

CV

Nicolas Langlitz

I am an anthropologist and historian of science whose work examines how knowledge is made, contested, and lived at the intersection of medicine, the life sciences, and the humanities. Trained in medicine, history of medicine, medical anthropology, and philosophy, I approach contemporary biomedicine and the mind sciences historically and ethnographically, with a particular interest in boundary objects such as the mind-brain, moral behavior, and chimpanzee cultures. My research explores how scientific and therapeutic practices shape understandings of the human, especially as psychological frameworks are replaced or reconfigured by biological and evolutionary models. I have published widely across anthropology, history of science, and science studies, including three monographs and more than twenty journal articles on neuroscience, psychiatry, psychoanalysis, psychopharmacology, primatology, social psychology, and neurophilosophy. Regionally, my fieldwork has followed the cosmopolitan geographies of these knowledge cultures, taking me from Germany, Switzerland, Finland, and the United States to Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Guinea, and Ivory Coast. Historically, I focus primarily on the 20th and 21st centuries.

Current Positions

- Full Professor, Department of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research, New York, USA
- Director, Psychedelic Humanities Lab, The New School
- Lecturer, MA Program in Epistemic Media, Institute for Music and Media, Robert Schumann Hochschule Düsseldorf, Germany

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Citizenships

- German
- American

Languages

- German (native)
- English (near-native fluency)
- French (good reading ability, conversational speaking)

Academic Appointments

2023–present

Full Professor, Department of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research, New York

2022–present

Director, Psychedelic Humanities Lab, The New School for Social Research, New York

2019–2022

Chair, Department of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research, New York

2015–2023

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research, New York

2010–2015

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research, New York

2017–present

Lecturer, MA Program in Epistemic Media, Institute for Music and Media, Robert Schumann Hochschule Düsseldorf

(Recurring annual teaching role in a media studies graduate program focused on epistemology and aesthetics.)

2017–2018

Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

2007–2009

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department II (Director: Lorraine Daston), Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin

1999

Student Assistant, Institute for the History of Medicine, Freie Universität Berlin

Education

2003–2007

Ph.D., Medical Anthropology

University of California, Berkeley and University of California, San Francisco

Dissertation: *Neuropsychodelia: The Revival of Hallucinogen Research since the Decade of the Brain*

2004

Dr. med., History of Medicine

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin (Humboldt-Universität and Freie Universität Berlin)

Dissertation: *Lacan's Practice of Variable-length Sessions and his Theory of Temporality*

Grade: *summa cum laude*

2002–2003

Praktisches Jahr (1-year medical internship)

Hôpital Necker-Enfants Malades, Université Paris V, France

1997–2004

M.D., Medicine

Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin

Grade: *very good* (1.49)

M.A. (*Magister artium*), Philosophy

Freie Universität Berlin

Thesis: *Participating and Observing. On the Problematic of Ethnographic Practice and the Epistemological Figure of "Man"*

Grade: *very good* (1.0)

Publications

PDFs of most publications are available at <http://www.nicolaslanglitz.de/texts.html>

Books

- *Moral Psychopharmacology: Fieldwork in Psychedelic Science and Philosophy*. Book manuscript in preparation (30–40% completed).
- *Chimpanzee Culture Wars: Rethinking Human Nature Alongside Japanese, European, and American Cultural Primatologists*. Princeton University Press, 2020.
- *Neuropsychodelia: The Revival of Hallucinogen Research since the Decade of the Brain*. University of California Press, 2012.
- *Die Zeit der Psychoanalyse: Lacan und das Problem der Sitzungsdauer*. Suhrkamp, 2005.

