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Education

- 2020 – 2025 **PhD, Philosophy, Aix-Marseille University, Centre Gilles Gaston Granger (UMR 7304).** Advisor: Professor Michel Le Du.
Title of the thesis: *The Chatterbox. An Inquiry into the concept of speech in the philosophy of AI.*
Jury : Daniel Andler (Emeritus professor, Sorbonne University & Academy of the moral and political sciences), Jean-Philippe Narboux (Professor, Strasbourg University – CRePhAC (UR 2326)), Juliet Floyd (Professor, Boston University – Center for the Humanities), Élise Marrou (Assistant Professor, Sorbonne University – Métaphysique, histoires, transformations, actualités (UR 3552)), Jérôme Dokic (Professor, School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences – Jean Nicod Institute), Michel Le Du (PU, Aix-Marseille University – Centre Gilles Gaston Granger (UMR 7304)).
- 2022 **Training in AI ethics, University of Montreal & Pôle interordres de Montréal.** 20 hours.
- 2019 – 2020 **Second year of the Master's Degree, Philosophy, Aix-Marseille University.** Advisor: Professor Michel Le Du.
Master's thesis: *The Mind within the Machine. On Some Presuppositions of Artificial Intelligence.*
- 2018 – 2019 **First year of the Master's Degree, Epistemology and history of the sciences and techniques, Nantes University.**
- 2015 – 2018 **Bachelor's degree in Literature, Nantes University.**
- 2015 **Baccalauréat section L (French High School Diploma with special emphasis on the Humanities).**

Academic positions



- May – June 2026 **Post-doctoral stipendiary junior visiting fellow.** Friedrich-Alexander-University (FAU) Erlangen-Nürnberg, Centre for Philosophy and AI Research (PAIR).
- 2025 – 2026 **Non-tenured teaching and research Fellow.** Aix-Marseille University, Philosophy department, Centre Gilles Gaston Granger (UMR 7304 CNRS).
- 2024 **Non-tenured teaching and research fellow.** University of Technology of Compiègne – Sorbonne University Alliance, TSH (Technology, Societies, Humanities) département, Costech (Connaissance, organisation et systèmes techniques) (EA 2223), CRED (Cognitive Research and Enactive Design).
- 2020 – 2023 **Doctoral teaching assistant in philosophy.** Doctoral School 356, “Cognition, Language, Education”, Aix-Marseille University, Centre Gilles Gaston Granger (UMR 7304 CNRS).

Research areas


Philosophy, ethics, and epistemology of artificial intelligence; Philosophy of cognitive science; Philosophy of mind; Philosophy of action; L. Wittgenstein; G. Ryle.

Publications

Articles

- 1 Boisseau, Éloïse (2026). "Expertise, Opacity, and Trust in AI Systems". In: *Synthese* 207.104.  DOI: [10.1007/s11229-026-05484-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-026-05484-2).
- 2 Boisseau, Éloïse (2026). "The 'Way of Words' for Thinking about AI". In: *Klésis, special issue on P. M. S Hacker* (accepted for publication). Ed. by Elie Bethuys.
- 3 Boisseau, Éloïse (2024). "Imitation and Large Language Models". In: *Minds & Machines* 34.42.  DOI: [10.1007/s11023-024-09698-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11023-024-09698-6).




Book chapter

- 1 Boisseau, Éloïse (2024). "The Metonymical Trap". In: *Wittgenstein and Artificial Intelligence*. Ed. by B. Ball, A. C. Helliwell, and A. Rossi. Vol. 1 : Mind and Language. Anthem Press, pp. 85–104.  DOI: [10.2307/jj.18979316.7](https://doi.org/10.2307/jj.18979316.7).

Encyclopedia entry

- 1 Boisseau, Éloïse (2023). *Singularité technologique [technological singularity]*. In: M. Kristanek (ed.), *L'Encyclopédie philosophique*.  URL: <https://encyclo-philolo.fr/item/1726>.

Book reviews

- 1 Boisseau, Éloïse (2024). *Book review of Daniel Andler: Intelligence artificielle, intelligence humaine, la double énigme*. In: *Revue de métaphysique et de morale* 122, pp. 284–285.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3917/rmm.242.0284>.
- 2 Boisseau, Éloïse (2023). *Book review of Thierry Hoquet: Les presque-humains. Mutants, cyborgs, robots, zombies... et nous*. In: *Revue de métaphysique et de morale* 118, pp. 291–293.  DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3917/rmm.232.0291>.
- 3 Boisseau, Éloïse (2022). *Book review of Camille Brunel: Éloge de la baleine*. In: *L'Amorce*.  URL: <https://lamorce.co/lumwelt-des-cetaces-a-propos-de-camille-brunel-eloge-de-la-baleine-2022/>.

