

# Marije Altorf

## Academic and Professional Qualifications:

- PGCHE, *distinction*, St Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill.
- PhD, Centre for Literature, Theology and the Arts, University of Glasgow. Thesis: 'Iris Murdoch and the Art of Imagination: Imaginative Philosophy as Response to Secularism'
- MA (doctorandus) *highest distinction*, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Thesis: 'Opgesloten in een notendop: over de ontologische status van verzinnselen aan de hand van de Sofist van Plato'. [Bounded in a Nutshell: On the Ontological Status of Fictions With a Close Reading of Plato's Sophistes].
- Propedeuse (first year diploma), Faculty of Mathematics, University of Leiden, the Netherlands.

## Grants / Awards / Bursaries:

- Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies, Mini-Project 'Philosophical Dialogue as a Form of Assessment', June 2009 to Jun 2010.
- Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture, reimbursement of travel expenses, accommodation and conference fee, XIVth conference, Aarhus, Denmark, 17-19 October 2008.
- St Mary's University College, Travel Grant, several between May 2006 and Summer 2009
- Stichting Catharina van Tussenbroek, grant to attend IAPI-conference, Helsinki June 2005
- University of Glasgow, University Scholarship, October 2000–September 2003.
- Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Glasgow, several grants to attend conferences 2001-2003.
- Radboudstichting, the Netherlands, grant to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Religion (AAR), Nashville, Tennessee, 18-21 November 2000.
- Stichting Catharina van Tussenbroek, grant to attend Twentieth World Congress Philosophy, Boston, 10-16 augustus 1998.

## External Involvement (Consultancy / Professional Bodies / External Examining):

- 1999 - date: Member of the Iris Murdoch Society
- 2000 - date: Member of International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture (SRLC)
- 2005 - date: Member of (British) Society for Women in Philosophy (SWIP) 2008 - date: Member of the Aristotelian Society
- 2008 - date: Member of the Aristotelian Society

## Books:

- 2008, M. Altorf. Iris Murdoch and the Art of Imagining. London: Continuum.
- 2003 I. Murdoch, Over God en het Goede, vertaald en ingeleid door M. Altorf en M.F. Willemsen [translation of The Sovereignty of Good, with introductory essay]. Amsterdam: Boom.

### Journal Articles:

- 2011 'After cursing the library: Iris Murdoch and the (in)visibility of women in philosophy'. *Hypatia* [forthcoming]
- 2010 'Initium us esset, creatus est homo': Iris Murdoch on authority and creativity'. *Text Matters: A Journal of Literature, Theory and Culture* [forthcoming]
- 2009 'Thinking in between Wals: An Imaginary Visit to Descartes' Room'. F. Vidal (ed.). *Bloch Jahrbuch 2009: Tagträume gegen Mauern*. Talheimer, pp. 241-255
- 2009 'Feminists and Fools in Philosophy of Religion: Revisiting the philosophical imaginary'. P.S. Anderson (ed.), *New Topics in Feminist Philosophy of Religion*. Kluwer, pp. 3-16.
- 2006 'Reassessing Murdoch In The Light Of Feminist Philosophy: Michèle Le Doeuff And The Philosophical Imaginary'. A. Rowe (ed.) Proceedings of the Second Iris Murdoch Conference. Houndsmill, Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan, pp. 175-186.
- 2005 'Filosofische verbeelding: Over winkelwagentjes, grasvelden en de vrouw als onbegrijpelijke afgrond' [Philosophical Imagination: On Meadows, Trolleys and Woman as an Inexplicable Abyss. Wijsgerig Perspectief [Philosophical Perspective] 45-1, p. 22-30.
- 2005 'The Body in the Text: Iris Murdoch's Embodied Writing Style in The Sovereignty of Good', in: D. Bird, Y. Sherwood (red.), *Bodies in Question: Women on Gender, Religion and Text*. Aldershot: Ashgate, pp. 147-159.
- 2004 'De verbeeldende wijsbegeerte van Iris Murdoch' [Iris Murdoch's Imaginative Philosophy], in: *Algemeen Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Wijsbegeerte* [General Dutch Journal of Philosophy], 96-1, p. 40-52.
- 2000 'An Eye To Endure the Vision of the Divine' (Sophistes, 254a): Systematic and Literary Ways of Expressing Divine Reality', in: J. Bekkenkamp (et al.) (eds.), *Missing Links: Arts, Religion and Reality*. Frankfurt: Lit Verlag/ASCA, p. 183-198.
- 1994 'Een dansende profeet' [A Dancing Propher, on Nietzsche's Also Sprach Zarathustra], in: *Filosofie* 4, p. 35 – 36.