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

- *Handbook of Psychedelic Humanities*. Ed. Nicolas Langlitz. Bloomsbury Academic (in preparation).
- *A Paradigm Shift in Psychiatry? Evaluating the Future of Psychedelic Medicine*. Co-edited with Minsu Yoo, Sujit Thomas, and Zoë Dubus. Special issue of *BioSocieties* (in preparation).
- *Psychedelic Humanities*. Eds. Erika Dyck, Tehseen Noorani, Nicolas Langlitz, Alex Dymock, Anne Katrin Schlag, and Oliver Davis. Lausanne: Frontiers Media SA, 2024.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- Nicolas Langlitz and Talia Dan-Cohen, “What Ever Happened to the Anthropology of Science.” *Annual Review of Anthropology* (accepted).
- “Experiments in Medicalization: Psychedelic Therapy in Switzerland and Australia.” (submitted).
- Nicolas Langlitz and Clemente de Althaus, “The Moral Economy of Diversity: How the Epistemic Value of Diversity Transforms Late Modern Knowledge Cultures.” *History of the Human Sciences* 37:1 (2024), 3–27.
- Nicolas Langlitz and Alex Gearin, “Psychedelic Therapy as Form of Life.” *Neuroethics* 17:14 (2024), 1–19.
- “Psychedelic Innovations and the Crisis of Psychopharmacology.” *BioSocieties* 19 (2024), 37–58.
- “The Making of a Mushroom People: Toward a Moral Anthropology of Psychedelics Beyond Hype and Anti-hype.” *Anthropology Today* 39:3 (2023), 10–12.
- “What Good Are Psychedelic Humanities?” *Frontiers in Psychology* 14 (2023). <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpsyg.2023.1082933>
- “If Only There Was a Department of Fieldwork in Philosophy.” *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 11:2 (2021), 748–753.
- Nicolas Langlitz, Erika Dyck, Milan Scheidegger, and Dimitris Repantis, “Moral Psychopharmacology Needs Moral Inquiry: The Case of Psychedelics.” *Frontiers in Psychiatry* 12 (2021), 1–6.
- “Devil's Advocate: Sketch of an Amoral Anthropology” and “Warning against and experimenting with morality.” *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 10:3 (2020), 989–1004 and 1030–1035.
- “Psychedelic Science as Cosmic Play, Psychedelic Humanities as Perennial Polemics?” *Journal of Classical Sociology* 19:3 (2019), 1–15.
- “Primatology of Science: On the Birth of Actor-Network Theory from Baboon Field Observations.” *Theory, Culture & Society* 36:1 (2019), 83–105.
- “Salvage and Self-loathing: Cultural Primatology and the Spiritual Malaise of the Anthropocene.” *Anthropology Today* 34:6 (2018), 16–20.
- “Synthetic Primatology: What Humans and Chimpanzees Do in a Japanese Laboratory and the African Field.” *British Journal for the History of Science Themes* 2 (2017), 1–25.
- “Opaque Models: Using Drugs and Dreams to Explore the Neurobiological Basis of Mental Phenomena.” *Progress in Brain Research* (2017), 1–20.
- “Homo academicus und Papio anubis in der Reagan-Thatcher-Ära.” *Nach Feierabend: Zürcher Jahrbuch für Wissensgeschichte* 12 (2016), 235–244.
- “Is There a Place for Psychedelics in Philosophy? Fieldwork in Neuro- and Perennial Philosophy.” *Common Knowledge* 22:3 (2016), 373–384.
- “Vatted Dreams: Neurophilosophy and the Politics of Phenomenal Internalism.” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 21:4 (2015), 739–757.
- “On a Not so Chance Encounter Between Neurophilosophy and Science Studies in a Sleep Laboratory.” *History of the Human Sciences* 28:4 (2015), 3–24.

- “The Persistence of the Subjective in Cognitive Neuroscience. Observations of Contemporary Hallucinogen Research.” *History of the Human Sciences* 23:1 (2010), 37–57.
- “Pharmacovigilance and Post-Black Market Surveillance.” *Social Studies of Science* 39 (2009), 395–420.
- “Ceci n'est pas une psychose. Toward a Historical Epistemology of Model Psychosis.” *BioSocieties* 1 (2006), 158–180.

Book Chapters and Invited Essays

- “Das Buch als extrapharmakologischer Faktor.” In: Ines Barner, Stephan Graf, Nils Güttler, Niki Rhyner, Vera Wolff, and Monika Wulz (eds.), *Über Bücher: 101 Texte und Bilder für Michael Hagner*. Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2025, 39–42.
- “The Paradoxes of Psychedelic Humanities.” In: Rob Lovering (ed.), *Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Psychoactive Drug Use*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2024, 281–297.
- Comment on Joel Robbins, “Anthropology Bright and Dark: Relativism, Value Pluralism, and the Comparative Study of the Good.” *Social Analysis* 67(4), 61–64.
- “Cooperative Primates and Competitive Primatologists: Prosociality and Polemics in a Nonhuman Social Science.” In: Didier Fassin and George Steinmetz (eds.), *The Social Sciences in a Changing World: Essays in Critical Reflexivity*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2023, 351–367.
- “Rightist Psychedelia.” *Cultural Anthropology*, Hot Spots, Fieldsights, 10 July 2020. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/rightist-psychedelia>
- “Chimpanzee Ethnography in the Face of Humankind’s Savage Success.” *Cahiers d’Anthropologie Sociale* 18 (2019), 144–159.
- “Psychedelic Platitudes: Remembering an Anthropology of the Perennial.” *Curare* 42:1/2 (2019), 35–37.
- “As Odd as Kangaroos.” In: *Surprise: 107 Variations on the Unexpected* (Festschrift for Lorraine Daston). Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, 2019, 226–229. <https://www.mpiwg-berlin.mpg.de/resources/publications/books/surprise-107-variations-unexpected>
- “Hallucination.” In: Vyjayanthi Rao, Prem Krishnamurthy, and Carin Kuoni (eds.), *Speculation, Now: Essays and Artwork*. Durham: Duke University Press, 2015, 181–182.
- “Delirious Brain Chemistry and Controlled Culture: Exploring the Contextual Mediation of Drug Effects.” In: Suparna Choudhury and Jan Slaby (eds.), *Critical Neuroscience*. London: Wiley, 2012, 253–262.
- “Political Neurotheology: Emergence and Revival of a Psychedelic Alternative to Cosmetic Psychopharmacology.” In: Francisco Ortega and Fernando Vidal (eds.), *The Neurosciences in Contemporary Society*. Frankfurt/M.: Peter Lang, 2011.
- “Kultivierte Neurochemie und unkontrollierte Kultur: Über den Umgang mit Gefühlen in der psychopharmakologischen Halluzinogenforschung.” *Zeitschrift für Kulturwissenschaften* 2 (2010), 61–88.