Talks

National and international conferences (with a selection committee)

- 01-07-2023 **Consciousness in large language models (LLMs): an Assessment**. Analytic Philosophy of Mind: Société de Philosophie Analytique (SoPhA) Early-Career Researchers Conference (SoPhA). Organized by the French Society of Analytic Philosophy (SoPhA) & the Centre for Philosophy of Memory (Juan Álvarez & Kourken Michaelian). Grenoble Alpes University.
- 29-07-2022 **The Metonymical trap**. 11th British Wittgenstein Society Conference: Wittgenstein and AI. Organized by the *British Wittgenstein Society* (BWS). New College of the Humanities, London.
- 10-02-2022 **Conversational machines: Imitation, simulation, illusion [Les machines conversationnelles, imitation, simulation, illusion]**. Ethics and Simulation: from AI to VR. CRE-OBVIA Study Days in Ethics of AI. Organized by the Centre for Research in Ethics (CRE) (Montreal University) and The International Observatory on the Societal Impacts of AI and Digital Technologies (OBVIA) (Laval University). Zoom conference.
- 21-05-2021 **Can a machine talk? [Une machine peut-elle parler ?]** 9th International Doctoral Conference in Philosophy of Science (RDIPS). Organized by the Philosophy of Science Society (SPS). Zoom conference.

Talks (continued)

Invited speaker

- 27-05-2025 **Carbon, silicium, and pseudo experts: Deference and epistemic technologies in the time of all-AI [Experts de papier, de carbone et de silicium : déférence et technologies épistémiques aux temps du tout-IA].** Two-day conference on the “Philosophical implications of AI”. Organized by the “Groupe d’Études en Métaphysique” (GEM) and the “Groupe de Recherche en Épistémologie” (GRÉ) (Alexandre Declos & Jacques-Henri Vollet) May, 27th and 28th, 2025. Collège de France, Paris. [Link to the video of my presentation.](#)
- 08-11-2024 **No more rules! Artificial deep neural networks and epistemic rationality.** International one-day conference on “Rule and rationality”. Organized by Michel Le Du & Éloïse Boisseau (CGGG). Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.
- 23-04-2024 **The WOW method.** Response to Peter Hacker : “The Way of Words: Language, Philosophy and the Methods of Natural and Social Sciences”. International one-day conference about the philosophy of (and with) Peter Hacker and Vincent Descombes. Organized by Jérôme Dokic (Jean Nicod Institute), Lilé Grenier & Jack Franco. School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris.
- 15-04-2024 **Mimicry and understanding in large language models [Mimétisme et compréhension dans les grands modèles de langage].** CRED seminar. Organized by the Costech laboratory. University of technology of Compiègne, Compiègne.
- 03-04-2024 **Problems and pseudo-problems of AI [Problèmes et faux problèmes de l’IA].** 6th “Scientific days” of the University of Toulon, Symposium “Dialogues with Generative AI: Challenges for Learning and Teaching”. Organized by Michel Durampart & Sami Ben Armor (IM-SIC), digital thematic group (GTnum) “Generative AI and large conversational and/or multi-modal language models”. University of Toulon, Toulon.
- 17-11-2022 **At the Peril of the Technological Singularity [Au péril de la singularité technologique].** “Esprit Futur” seminar. Organized by the multidisciplinary group of young researchers “Esprit Futur”. Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.
- 11-10-2022 **What are machines capable of? [De quoi les machines sont-elles capables ?]** “HypoThèse” seminar. Organized by the Centre Gilles Gaston Granger. Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.
- 30-05-2022 **The concepts of imitation and simulation in the context of conversational machines [L’usage des concepts d’imitation et de simulation dans le contexte des machines conversationnelles].** Yearly conference-day of the Centre Gilles Gaston Granger. Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.
- 05-03-2022 **Conceptual reflections on the technological singularity [Réflexions conceptuelles autour de la singularité technologique].** “HypoThèse” seminar. Organized by the Centre Gilles Gaston Granger. Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.

Public philosophy

- 03-2026 **AI: the Singularity is not the real danger [IA : la singularité n’est pas le vrai danger].** Interview for the journal *Philosophie Magazine*. Special issue on “How do civilizations disappear?” Forthcoming (Spring special issue).
- 13-11-2025 **Does technology deprive us of our freedoms? [La technologie nous dépossède-t-elle de nos libertés ?]** Series of conferences “Shared Knowledge”. Organized by the Provence Alpes Côte d’Azur Region and aimed at regional authority employees. Hybrid format (Marseille and Zoom).
- 15-09-2025 **How to measure the intelligence of AI systems? [Comment mesurer l’intelligence des systèmes d’IA ?]** Interview with Charlotte Mauger for the french national journal *Mediapart*. URL : <https://www.mediapart.fr/...>

Talks (continued)

