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## 1. Qualifications

- 2001-2004 | *Doctorat ès philosophie* – Paris IV (Sorbonne)
- 2000/2001 | *Diplôme d'études approfondies* (Philosophy) – Paris IV (Sorbonne)
- 1999-2000 | *Magister Artium* (Philosophy) – Rand Afrikaans University
- 1998-1999 | *Baccalaureus Artium Honores* (French) – University of Pretoria
- 1997-1998 | *Baccalaureus Artium Honores* (Philosophy) – Rand Afrikaans University
- 1996-1998 | *Baccalaureus Divinitatis* – University of Pretoria  
(a post-graduate degree, since 2000 equivalent to *Magister Divinitatis*)
- 1993-1995 | *Baccalaureus Artium* – University of Pretoria

## 2. Publications

### Books

- *Shaping a Humane World – Civilizations, Axial Times, Modernities, Humanisms*  
Oliver Kozlarek, Jörn Rüsen & Ernst Wolff (eds.) Bielefeld: Transcript, 2012 (292pp).
- *Political responsibility for a globalised world. After Levinas' humanism*  
Bielefeld: Transcript, 2011 (283pp)
- *De l'éthique à la justice. Langage et politique dans la philosophie de Lévinas*  
Phaenomenologica 183. Dordrecht: Springer, 2007 (418pp)

### Chapters in books

- "Introduction" (co-authored with Oliver Kozlarek, Jörn Rüsen), in *Shaping a Humane World – Civilizations, Axial Times, Modernities, Humanisms*, Oliver Kozlarek, Jörn Rüsen & Ernst Wolff (eds.) Bielefeld: Transcript, 2012, pp. 9-22
- "Habitus – means – worldliness. Technics and the formation of 'civilisations'", in *Shaping a Humane World – Civilizations, Axial Times, Modernities, Humanisms*, Oliver Kozlarek, Jörn Rüsen & Ernst Wolff (eds.) Bielefeld: Transcript, 2012, pp. 25-54

- “Critical Theory”, in *Routledge Companion to Phenomenology*, London & New York: Routledge, Søren Overgaard & Sebastian Luft (eds.), 2011, pp. 540-550.
- “The quest for justice versus the rights of the other?” in *In Levinas' trace*, Maria Dimitrova (ed.) Sofia: Avangard Prima Publishers, 2010, pp. 101-111. Second edition with Oxford Scholars Press, 2011.
- “Selfkennis en verstandigheid in ‘n tyd van politieke raserny” (Self-knowledge and prudence in an era of political insanity), introduction to re-edition of Martin Versfeld, *Oor gode en afgode*, Pretoria: Protea Boekhuis, 2010, pp. 7-40.
- “Grasping the truth from where we are”, introduction to re-edition of Martin Versfeld, *Our selves*, Pretoria: Protea Boekhuis, 2010, pp. 6-39.

### Published articles in peer-reviewed journals

- Compétences et moyens de l’homme capable à la lumière de l’incapacité  
*Etudes Ricoeuriennes / Ricoeur Studies* 4/2, 2013, pp. 50-63
- Reform and crises. Notes and questions on the condition of the Human and Social Sciences in South Africa and beyond  
*Theoria* 60/135, June 2013, pp. 62-82.
- Technology as critical social theory (Tegnologie as kritiese sosiale teorie)  
*Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe* 52/1, March 2012, pp. 36-51
- Responsibility and technics in Levinas and Jonas: Two strategies in response to the disorientation of ethics in the modern world  
*Philosophy Today* 55/2, May 2011, pp. 127-143
- *Poiesis*. Oor maaksels en hul wêreld na aanleiding van Versfeld se *Pots and poetry (Poiesis)*. On creations and their world with reference to Versfeld’s *Pots and poetry*)  
*Tydskrif vir letterkunde* 48/1, Autumn 2011, pp. 206-215.
- Self knowledge, prudence and incarnation. An interpretation of Versfeld’s *Oor gode en afgode* (Selfkennis, verstandigheid en inkarnasie. ’n Interpretasie van Versfeld se *Oor gode en afgode*)  
*LitNet Akademies* 7/2, 2010, pp. 257-279.
- Rethinking the conditions for inter-cultural interaction. A commentary on Levinas’ *Humanism of the Other*  
*Taiwan Journal for South East Asian Studies* 7/2, December 2010, pp. 113-147  
(Special issue: The interaction between self and the others in the age of globalization; guest editor: Jörn Rüsen)
- Le mal, le destin et l’éthique. Lévinas et le *Voyage au bout de la nuit* de Céline (Evil, fate and ethics. Levinas and Céline’s *Voyage au bout de la nuit*)  
*Etudes littéraires* 41/2, 2010, pp. 133-145