- “‘Better Living Through Chemistry’: Entstehung, Scheitern und Renaissance einer psychedelischen Alternative zur kosmetischen Psychopharmakologie.” In: Christopher Coenen et al. (eds.), *Die Debatte über Human Enhancement*. Bielefeld: transcript, 2010, 263–286.
- “Neuroimaging und Visionen: Zur Erforschung des Halluzinogenrauschs seit der ‘Dekade des Gehirns’.” In: Horst Bredekamp et al. (eds.), *Ikonographie des Gehirns*. Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 2008, 30–42.
- “The Office of Experiments’ Truth Serum Threat: Notes on the Psychopharmacology of Truthfulness.” In: Jens Hauser (ed.), *sk-interfaces*. Liverpool: FACT/Liverpool University Press, 2007, 118–124.
- “Permutationen reinen Schmerzes: Zum Problem des Schmerzes ohne Läsion von der Geburt der Klinik zur Dekade des Gehirns.” In: Eugen Blume et al. (eds.), *Schmerz. Kunst+Wissenschaft*. Köln: Dumont, 2007, 209–216.
- “Biosecurity: A Response to Helmreich.” *Anthropology Today* 21:6 (2005), 20.
- “Jacques Lacans Praxis der variablen Sitzungsdauer und seine Theorie der Zeitlichkeit.” *Semester-Journal des Karl Abraham Instituts* 4 (2003), 111–112.
- “Logische Zeit und Logik des Kollektivs: Eine Rekonstruktion von Lacans Gefangenensophisma.” *Dialektik – Zeitschrift für Kulturphilosophie* 1 (2002), 79–100.

Public Scholarship

- “How Diversity Became the ‘Master Concept’ of Our Age.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 7 May 2024.
- <https://www.chronicle.com/article/how-diversity-became-the-master-concept-of-our-age>
- “Against Anthropology’s Newfound Scientism.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 4 October 2023.
- <https://www.chronicle.com/article/against-anthropologys-newfound-scientism>
- “We Need a Less Moralistic Humanities.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 19 January 2022.
- <https://www.chronicle.com/article/we-need-a-less-moralistic-humanities>
- “Academic Moralism and Its Discontents.” Interview. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 31 January 2022. <https://www.chronicle.com/newsletter/the-review/2022-01-31>
- “Should Psychedelic Humanities Promote Psychedelic Humanism?” *Chacruna*, 2020. <https://chacruna.net/should-psychedelic-humanities-promote-psychedelic-humanism/>
- “Psychedelics Can’t Be Tested Using Conventional Clinical Trials.” *Aeon Magazine*, 14 December 2015.
- <https://aeon.co/ideas/psychedelics-can-t-be-tested-using-conventional-clinical-trials>
- “Viele Faktoren bestimmen das Rauscherlebnis.” Interview by Helena Wittlich. *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, 22 May 2013, N2.
- “Der Tod, in anderem Licht betrachtet.” (with Anne Kirstine Hermann). *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, 22 July 2012, p. 54.

- Danish version published as “Generalprøve på døden.” *Weekendavisen*, 12 July 2012.
- “Subjektiver Rausch und objektive Nüchternheit.” Interview by Jörg Auf dem Hövel. *Telepolis*, 12 January 2012. <https://www.heise.de/tp/artikel/36/36124/1.html>
- “Das Gehirn ist kein Muskel.” *Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung*, 3 January 2010, p. 52.
- Republished as “Trugbild des Gehirns.” *NZZ am Sonntag*, 14 March 2010, p. 75.
- Also republished as “‘Hirn-Doping’ – Eine Phantasmagorie.” In Doris Pfabigan & Sabine Zelger (eds.), *Mehr als Ethik*. facultas wuv: Wien, 2012. http://www.mehr-als-ethik.at/fileadmin/user_upload/PDF_Download/Langlitz_Hirn_Doping.pdf
- “Schweizer Halluzinogene.” *Gaia Media News*, special issue (2006), 5–12.