- 23-12-2024 **Guest on the podcast “Les dessous de l’IA” (“Behind AI”)** Episode entitled “Philosophy for thinking about the idea of an intelligent machine”.
- 15-11-2024 **Ethical and Legal Issues of AI [Enjeux éthiques et juridiques de l’IA]**. Intervention in the “Contextualization” section of the *Artificial Intelligence Marseille Summit* (AIM). Organized by the journals *La Tribune* and *La Provence*, Marseille.
- 11-10-2024 **Putting AI issues into philosophical perspective [Mise en perspective philosophique des enjeux de l’IA]**. Speech given at the launch of the “AI Lab”, La Plateforme & iQanto. Marseille.
- 20-09-2024 **Panel discussion “Let’s talk about AI and philosophy!”** Conference day on “Thinking about AI, what’s the point?”. Organized by the UNESCO RELIA (Open Educational Resources and Artificial Intelligence) chair. Nantes University. In the context of the *Nantes Digital Week*. Nantes.
- 13-02-2024 **The Superintelligence myth: Genealogy and analysis of a concept [Le mythe de la “super-intelligence” : généalogie et analyse d’un concept]**. Conference during the “AI week” of the University of Toulon. Toulon.
- 12-12-2023 **Philosophical conference on the movie *Moon* (Duncan Jones, 2009)**. Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.
- 10-12-2022 **The Powers of machines [Les pouvoirs des machines]**. Public philosophy conference. Alcazar Library, Marseille.
- 17-01-2022 **A Singular singularity [Singulière singularité]**. Conference cycle on “Change”. Organized by the Université populaire de Marseille (UPOP), Marseille.

Research groups

- Since 2024 **Co-creation of the *Ryle Group***, with Vincent Boyer (Laval University), Rémi Clot-Goudard (Grenoble-Alpes University), Jonathan Gombin (Bordeaux University) & Sébastien Motta (Aix-Marseille University).
- Member of the *Young Network for Wittgensteinian Philosophy***.
- January 2024 **International workshop “Ethics of Large Language Models: can AI learn virtue from humans, and vice versa?”** Co-chaired by Francois Taddei (*Learning Planet Institute*) & Martin Gibert (Montreal University). *Learning Planet Institute* (LPI), Paris, January 16 and 17th, 2024.
- 2022 **Reading group in computational ethics**. Organized by the LIP6 (Jean-Gabriel Ganascia & Gauvain Bourgne, Sorbonne University) & the Center for Research in Ethics (CRE) (Martin Gibert, Montreal University).
- Since 2022 **Member of the *British Wittgenstein Society***.

Professional service

- 2025 **Reviewer for *Minds & Machines***.
Reviewer for *Synthese*.
- 2024 **Reviewer for *Minds & Machines***.
- 2022 **Beta-tester for the introductory course AI ethics (Martin Gibert & Jean-Philippe Ducharme)**. Montreal University (EDUlib).

Research organization

Organization of one-day conferences

- June 5th, 2025 **Co-organization with Michel Le Du (CGGG) of the one-day national interdisciplinary conference “Rationality, from psychology to philosophy”.** Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence. **Speakers:** Marion Vorms (IHPST, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University), Jérôme Dokic (Jean Nicod Institute, School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences), Raphaël Künstler (ERRAPHIS, Toulouse University), Bastien Trémolière (CLLE, Toulouse University), Michel Le Du (CGGG, Aix-Marseille University).
- November 8th, 2024 **Co-organization with Michel Le Du (CGGG) of the one-day international conference on “Rule and Rationality”.** Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence. **Speakers:** Severin Schroeder (Reading University), Nuno Venturinha (FILNOVA, New University of Lisbon), Jean-Philippe Narboux (CREPhAC, Strasbourg University), Rémi Clot-Goudard (IPhiG, Grenoble-Alpes University), Éloïse Boisseau (CGGG, Aix-Marseille University).

Organization of seminars or conferences

- 2025 – 2026 **Organization of the Centre Gilles Gaston Granger’s seminar on the philosophy of AI (“PhilosophIA”).** Monthly seminar. Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.
- 2023 – 2026 **Co-organization with Sébastien Motta (CGGG) of “Ciné-Philo” conferences (movie screenings followed by philosophical conferences).** Four screenings per year. Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.
- 2022 – 2023 **Organization of the “HypoThèse” doctoral seminar.** Monthly seminar. Aix-Marseille University, Aix-en-Provence.

Teaching

Philosophy department (Aix-Marseille University)

- Graduates **Gilbert Ryle’s *Concept of Mind* (2025-2026).** [Link to the course presentation \(in French\).](#)
Philosophy of language (2025-2026). [Link to the course presentation \(in French\).](#)
- Undergraduates **Epistemology of cognitive neuroscience (2022-2023).** [Link to the course presentation \(in French\).](#)
Contemporary philosophy: L. Wittgenstein (2025-2026). [Link to the course presentation \(in French\).](#)
Methodology (2021-2022). [Link to the course presentation \(in French\).](#)

Cognitive science department (Aix-Marseille University)

- Graduates **Philosophy of cognitive science (2025-2026).**

Psychology department (Aix-Marseille University)

- Undergraduates **Philosophy of mind (2021-2022; 2022-2023; 2025-2026).** [Link to the course presentation \(in French\).](#)
Philosophical investigations into artificial intelligence (2021-2022). [Link to the course presentation \(in French\).](#)

Technology, Societies, Humanities (University of Technology of Compiègne)

- Undergraduates and graduates **Theories of knowledge: from Meno’s paradox to cognitive science (2024).** [Link to the course syllabus \(in French\).](#)
Direction and evaluation of essays on the PHITECO seminar. Seminar theme: “Knowing and healing today” (2024).

Languages

French	Native language.
English	Fluent (full professional proficiency).
German and Spanish	Elementary proficiency.