordshire, UK

01.06.10-01.10.10 Assistant Policy Advisor, International Relations (paid internship), Association of Universities in the Netherlands (VSNU), The Hague, NL

01.04.09-30.06.09 Research Assistant, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS), Wassenaar, NL

EDUCATION

03.10.11-12.11.15 Degree: PhD (pass without revisions),

University of Hertfordshire, UK

01.09.09- 31.08.10 Degree: MSc Occupational Health Psychology (*cum laude*) Leiden University, NL

01.09.08- 31.08.10 Degree: MA Philosophy of a Specific Discipline: Psychology (*cum laude*)

Leiden University, NL

01.09.05-06.06.08 Degree: BA in Liberal Arts and Sciences (*cum laude*)

University College Utrecht, The Netherlands

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, Ecological Psychology

**Areas of Competence**

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

RESEARCH GRANTS

01.10.2018 - 30.09.2021 Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO) individual postdoctoral fellowship for the project 'Enactive Account of Pretending'

16.10.2017 - 30.09.2018 National Science Center grant, Poland (DEC- 2014/14/E/HS1/00803) for participating in the project 'Cognitive Science: In Search of Unity'

03.10.2011 - 02.10.2014 European Commission Research Grant, Marie Curie Initiative, EU (FP7-PEOPLE-2010-ITN 264828) for the project 'Towards the Embodied Science of Intersubjectivity'

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

05.12.2016 Basic Teaching Qualification degree in the Netherlands (BKO)

14.07.2014 International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS) Travel Award for the annual meeting in Natal, Brazil

12.01.2012 Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK

PUBLICATIONS

Papers

* Rucińska, Z. (2019). Social and Enactive Perspectives on Pretending. *Avant*, Vol. X, No. 3, DOI: 10.26913/avant.2019.03.15
* Rucińska, Z. & Aggerholm, K. (2019). Embodied and Enacted Creativity in Sports. In M. Cappucio (Ed.), *MIT Handbook on Embodied Cognition and Sport Psychology* (pp. 669-694). MIT Press.
* Miłkowski, M., Clowes, R.W., Rucińska, Z., Przegalińska, A., Zawidzki, T., Gies, A., Krueger, J., McGann, M., Afeltowicz, Ł., Wachowski, W.M., Stjernberg, F., Loughlin, V., Hohol, M. (2018). From Wide Cognition to Mechanisms: A Silent Revolution. *Frontiers in Psychology* 9/2393: 1-17. Doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2018.02393
* 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.
* Rucińska, Z. (2016). Enactive Mechanism of Make-Belief Games. In P. Turner (Ed.), *Digital Make-Believe* (pp. 141-160). Springer International Publishing.
* 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
* 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.
* 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.
* 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.
* 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.

Reviews

* Rucińska, Z. (2019). Enactivist Interventions: Rethinking the Mind. A book review. *Avant*, Vol. X, No. 3/2019, doi: 10.26913/avant.2019.03.01.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Course Instructor and Tutor**

2017 –2018 Free University Amsterdam (VU), NL

Bachelor Course:

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

2015 –2018 Leiden University and University College Leiden, NL

Master Courses:

* + 1. *Philosophy of Specific Discipline: Philosophy of Psychology (x3)*

*- Alva Noe's 'Strange Tools'*

*- Giovannna Colombetti's 'The Feeling Body' & Tamar Gendler's 'Intuition, Imagination and Philosophical Methodology'*

*- Anthony Chemero's 'Radical Embodied Cognitive Science'*

* + 1. *Research Seminar: Philosophy, Politics and Economics in Practice*

Bachelor Courses:

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

2012 –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 – 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.

**Conference Organization**

19-20 Sep 2019 International Conference on Pretend Play and E-Cognition

University of Antwerp, Belgium

(<https://zrucinska.wixsite.com/p-play-and-e-cog>)

21-23 Jun 2018 International Association for Computing and Philosophy (IACAP) Annual Meeting, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland ([http://www.iacap.org/conferences/iacap-2018](http://www.iacap.org/conferences/iacap-2018/)/)

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

10-11 Jul 2014 Conference: *Instituting Minds*

Institute of Philosophy, London, UK (<https://tesisherts.wordpress.com/speakers/)>

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.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

**Research stays abroad**

14-18 April 2019: Linfield College, McMinville, USA (Prof. Jesus Ilundain)

9-14, 25-29 April 2019: University of Memphis, USA (Prof. Shaun Gallagher)

7 April-6 June 2013: University of Copenhagen, Denmark (Prof. Dan Zahavi)

13-31 January 2014: University Clinic Heidelberg, Germany (Prof. Thomas Fuchs)

19-27 June 2014: University of Portsmouth, UK (Prof. Vasu Reddy)

8-30 April 2014: University of Memphis, USA (Prof. Shaun Gallagher)

10-27 May 2014: University of Wollongong, Australia (Prof. Daniel D. Hutto).

**Participation in international training programs**

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

**Conferences: Invited Keynote Speaker**

22 Nov 2018 Lublin, Poland

"Social Play Without Mindreading." *Cultural and Environmental Factors in Socio-Cognitive Development*, Catholic University of Lublin (KUL).