Co-authored Medical Publications

- Mazda Adli, Christopher Baethge, Andreas Heinz, Nicolas Langlitz, and Michael Bauer. “Is Dose Escalation of Antidepressants a Rational Strategy After a Medium-dose Treatment Has Failed? A Systematic Review.” *European Archives of Psychiatry and Clinical Neuroscience* 255:6 (2005), 387–400.
- Nicolas Langlitz, Kerstin Schotte, and Tom Bschor. “Loperamid-Abusus bei Angststörung.” *Der Nervenarzt* 72:7 (2001), 562–564.

Book Reviews

- “What Is Philosophical about the Philosophy of Psychedelics?” Review of Chris Letheby’s *Philosophy of Psychedelics*. *The Polyphony*, 29 June 2022. <https://thepolyphony.org/2022/06/29/philosophy-of-psychedelics-book-forum-part-three/>
- “Natural Relativism in Lieu of Moral Absolutism: On the Making of a Philosophical Anthropologist.” Review of Lorraine Daston’s *Against Nature*. *HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 11:2 (2021), 833–837.
- “Shipwrecked with Blumenberg Amid a Microbial Superstorm.” *BioSocieties* 15 (2020), 479–480.
- “Fieldwork in Skepticism: How an Anthropologist Learns to Cultivate Doubt and Other Virtues in a French Neuroscience Laboratory.” Review of Tobias Rees’ *Plastic Reason: An Anthropology of Brain Science in Embryogenetic Terms*. *Dialectical Anthropology* 41:4 (2017), 367–371.
- Stephanie Schiavenato, Esther Rottenburg, and Nicolas Langlitz. “Time and the Other Primates.” Review of Michael Tomasello’s *A Natural History of Human Thinking*. *Anthropology Now* 8:3 (2016), 135–142.
- Cameron Brinitzer and Nicolas Langlitz. “A Catholic Atheist and His Good Monkeys.” Review of Frans de Waal’s *The Bonobo and the Atheist*. *Anthropology Now* 7:3 (2015), 118–124.

- “Aristotelian Neurophilosophy for Big Children.” Review of Patricia S. Churchland’s *Braintrust: What Neuroscience Tells Us About Morality*. *BioSocieties* 7:1 (2012), 98–101.
- Review of Ken Johnson’s *Are You Experienced? How Psychedelic Consciousness Transformed Modern Art*. *Leonardo Reviews Quarterly*, May 2012.
- Review of Jennifer Michael Hecht’s *The End of the Soul: Scientific Modernity, Atheism, and Anthropology in France*. *American Anthropologist* 108:1 (2006), 244–245.

BioSocieties Books Forums

From 2009 to 2018, I served as Reviews Editor of *BioSocieties*, where I curated and introduced a series of Books Forums. Each forum focused on an emerging body of literature and comprised three commissioned review essays. The 500-word editorial introductions reflect my engagement with a broad range of interdisciplinary scholarship relevant to the history of science, technology, and medicine.

- “Organized Polemics” (a conversation with Des Fitzgerald). *BioSocieties* 14:1 (2019), 143–153.
- “Diversity: How a late modern value transformed the biosciences.” *BioSocieties* 13:4 (2018), 787.
- “Poieses: Making Organisms, Texts, and the Field of Synthetic Biology.” *BioSocieties* 13:3 (2018), 656.
- “Making Babies in a New World.” *BioSocieties* 13:2 (2018), 535.
- “How autism entered an identity politics of the brain.” *BioSocieties* 12:4 (2017), 634.
- “The values of life.” *BioSocieties* 12:3 (2017), 459–460.
- “Life’s afterlives.” *BioSocieties* 12:2 (2017), 307–308.
- “Brains: plastic, demented, undisciplined.” *BioSocieties* 12:1 (2017), 168–169.
- “How cancer remakes people and peoples.” *BioSocieties* 11:4 (2016), 526–527.
- “Navigating a new geological era with papal guidance and Keeling curve.” *BioSocieties* 11:3 (2016), 394–395.
- “Biosociological weight watching: From European famines to Guatemalan love handles.” *BioSocieties* 11:2 (2016), 262–274.
- “Flu oracles, Ebola spillover and runny metaphysics.” *BioSocieties* 11:1 (2016), 123–133.
- “The newest materialisms.” *BioSocieties* 10:4 (2015), 489–502.
- “Pig hearts and god’s organs.” *BioSocieties* 10:2 (2015), 259–270.
- “IVF and stem cells: The social life of some ethical quandaries.” *BioSocieties* 10:1 (2015), 107–115.
- “Animal sciences at sea and in the zoo.” *BioSocieties* 9:4 (2014), 481–492.
- “Neuro, neuro, neuro.” *BioSocieties* 9:3 (2014), 353–362.
- “Lessons and conversions: Reading across disciplinary boundaries.” *BioSocieties* 9:2 (2014), 218–231.
- “Cosmopolitics revisited.” *BioSocieties* 9:1 (2014), 94–109.
- “After the science wars: Clash and reconciliation of environmental knowledge, politics and myth.” *BioSocieties* 8:3 (2013), 369–383.
- “Psychedelics: From Clinic to Art Studio, from Rainforest to Church.” *BioSocieties* 8:2 (2013), 229–242.
- “Securing Life Against Life.” *BioSocieties* 8:1 (2013), 93–103.
- “Autism: Pioneers, parents, and the proliferation of a diagnosis.” *BioSocieties* 7:3 (2012), 322–335.
- “Contemporary Physiology of Art.” *BioSocieties* 7:2 (2012), 208–219.
- “Prosocial Primates for Benevolent Biosocieties.” *BioSocieties* 7:1 (2012), 88–101.
- “Is there an Asian Biopolitics?” *BioSocieties* 6:4 (2011), 487–500.
- “Alien Forms of Life.” *BioSocieties* 6:3 (2011), 364–376.
- “Cultural brains and neural histories.” *BioSocieties* 6:2 (2011), 262–275.
- “Cognitive enhancement: human advancement, degradation or pseudo-problem?” *BioSocieties* 5:4 (2010), 476–487.

