

# Jacob Berk

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## Education

### KU Leuven

Research Master in Philosophy (*Magna cum laude*)

Thesis: *What should be in a Name? Scientific Categories and their Messy Political Lives*

Supervisor: Andreas De Block

Leuven, Belgium

2024-25

### KU Leuven

Master of Arts in Philosophy (*Cum Laude*)

Thesis: *Taking Responsibility for Human Kinds: On Social Scientific Objects and Norms of Discourse?*

Supervisor: Andreas De Block

Leuven, Belgium

2023-24

### McGill University

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with a minor in Cognitive Science (First-Class Honours)

Thesis: *Somatization and its Cultures: on Bodily Speculation*

Supervisors: Ian Gold and R. Philip Buckley

Montreal, Quebec

2019-23

## Publications

2022

*Putnam's Problem of the Robot and Extended Minds*. *Stance*, 15:88-99. <https://doi.org/10.33043/S.15.1.88-99>

## Presentations

2025

"Politicizing Human Kinds" (Accepted)

*Social Ontology 2025*

Trinity College Dublin

Dublin, Ireland

August 4-9, 2025

2025

"The Regulatory Conception of Human Kinds"

'*Zwischen Denken und Handeln*' (Between Thought and Action)

University of Potsdam

Potsdam, Germany

February 12-14, 2025

## Professional and Teaching Experience

### Primento Digital Publishing

*Literary Editor and Translator (Traineeship)*

Edited and translated from French to English at a boutique digital publishing firm. Worked on the translation, production, and distribution of Ebooks in various genres and styles.

Brussels, Belgium

August 2025- December 2025

### Private Tutoring

*German Language Tutor*

Tutored fellow students for intermediate and advanced German reading courses

Leuven, Belgium

September 2024– Present

### PSL Group/Groupe PSL

*Medical Editor Intern*

Worked as an editor and consultant for a continuing medical education (CME), focusing on production.

Montreal, Quebec

May 2023 - September 2023

### CLC Canada

*English as a Second Language Teacher*

Montreal, Quebec

November 2020 - February 2022

# Jacob Berk

Taught adult students from Canada and abroad English as a second language. Clients included businesses and individual students.

## Community Involvement

**McGill Journal of Human Behaviour**  
**Editorial Director**

Montreal, Quebec  
November 2020 - June 2023

Oversaw the editorial processes of this multidisciplinary student journal, including selection and production.

**Interfaculty Theater Festival of KU Leuven**  
**Actor**

Montreal, Quebec  
2023-24 and '24-25 seasons

Acted in adaptations of Bertold Brecht's *Life of Gallileo* and Euripides' *Medea* in lead roles. Nominated for best actor '23-24.

## Languages

**English:** Native

**French:** Fluent

**German:** Advanced

## References

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KU Leuven  
Masters Supervisor (Promoter)

**Professor Ian Gold**  
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McGill University  
Bachelors Supervisor