

# Yasemin J. Erden

## Academic and Professional Qualifications:

- PhD in Philosophy, Roehampton University, (Title: Limits, language and thought in Wittgenstein's philosophy), 2008 (awarded 2009)
- PGCHE, Roehampton University, (Research paper: History of philosophy or philosophical inquiry?), 2006
- BA (Hons) Philosophy and English Literature (First Class), (Dissertation: Plato and Epistemology), 2002

## Grants / Awards / Bursaries:

- March 2012: NaPolyNet Workshop participation (Valencia), COST partial funding
- February 2012: NanoImpactNet Conference participation (Dublin), FP7 partial funding
- January 2012: EGAIS Consortium Workshop participation, (Namur), FP7 full funding
- November 2011: Teaching at Training School, (Skopje), COST full funding
- October 2011: EGAIS Workshop participation (Namur), FP7 full funding
- March 2011-2012: Royal institute of Philosophy (RIP), Local Branch funding
- September 2011: Human Nanotoxicology and Nanomedicine Meeting participation (London), ESF full funding
- March 2011: NaPolyNet Workshop participation (Napoli), COST partial funding
- February 2011: NanoImpactNet Conference participation (Lausanne), FP7 partial funding
- April 2008: AISB 2008 participation (Aberdeen), AISB travel bursary
- October 2002-2005: Roehampton University, PhD bursary
- June 2002: Philosophy dissertation prize, Roehampton University

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

- 2012 – present: Independent Expert in Ethics for the European Commission, in the evaluation of research proposals submitted to the European Framework Programme
- 2012 – present: Expert for the Guardian Angels project, as part of their Ethics Advisory Board (on ethical and social issues relating to the development of future and novel information and communication technologies (ICT) applications)
- October 2011: Participation in the European Workshop on the FP7 Ethics Review Procedures (University of Namur, Belgium)
- 2011 – 2012: Vice-leader, Inter Group Activity (young scientists) Making the Future of Science in PNFP (funded under COST)
- 2011 – 2012: Co-editor for a special issue of *Cognitive Computation* (published by Springer) entitled Computational Creativity, Intelligence and Autonomy (expected publication date: June 2012)
- 2012 – 2014: Committee member of the Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and the Simulation of Behaviour (AISB)
- 2011 – 2012: Symposium Co-organiser, The 21st Century Body (BioCentre/SMUC/University College London collaboration)

- 2011 – 2012: Symposium Executive-Officer, Computing and Philosophy: Computing, Philosophy and the Question of Biological-Machine Hybrids (AISB/IACAP World Congress 2012)
- 2010 – 2011: Symposium Executive-Officer, Computing and Philosophy (AISB 2011)
- 2010 – present: Co-editor, special issue on the philosophy of colour (Journal: *Colour: Design & Creativity*)
- 2010 – present: Research project member, John Wisdom project (international partners)
- 2008 – present: Member of The Society for the Study of Artificial Intelligence and Simulation of Behaviour (AISB)

### **Journal Articles / Book Reviews / Conference Reports:**

- 'Autonomy and Desire in Machines and Cognitive Agent Systems' (submitted to *Cognitive Computation* special issue; co-authored with Dr K. Magill)
- 'Ethics, Communication and Safety in the Use of PNFP', in *Ecosustainable Polymer Nanomaterials for Food Packaging* (Forthcoming, Brill)
- 'Wittgenstein on Simile as the "Best Thing" in Philosophy' (*Philosophical Investigations*, April 2012, 35: 2)
- 'Opinion Article: Identity and Implants', *BioCentre E-newsletter*, November 2011
- 'Computing and Philosophy, AISB Conference Review' (*The Reasoner*, September 2011, 5: 10; co-authored with Prof. M. Bishop)
- 'Could a created being ever be creative? Some philosophical remarks on creativity and AI development' (*Minds and Machines*, August 2010, 20: 3, pp. 349-362)
- 'Book Review: Wittgenstein's House: Language, Space, and Architecture' (*Social Semiotics*, December 2009, 19: 4, pp. 515-521)
- 'Conference Report, AISB '08': Ethics and emerging technologies (*AISB Quarterly*, June 2009, 129, p. 6)