- “Biosciences, Ethics, and Collaborations.” *BioSocieties* 5:3 (2010), 391–405.
- “Public Knowledge and the Life Sciences.” *BioSocieties* 5:2 (2010), 287–298.
- “Psychopharmacological Enhancement Discussed Across Disciplines.” *BioSocieties* 5:1 (2010), 148–156.
- “The New Old Books Forum.” *BioSocieties* 4:4 (2009), 447–448.

Working Papers and Preprints

- George Marcus and Nicolas Langlitz, “What the Comedy of Things Could Be.” *The Comedy of Things* project website, 2014. <http://comedyofthings.com/box-2/text-production-2-marcus-langlitz>
- “Pharmacovigilance and Post-black Market Surveillance.” In: Viola Balz et al. (eds.), *Precarious Matters / Prekäre Stoffe*. Preprint 356, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, 2008, 169–177.
- “What First-order Observers Can Learn from Second-order Observations.” *ARC Concept Note* No. 3 (2007).
- “Tripping in Solitude: Introducing Honza Samotar by Way of John Lilly.” In: Katrin Solhdju (ed.), *Introspective Self-Rapports*. Preprint 322, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, 2006, 81–92.

Media Appearances and Selected Interviews

- *The Guardian*, “Trip on psychedelics, save the planet: the offbeat solution to the climate crisis,” 2 October 2024.
- *Washington Post*, “Aaron Rodgers talks about taking ayahuasca at a psychedelics conference,” 22 June 2023.
- *SRF*, *Echo der Zeit*, “Schrille Diversitätsdebatte in den USA,” 18 April 2023.
- *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, “Die neue Opferkultur versteht den Menschen als zutiefst fragil,” 14 March 2023.
- *Die Furche*, “Da bekommt man schon Respekt,” 10 November 2022.
- *Haaretz*, “חשיבה על משפיעים פסיכדלים האם: סארטר ועד מאריסטו | תודעה משנה” [Changing Consciousness from Aristotle to Sartre: Do Psychedelics Affect Philosophical Thinking?], 14 May 2021.
- *Undark Magazine*, “Mainstreaming Psychedelic Drugs to Treat Mental Health,” 26 February 2021.
- *Vice Magazine*, “Psychedelic Therapy Needs to Confront the Mystical,” 22 February 2021.
- *Berliner Zeitung*, “Gibt es heute noch Selbstversuche in der Wissenschaft?” 22 May 2016.
- “Expanding Mind – Neuropsychedelica.” Interview on *Progressive Radio Network*, 10 March 2016.
- “Nicolas Langlitz: An Anthropologist in Psychedelica.” *Open Foundation*, 28 February 2016.

