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## PUBLICATIONS

Baumgartner, L. (forthcoming): The pragmatic view on dual character concepts and expressions. *Mind & Language*.

Willemsen, P., Baumgartner, L., Frohofer, S., & Reuter, K. (forthcoming): Examining evaluativity in legal discourse: a comparative corpus-linguistic study of thick concepts. In Magen, S., Prochownik, K. (Eds.): *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Law*. Bloomsbury.

Reuter, K., & Baumgartner, L. (forthcoming): Corpus analysis – building and using corpora: a case study on the use of ‘conspiracy theory’. In Bauer, M., Kornmesser, S. (Eds.): *Experimental Philosophy for Beginners*. Springer.

Willemsen, P., Baumgartner, L., Cepollaro, B., & Reuter, K. (2024): Evaluative Deflation, Social Expectations, and the Zone of Moral Indifference. *Cognitive Science*, 48(1):e13406.

Reuter, K., Baumgartner, L., & Willemsen, P. (2023): Tracing thick and thin concepts through corpora. *Language and Cognition*, pp. 1-20.

Baumgartner, L., and Kneer, M. (2023): What’s the matter with ‘reasonable’? *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, pp. 2736-2743.

Baumgartner, L., Willemsen, P., and Reuter, K. (2022): The polarity effect of evaluative language. *Philosophical Psychology*, pp. 1-18.

Baumgartner, L. (2022): Why are reckless socks not (more of) a thing? Towards an empirical classification of evaluative concepts. *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 44, pp. 2869-2875.

Baumgartner, L., Willemsen, P., and Reuter, K. (2022): The polarity effect of evaluative language. *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society*, 44, pp. 729-735.

Gilardi, F., Baumgartner, L., Dermont, C., Donnay, K., Gessler, T., Kubli, M., Leemann, L., Müller, S. (2022): Building research infrastructures to study digital technology and politics: lessons from Switzerland. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 55(2), pp. 354 - 359.

## TALKS

Linguistic Justice Society Webinar

**Linguistic Inequity in Academic Philosophy: A Big Data Analysis of Publication Trends (1975-2021)**  
with Neri Marsili and Paul Rehren

📅 30.01.2024

📍 Online

## EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Philosophy

**SNSF Eccellenza Group of Kevin Reuter on Dual Character Concepts**

📅 2020 – Present

📍 University of Zurich

**Master of Arts in Social Sciences**

📅 2016 – 2019

📍 University of Zurich

**Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences**

📅 2013 – 2016

📍 University of Zurich

## PROGRAMS

**Excellence Program of the Digital Society Initiative**

📅 2021 – 2023

📍 University of Zurich

## LANGUAGES

- English: Fluent
- French: Fluent
- German: Native

## TEACHING

**Contemporary Semantics and Pragmatics**

📅 Spring 2022

📍 University of Zurich

**Normativity in Moral Language (co-taught with Dr. P. Willemsen)**

📅 Spring 2021

📍 University of Zurich

## ATTENDED WORKSHOPS

**Dawn of Experimental Conceptual Engineering Workshop**

📅 13.09.2023

📍 University of Zurich

**Workshop on Corpus Analysis, Conceptual Change, and Socially Disruptive Technologies**

📅 16.02.2023

📍 TU Delft

**Summer School on Conceptual Engineering, Experimental Methods, and Politically Correct Language**

📅 04.-08.07.2022

📍 University of Zurich

## TALKS *continued*

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Workshop: Empirical Conceptual Engineering: Implementations, Challenges, and its Theoretical Basis

**Measuring (un)intentional conceptual change in philosophy: a corpus study**

with Krzysztof Sękowski and Paul Rehren

📅 07.-08.12.2023

📍 University of Zurich

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XPHI UK

**What's the matter with "reasonable"? A corpus study on laypeople's use of the term**

with Markus Kneer

📅 08.11.2023

📍 Online

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3rd European Experimental Philosophy Conference