### **Conference Presentations / Posters:**

- January 2012: 'The myth of value-neutrality: Ethics, values, and design' (EGAIS Consortium Workshop on Ethics, University of Namur, Belgium: fully funded)
- November 2011: 'Implants, cyborgs and the question of identity' (Research seminar, SMUC)
- November 2011: 'Ethics, Communication and Safety in the Use of Polymer Nanoparticles for Food Packaging' (Short Training School *Deepening the Knowledge in the Field of Nanomaterials for Food Packaging and Other Potential Uses*, University Sts Cyril and Methodius, Skopje, R. Macedonia: fully funded)
- October 2011: Organiser and Chair: 'Symposium on Consciousness' (CBET, SMUC)
- September 2011: 'Ethical, Social and Legal Dimensions of Nanomaterials' (ESF Meeting on Human Nanotoxicology and Nanomedicine, London: fully funded)
- May 2011: 'Ethics, Philosophy and Emerging Technologies' (Ideas Cafe, SMUC)
- April 2011: 'Autonomy and Desire in Machines and Cognitive Agent Systems' (AISB convention: Computing and Philosophy symposium, University of York)
- March 2011: 'Wittgenstein and Consciousness' (MSC Cognitive Computing guest lecture, Goldsmiths College, London)

- March 2011: 'Ethical Design of Polymers' [poster] (NaPolyNet FP7/COST project workshop, Napoli: partially funded)
- February 2011: 'Nanomedicine: Who Benefits?' (NanoImpactNet FP7 project conference, Lausanne: fully funded)
- October 2010: 'Multiple selves in an online world? Reflections on the internet and identity' (Research seminar, SMUC)
- April 2008: 'Could a created being ever be creative? Some philosophical remarks on creativity and AI development' (AISB Convention: Computing and Philosophy symposium, Aberdeen)
- March 2008: 'Computing, language and philosophy: The limits of AI development' (Computing and Philosophy symposium, Goldsmiths College, London)
- January 2007: 'Can the arts *do* philosophy?' (School of Arts Post-Graduate conference, Roehampton University)
- November 2006: 'Finding Wittgenstein: The significance of the unpublished MSS' (Research workshop, Roehampton University)
- November 2004: 'An investigation of the function of limit in the early and later Wittgenstein' (Philosophy cluster, Roehampton University)

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

- January 2012: PhD Supervisor training, SMUC
- December 2011: The Politicisation of Higher Education Conference, House of Lords
- September 2011: Human Dignity in Bioethics: Universal or Useless? Conference, SMUC
- September 2011: Science Fiction Study Day, British Library
- February 2011: Products, Privacy & People: Regulating on the Nanoscale, BioCentre Symposium, House of Lords
- December 2010: Visiting Lecturer Away day, SMUC
- November 2010: Getting Connected: How to Achieve Effective Regulation of New Emerging Technologies?, BioCentre Symposium, House of Lords
- June 2010: Maps in Context Symposium: Power, Propaganda and Art, British Library
- May 2010: Aspiring Academics Workshop, PRS, Kings College London
- September 2007: Reading Wittgenstein: Conference in Honour of Hidé Ishiguro, Institute of Philosophy
- July 2007: AI and IT Seminar: Where Engineering and Philosophy Meet, The Royal Academy of Engineering
- July 2007: Wittgenstein: Conference in Honour of Oswald Hanfling, Open University
- July 2007: Wittgenstein, Literature and Other Minds Conference, University of East Anglia
- January 2007: Wittgenstein and the Transcendental, Workshop, Institute of Philosophy
- September 2005: The *Tractatus* and its History Conference, Stirling University
- July 2004: Mind and Society 11 Conference, Wittgenstein Archive, Cambridge
- March 2004: F. H. Jacobi and the Formation of German Idealism Conference, University of London
- 2003: Senda Away day, Roehampton University
- May 2003: Encounters with Derrida Conference, University of Sussex
- 2002: LTSN Seminar: Why Study Philosophy?, University of Leeds

- November 2002: Meaning, Rule-Following and Realism Conference, University of London