- *SWR2 Wissen*, “Neurodämmerung: Wohin steuert die Hirnforschung?” 19 February 2015.
- *Anthropology Now*, “Nicolas Langlitz on Hallucinogen Revival and the Second Order Observer,” 13 November 2014.
- “The Points Interview: Nicolas Langlitz.” *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol and Drugs History Society*, 19 May 2014.
- <https://pointsadhsblog.wordpress.com/2014/05/19/the-points-interview-nicolas-langlitz>
- New School Research Radio, “A Return Trip: LSD Gets a Second Look” and “The Future of LSD,” 26 February 2013.
- Deutschlandfunk, “Der Geist im Labor,” 28 July 2011.
- WNYC, *Leonard Lopate Show*, “Please Explain: Psychedelic Drugs,” 15 October 2010.
- *DRadio Wissen*, “Erowid – Halluzinationen aus dem Netz,” 24 February 2010.
- *SWR2 Impuls*, “Von wegen Hirn-Doping! Vom Sinn und Unsinn der Debatte über Neuro-Enhancer,” 13 January 2010.
- *Kulturzeit* (3sat), “Doping für das Gehirn. Ist es legitim, geistige Leistung chemisch zu tunen?” 16 December 2009.
- *Aspekte* (ZDF), “Segen oder Teufelszeug? Doping für das Gehirn,” 27 November 2009.
- *Wissenschaft DRS2*, “Der Neuro-Boom – das Gehirn liegt im Trend,” 28 February 2009.
- *SWR2 Wissen*, “Pillen für den Geist? Hirndoping in der Diskussion,” 18 September 2008.
- *Panorama* (ARD), “Schlauer, schneller, schöner – die gedopte Gesellschaft,” 17 April 2008.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Research Grants

2023–2026

German Federal Ministry of Research and Education (BMBF). *Preparing for the Psychedelic Renaissance: Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Neuropharmacology in Psychotherapy.*

Co-PIs: Dimitris Repantis, Jan Christoph Bublitz, Sascha Benjamin Fink, Torsten Voigt.

Amount: **€797,940.**

2024–2026

EU-ERANET NEURON project grant, funded by the German **BMBF** and the Taiwanese NSTC: *Psychedelic Transformations: A Taiwanese-German Comparison of Ethical and Sociocultural Aspects of New Therapies.*

Role: External collaborator (PIs: Karen Yan, NYCU Taipeh & Sascha Benjamin Fink, University of Erlangen/Nürnberg).

2024–2025

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): *Psychedelic Humanities: Bridging the Two Cultures* (RZ-300302-24).

Role: Project Director. Amount: **\$49,889**.

2024

Fondation Brocher, Hermance, Switzerland. Grant for international workshop: *The Renaissance of Psychedelic Therapies: Lessons from Switzerland*.

Amount: **CHF 6,000**.

2021–2022

Competitive Faculty Research Fund, The New School. Amount: **\$4,000**.

2014–2015

Competitive Faculty Research Fund, The New School. Amount: **\$4,700**.

2007–2010

Volkswagen Foundation grant (as member of the “Dream Team,” European Platform for Life Sciences, Mind Sciences, and the Humanities).

Amount: **€89,200** (approx. \$121,300).

Fellowships

2017–2018

Member, School of Social Science, **Institute for Advanced Study**, Princeton.

Fellowship amount: **\$50,000**.

2007–2009

Postdoctoral Fellowship, **Max Planck Institute for the History of Science**, Department II (Lorraine Daston).

Amount: **€42,000**.

2006–2007

Chancellor’s Dissertation-Year Fellowship, **University of California, Berkeley**.

Amount: **\$19,000**.

2006

Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, **University of California, Berkeley**. Amount: **\$7,500**.

2005 & 2007

Graduate Summer Division Grants, **University of California, Berkeley**. Total amount: **\$6,400**.

Presentations

A full list of presentations is available at: www.nicolaslanglitz.de/talks.html

Selected Keynotes and Invited Talks

- “Experiments in Medicalization: Psychedelic Therapy in Switzerland and Australia.” Workshop *Psychedelics in Context*, Harvard University, November 2024.
- “Are Psychedelics Being Medicalized, and If So, How?” *Psychedethical* workshop, Shanghai University, December 2024.
- “Psychedelic Humanities and Moral Psychopharmacology.” Monash University, Melbourne, July 2024.
- “Psychedelics Between Sciences and Humanities.” Center for Psychedelic and Consciousness Research, Johns Hopkins University, March 2024.
- “Psychedelics and the Crisis of Psychiatric Medicine.” Medical Ethics and Humanities Unit, University of Hong Kong, May 2023.
- “Charismatogens.” Inaugural *HOPE Summit on Psychedelic Ethics*, Oxford University, August 2023.
- “The Psychedelic Renaissance: High Hopes and Rising Criticisms” (with Hamilton Morris). SXSW, Austin (TX), March 2023.
- “Mind the Gap: Should We Collapse Psychedelic Science and Psychedelic Humanities into a Third Culture?” Centre for Psychedelic Research, Imperial College London, May 2021.
- “Organized Polemics.” Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zürich), May 2019.
- “Fieldwork in Philosophy.” Conference *Midst Anthropology’s Problems*, UC Berkeley, April 2019.
- “Fieldwork in Perennial and Neurophilosophy.” Workshop *How Psychotropic Substances Transformed the World*, Institute for the History of Medicine, University of Bern, April 2018.
- “Science as Cosmic Play, Humanities as Perennial Polemics.” Workshop *Disenchantment’s Enchantments: A Century of Science as a Vocation*, Harvard University, November 2017.
- “Chimpanzee Culture Wars: How Cultural and Evolutionary Anthropologists Battled Over American Sociobiology, Japanese Primatology, and a Multiculturalism Beyond the Human.” Keynote Lecture, Trial Research Conference, University of Chicago, May 2017.
- “From Human Nature to Chimpanzee Cultures and Back Again.” Department of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen, June 2017.
- “Is There a Place for Psychedelics in Philosophy? Anthropological Observations.” University of Kyoto, 7 August 2015.
- “Measuring the Psychedelic Experience.” Workshop *Measures and Devices*, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, January 2015.