24 Jun 2018 Copenhagen, Denmark

"To what extend is virtual reality like pretend play? Lessons from and for Enactive pretense." *Virtual, real, fictional or Ludic? Making Sense of Games*, IT University of Copenhagen.

20 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’. *Understanding Social Cognition*.

10 May 2016 Antwerp, Belgium.

“Are the same affordances good for all? Pretence vs. Creativity.”

*Moving cognition beyond its basic ecology.*

18 Jun 2013 Antwerp, Belgium.

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

**Conferences and Workshops: Speaker**

15 Nov 2019 Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Symposium:"Higher Cognition without Representation: a Showcase"

Annual *OZSW* Conference

19 Sep 2019 Antwerp, Belgium

"The benefits and challenges of the enactive-ecological theory of pretense" - Introduction to the Conference

*International conference on Pretend Play and E-Cognition*

26 Jun 2019 Prague, Czech Republic

"Can role playing be wrong?"

International conference “Philosophy at Play”: Play and Democracy

11 Sep 2018 Rijeka, Croatia

International Symposium: "Making things up: Pretending, Fabricating, and Confabulating. Interdisciplinary and Contextual Analysis.

*26th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*

6 Sep 2018 Oslo, Norway

"Is the expertise gained in virtual sport practices pretend or real?"

*The 46th Annual Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS).* Norwegian School of Sport Science.

15 Aug 2018Beijing, China

"Integrating Enactivism to Cognitive Science"  *XXIV World Congress of Philosophy: Learning to be Human*

9 Jun 2018 Krakow, Poland

Panel "Who is a creative person? Cross-cultural studies of creativity."

*50th Annual Conference for the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*

29 Jan 2018 Warsaw, Poland

"The communicative and performative nature of pretend play."

*Semiotics and Pragmatics of the Expression*

20 Oct 2017 Lublin, Poland

“Social affordances in pretence and imagination.”

*Understanding Social Cognition*

16 Aug 2017 Antwerp, Belgium

“The Enactivist take to an Imaginary Friend.”

*Red Star Line Conference: Imagination across the Continental- Analytic Divide*

3 Jul 2017 Amsterdam, the Netherlands

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

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

1 Sep 2016 World Forum the Hague, the Netherlands.

“Pretence and Creativity as Social Cognitive Phenomena.”

*Collective Intentionality X*.

16 Oct 2015 Warsaw, Poland

“Situating Pretence in Wide Mechanism.”

*Situating Cognition: Agency, Affect and Extension*.

19 Nov 2014 Prague, Czech Republic

“Pretend Play as Dialogue.”

*Ethics of Play*.

15 Oct 2014 Heidelberg, Germany

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

*Enacting Culture: Embodiment, Interaction and the Development of Human Culture.*

4 Sep 2014 Natal, Brazil

“Radically Enacted Creativity.”

The 42nd Annual Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS)*.*

16 May 2014 **Wollongong, Australia**

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

25 Feb 2014 Al Ain, United Arab Emirates

“Radically Enacted Creativity in Sports.”

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

20 Sep 2013 Hatfield, UK

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

5 Sep 2013 Lausanne, Switzerland.

“Interacting with Objects in Typical and Atypical Development: Participation, Anticipation and Imitation: Towards an Enactive Account of Imitation and Pretence.”

*16th European Conference in Developmental Psychology*.

22 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*.

24 Oct 2012 Bochum, Germany.

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

*Radical Enactivism Workshop*.

21 Oct 2012 Leusden, the Netherlands.

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

*Narrativity: Interpretation, Embodiment and Responsibility*.

**Conferences and Workshops: Poster Presentations**

6 Mar 2017 Bochum, Germany

“Effectivities in pretence: dynamical model of emotions.”

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

20 Feb 2014 Wassenaar, the Netherlands.

“How the Enactive Account of Pretence Informs Therapies.” *Managing the self: NIAS-KNAW Workshop*.

25 May 2012 Cologne, Germany.

“Pretence De-Individualised.”

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

27 Feb 2012 Cumberland Lodge, UK.

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

**International Seminars and Colloquia: Speaker**

3 May 2019 Antwerp, BE

"Enactivism, Embodiment and Virtual Reality"

*Expert Seminar: Image, Imagination, and Virtual Reality*

17 Apr 2019 McMinnville, OR, USA

"E-sports, Virtual Reality and Pretense"

Public Lecture, Linfield College

11 Apr 2019 Memphis, TN, USA

"The Enactivist Take to an Imaginary Friend".

*Philosophy* *research seminar.*

19 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.*

10 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*.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

**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>

**Workshops**

19 Oct 2019 "Wisdom Lab: Play and Philosophy"

Lecture and group play acting and improvising session

*Ebb & Flow Studios*, The Hague, the Netherlands

COMPETENCIES AND INTERESTS

**Languages**

Polish – Native, English – Academic, Dutch – Level B2, Japanese – Conversational.

**Personal Interests**

Travel, Cooking, Wall-Climbing, Tennis, Opera, Rock Music, Japanese language and culture.

REFERENCES: RESEARCH

**Prof Daniel D. Hutto**

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REFERENCES: TEACHING/TUTORING

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