### Book Reviews:

- 2010, review of Bethania Assy, *Hannah Arendt - An Ethics of Responsibility*, in: *Pir* [forthcoming]
- 2009 review of M. Laverty, *Iris Murdoch's Ethics*, in: *Pir* XXIX (5), pp. 352-354.
- 2008 review of Le Doeuff, *Hipparchia's Choice*, in: *Literature and Theology*. 22: pp. 372-374.
- 2007 review of C. Bekker, *Rechtvaardigheid, onpartijdigheid, gender en sociale diversiteit*, in: *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies*. 1: 90-92.
- 2006 review of M. Pellikaan-Engel, *Het recept van Calypso: klassieke teksten in een hedendaags filosofisch perspectief*, in: [zinweb.nl](http://zinweb.nl)
- 2005 review of S. Stoller, V. Vasterling, L. Fisher (eds), *Feministische Phänomenologie und Hermeutik*, in: *Tijdschrift voor Gender Studies*. 3, pp. 90-92.

### Conference Presentations / Performances / Radio Broadcasts:

- 2010 'Reflections on Philosophical Dialogue', School of Theology, Philosophy, and History, St. Mary's University College, 28 April
- 2010 'Religion and imagination: A Thought experiment', Centre for Theology, Literature and the Arts, University of Glasgow, 11 March

- 2009 'Hannah Arendt and *The Human Condition*', Critical Theory and Spiritual Practice-Seminar, Oxford 28 May [by invitation]
- 2009 'In Tallis' Kitchen', Critical Theory and Spiritual Practice-Seminar, Oxford 5 February [by invitation]
- 2009 'Reflections on Philosophical Dialogue', University of Glasgow, 8 January
- 2008 - 'Metaphysics and Stories'. ISRLC, Aarhus, 17-19 October.
- 2008 - 'Women and Philosophy'. Celebrating Michèle le Doeuff's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, Oxford 14 July.
- 2008 - 'After Cursing the Library'. Joint Session, University of Aberdeen, 11-13 July
- 2008 - 'After Cursing The Library ... Women and Philosophy. A Case Study'. 'Breaking Boundaries, Forging Connections: Feminist Interdisciplinary Theory and Practice'. Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 11-13 April
- 2007 - 'Women and Philosophy'. 'Sexing the Text', University of Glasgow, 7 December.
- 2006 - 'Imaginative Thinking: Exploring the Historical Roots of Female Fancy'. IAPH, Rome, September.
- 2005 - 'Good Literature and Ethical Imagination: On the Importance of Literature for Murdoch's Moral Philosophy', 'Iris Murdoch at the Intersection of Ethics and Literature', IAPL Annual Conference
- 2004 - 'The Challenge of a Fool: Michèle Le Doeuff on Imagery and Interpretation', 12th Conference of the International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture, Uppsala, Sweden, October
- 2004 - 'Reassessing Murdoch in the Light of Feminist Philosophy: Michèle le Doeuff and the Philosophical Imaginary', Second Iris Murdoch Conference 'Murdoch: A Reassessment', Kingston, London September.

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### **Conferences organised**

- 2010 Organiser of panels 'Spirituality and Reconciliation', 'Higher Education', International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture. Oxford, October [forthcoming]
- 2008 Organiser of panel Teaching Philosophy/Theology. International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture. Aarhus, October.
- 2008, 2009 Chair of International Women's Day committee. St. Mary's University College, March.
- 2006 Organiser of panel 'Changing Spaces'. International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture. Stirling, October.
- 2000 Member of organising committee International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture. Nijmegen September.

### **Additional Conferences and Courses Attended:**

- 2009 - A-Level and Above, Oxford July
- 2006 - 2008, PGCHE, St Mary's University College
- 2005 - present, bi-annual Staff Development Day, St Mary's University College
- 2002 - Post Graduate Teaching Training Module, University of Glasgow