- “The Dream Catcher: Philosophy and Science Studies Meet in a Sleep Lab.” Seminar series *Entanglements of Instruments and Media in Investigating Organic Worlds*, York University (Toronto), October 2013.
- “The Revival of Psychedelic Research.” History of Science Program, Princeton University, April 2011.
- “Neurophilosophy Between Scientific Knowledge and Ignorance.” Symposium *Neuroscience and Human Nature*, Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, London, February 2010.
- “Dreaming in/of a Unified Science of the Mind-Brain.” Workshop *Neurocultures*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, February 2009.
- “Anthropological Difference in Neuropsychopharmacology.” Department of European Ethnology, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 2009.
- “Tripping in Solitude: The Self-Experiments of John Lilly and Honza Samotar.” Workshop *Introspective Self-Rapports: Shaping Ethical and Aesthetic Concepts*, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, May 2006.

Selected Conference Presentations

- “Psychedelic Medicalization: What Can a Square Peg Teach a Round Hole?” Interdisciplinary Conference on Psychedelic Research (ICPR), Haarlem, June 2024.
- “The Ethics of Informed Consent: Suggestibility, Efficacy, and Morality.” Interdisciplinary Conference on Psychedelic Research (ICPR), Haarlem, June 2024.
- Roundtable: “Ecologizing Therapeutic Practices.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA), Toronto, November 2023.
- “Should STS Make Psychedelic Research More Responsible?” (with Torsten Voigt). Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Meeting, Honolulu, November 2023.
- “The Extinction of Chimpanzee Cultures: A Plea for Fatalism.” Association of Social Anthropologists Conference, St. Andrews / Virtual, April 2021.
- “The Extinction of Chimpanzee Cultures: A Plea for Fatalism.” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, November 2019.
- “How Do Chimpanzees Perceive this World? Japanese Primatology after Imanishi.” Conference *Sorting Brains Out*, University of Pennsylvania, September 2015.
- “Psychedelic Renaissance: Beyond the Crisis of the Sixties.” Panel *The Stakes of Crisis*, AAA Annual Meeting, Montréal, November 2011.
- “The PPI Network: Translating Drug Mysticism into Model Psychosis Research.” XXIII International Congress of History of Science and Technology, Budapest, August 2009.
- “The PPI Network: Translating Drug Mysticism into Model Psychosis Research.” XXIII International Congress of History of Science and Technology, Budapest, August 2009.
- “The Global Assemblage of Contemporary Hallucinogen Research.” *Vital Politics II* Conference, London School of Economics, 2006.

Teaching Experience

The New School for Social Research

- *Moral Economy of Diversity* (PhD/MA seminar), Fall 2023
- *Science and Society* (PhD/MA seminar), Fall 2019; Spring 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025
- Critical Foundations of Anthropology (PhD core course), Fall 2020, 2021
- *Methods (Doctoral Proseminar)*, Fall 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2024
- *Lab Life* (graduate seminar), Spring 2016
- *Apes and Anthropologists* (graduate/upper-level), Spring 2015
- Fieldwork in Anthropology, Spring 2013
- Problems in Anthropology, Fall 2012, Fall 2013
- Sites of Contention in Contemporary Ethnography, Spring and Fall 2010; Spring 2012
- Out of the Armchair: Anthropologists and Philosophers Explore the Neurosciences, Fall 2011
- Anthropology of/and/as Science, Spring 2011

Eugene Lang College (The New School)

- In Science We Trust?, Spring 2024, 2025
- Psychedelic Science and Mysticism, Spring 2022; Fall 2023, 2024
- Ape Cultures and Human Nature, Fall 2013, 2014, 2015
- What is Anthropology Today, Fall 2012
- Science and Scientists, Spring 2013
- Apes, Brains, and Philosophers, Spring 2012
- From Brain Research to Neurocultures, Spring 2011
- Drug Cultures, Spring/Fall 2010; Fall 2011

Robert Schumann Hochschule Düsseldorf (Institute for Music and Media)