**Talk 1: "Death": A Diachronic Semantic Change Detection Study**

**Talk 2: Conspiracy Theories Are Not Theories**

with Kevin Reuter

📅 14.-16.09.2023

📍 University of Zurich

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Dawn of Experimental Conceptual Engineering Workshop

**Towards Diachronic Conceptual Change Detection Using Large Language Models**

📅 13.09.2023

📍 University of Zurich

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30th European Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference

**Conspiracy Theories Are Not Theories**

with Kevin Reuter

📅 28.-31.08.2023

📍 Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague

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11th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy

**Conspiracy Theories Are Not Theories**

with Kevin Reuter

📅 21.-25.08.2023

📍 University of Vienna

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8th International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics

**Conspiracy Theories Are Not Theories**

📅 12.-14.05.2023

📍 University of Lodz

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Invited Talk for the Workshop on Corpus Analysis, Conceptual Change, and Socially Disruptive Technologies

**Modeling Conceptual Change**

📅 16.02.2023

📍 TU Delft (online)

## ATTENDED WORKSHOPS

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Summer School of the Digital Society Initiative

📅 26.-30.06.2022

📍 University of Zurich

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## WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

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**Empirical Conceptual Engineering: Implementations, Challenges, and its Theoretical Basis (Workshop)**

📅 07.-08.12.2023

📍 University of Zurich

**Conference on Dual Character Concepts, Normative Generics, and Evaluative Language**

📅 16.-18.06.2022

📍 University of Zurich

**Interdisciplinary Speaker Series: The Many Faces of Normativity**

📅 2022

📍 University of Zurich

**Corpus Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop 2021**

📅 10.-12.06.2021

📍 Online

## GRANTS

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CHF 4'125 from the **Marie-Gretler-Stiftung** for organising the workshop "Empirical Conceptual Engineering: Implementations, Challenges, and its Theoretical Basis" (2023).

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CHF 4'300 from the **UZH Graduate Campus** for organising the workshop "Empirical Conceptual Engineering: Implementations, Challenges, and its Theoretical Basis" (2023).

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CHF 4'870 from the **UZH Graduate Campus** for organising the interdisciplinary speaker series "The Many Faces of Normativity" (2021).

## SKILLS

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R Python Qualtrics CSS/HTML  
NLP Word2Vec GloVe LDA  
ML Caret FastAI Keras  
Tensorflow Scikit-Learn

## TALKS *continued*

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Speaker Series: The Many Faces of Normativity

### Dual Character Concepts Gone Wild

📅 13.10.2022

📍 University of Zurich

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6th Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference

### Pragmatic Dual Character Classifications

📅 15.-17.09.2022

📍 University of Krakow

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2nd European Experimental Philosophy Conference

### How to classify evaluative concepts

📅 08.-10.09.2022

📍 University of Granada

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44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

### Talk 1: The Polarity Effect of Evaluative Language

with Kevin Reuter

Talk 2: Why are reckless socks not (more of) a thing? Towards an empirical classification of evaluative concepts.

📅 27.-30.07.2022

📍 Toronto (online)

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3rd Joint Conference of the SPP and ESPP

### Figurative Dual Character Classifications

📅 19.-22.07.2022

📍 University of Milan

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Conference on Dual Character Concepts, Normative Generics, and Evaluative Language

### Dual Character Concepts Classifications: Can Dual Character Be Reduced to Double-Dissociation?

📅 16.-18.06.2022

📍 University of Zurich

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1st European Experimental Philosophy Conference

### Talk 1: Tracing Thick Concepts Through Corpora

with Kevin Reuter

Talk 2: Examining Evaluativity in Legal Discourse - A Comparative Corpus-Linguistic Study of Thick Concepts

with Severin Frohofer

📅 17.-19.06.2021

📍 Charles University, Prague

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Corpus Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop 2021

### Corpus analysis for philosophers

📅 10.-12.06.2021

📍 Online

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## POSTERS

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45th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society

### What's the matter with 'reasonable'?

📅 26.-29.07.2023

📍 Sydney (online)