- Jenseits von Avantgardismus und Nostalgie, Winter 2024
- Rechenschaft und Verantwortungslosigkeit, Summer 2022
- Epistemologie und Existenz, Winter 2020/21; Summer 2021
- Erste Feldphilosophie. Raus aus der Höhle, ab ins blendende Licht der Ewigkeit!, Winter 2019/20
- Was wäre Feldphilosophie?, Summer 2019
- Fatalismus heute, Winter 2018
- Umwertungen und Umformungen, Summer 2018
- Neutralität und Intervention, Summer 2017

PhD Supervision (as Chair)

- Minsu Yoo — *Taiwanese Psychedelia* (in progress), The New School for Social Research
- Sonia Zhang — *Social Robotics and Loneliness in Japan* (in progress), The New School
- Volkan Eke — (in progress), The New School

- Dana Leon — (in progress), The New School
- Vaida Norvilaite — *The Afterlife of Positivism: Intellectual Ethnography of Auguste Comte's Church of Humanity in Brazil* (completed 2024), The New School

PhD Committees (as Member)

- Jack Jiang — *Anti-natalism* (in progress), The New School
- Cedric Williams — *Wilderness Solitude* (completed 2024), The New School
- William Scarlett — *Being There and Not There: Making Presence in Virtual Reality and Forest Therapy* (completed 2023), The New School
- Lee Brando — *Rehabilitating Medicine: Chronic Pain, Opioid Prescribing, and Telementoring Technologies in the Pacific Northwest* (completed 2023), The New School
- Chellie Bowman — *Experimental Collaborations: How Birdsong is Redefining Interspecies Practice and Relationality* (completed 2022), The New School
- Jason Euren — *Building Politics and Technology: How Today's Hackerspaces are Interfacing Tomorrow's Future* (completed 2017), The New School
- Ana Maria Ulloa Garzon — *Accounting for Flavor: An Ethnographic Study of Science, Industry, and Craft* (completed 2017), The New School
- Emily Sogn — *Internal Frontiers: Health, Systems Thinking, and the Cultivation of Resilience in the U.S. Military* (completed 2016), The New School
- Kadija Ferryman — *An Anthropology of Bioethics in Genomic Medicine* (completed 2016), The New School
- Amber Benezra — *Anthrobiota: Human-Microbe Relations on the Edge of Biological Science* (completed 2013), The New School
- Naomi Zumstein — McGill University (external committee member)

Academic Service and Leadership

Department and University Service (The New School)

- Chair, Department of Anthropology (2019–2022)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies (2014–2019)
- Member, University-wide Faculty Senate (2016–2019)
- Chair, MA/PhD Admissions and MA Exams (recurring)
- Deputy Chair, Institutional Review Board (since 2011)
- Member, Promotion to Full Professor Committee (2023–2024)
- Member, New MA Programs Committee (2023–2024)
- Member, Lang Curriculum Committee (2014–2019; 2024–2025)
- Member, Lang Faculty Council (2024–2025)
- Member, Tenure Committee (2019–2020)
- Member, Chairs+6 Committee (2019–2022, university restructuring)
- Member, Curriculum Committee (multiple years)
- Member, Faculty Research Fund Committee (Spring 2015)
- Member, Lang Admissions Committee (2010–2014)

- Organizer, Department Speaker Series (2011–2013)
- Member, Department Search Committees (2013, 2015, 2021–2022)

Editorial Boards and Advisory Roles

- Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* (2025–present)
- Editorial Board Member, *Social Research* (2024–present)
- Editorial Board Member, *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences* (2024–present)
- Reviews Editor, *BioSocieties* (2009–2018)
- Advisory Board Member, Institut für Kulturforschung Heidelberg (2010–present)

Peer Review and Evaluation

- Manuscript reviewer for:
American Anthropologist, *Hau*, *History of the Human Sciences*, *BioSocieties*, *Social Studies of Science*, *Theory, Culture & Society*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *PoLAR*, *Frontiers in Pharmacology*, *Medical History*, *Anthropology Now*, *Journal of Cultural Economy*, and others
- Book manuscript reviewer for:
Princeton University Press, Stanford University Press, Cornell University Press, MIT Press, Fordham University Press, Wiley-Blackwell, etc.
- Grant reviewer for:
National Science Foundation (NSF), European Research Council (ERC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), etc.

Conference and Workshop Organization

- *Psychedelic Humanities: Bridging the Two Cultures*, The New School, April 2025
- *The Renaissance of Psychedelic Therapies: Lessons from Switzerland*, Fondation Brocher, Switzerland, June 2024
- *Psychedelic Salon* (with Shayla Love; monthly events in Manhattan and Brooklyn, 2024)
- *What Good Are Psychedelic Humanities?*, The New School, April 2023
- *Fieldwork in Philosophy* (with Ann Stoler), School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, October 2012
- *Neurocultures* (with Fernando Vidal & Joëlle Abi-Rached), Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, February 2009