- Technicity of the body as part of the socio-technical system: the contributions of Mauss and Bourdieu  
*Theoria* 76, 2010, pp. 167-187.
- The quest for a post-metaphysical access to the human. From Marcel to Heidegger  
*Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 41/2, 2010, pp. 132-149
- The quest for justice versus the rights of the other?  
*Sofia Philosophical Review* III/2, 2009, pp. 69-78.
- The State and politics in a post-colonial, global order. Reconstruction and criticism of a Levinasian perspective.  
*SA Publikereg/ Public Law* 24/2, 2009, pp. 352–369.
- Tegniek as bemiddeling tussen lewensritme en kosmiese ritme? (Technology as mediation between the rhythm of life and cosmic rhythm?)  
*The Journal for Transdisciplinary Research in Southern Africa* 5/2, December 2009, pp. 175-189.
- Responsibility in an era of modern technology and nihilism, Part 2. Inter-connection and implications of the two notions of responsibility in Jonas  
*Dialogue. Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 48/4, 2009, pp. 841–866.
- Responsibility in an era of modern technology and nihilism, Part 1. A non-foundational re-reading of Jonas  
*Dialogue. Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 48/3, 2009, pp. 577-599
- Attention and technologies of the body. A lesson from John Chrysostom  
*Theology and the Church in South Africa* 1/1, July 2009, pp. 53-66
- Aspects of technicity in Heidegger’s early philosophy: rereading Aristotle’s *techné* and *hexis*  
*Research in Phenomenology* 38/3 2008, pp. 317–357
- The constellation subject-women-God in the ethics of Levinas  
*Journal for Semitics* 16/2 2007, pp. 587-603
- Giving up your place in history. The “position” of Levinas in philosophy and Jewish thought  
*Journal for Semitics* 16/1 2007, pp. 180-193.
- Levinas, lecteur de Husserl (Levinas, reader of Husserl)  
*Studia Philosophia* 2/2006 (appeared 2007), pp. 127-144.
- Mediologie en hermeneutiek (Mediology and hermeneutics)  
*Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe* 47/1 March 2007, pp. 81-94
- Hominisation and humanisation: a perspective from the sociology of technics  
*The Journal for Transdisciplinary Research in Southern Africa* 2/2, December 2006, pp. 231-248.
- Chinese translation of “Hominisation and humanisation: a perspective from the sociology of technics”  
*Shandong Social Sciences*, 2008/11 (no. 159) pp. 46-54
- Transmettre et interpréter (Transmission and interpretation)  
*Médium* 6, January-March 2006, pp. 30-47.

- Anatomie van 'n teologiese ideologie. Die Hervormde Kerk se steun aan die Apartheid Ideologie (Anatomy of a theological ideology. The Reformed Church's support of the apartheid ideology).  
*Historia* 51/1, May 2006, pp. 141-162.
- Oor die estetika van kos en die kookkuns (On the aesthetics of food and cuisine)  
*South African Journal for Philosophy* 25/4, 2006, pp. 290-304.
- Geskiedsfilosofie as godsdiensfilosofie. 'n Lesing van Wolfhart Pannenberg se hermeneutiek van die geskiedenis (Philosophy of history as philosophy of religion. A reading of Wolfhart Pannenberg's hermeneutics of history)  
*Acta Academica* 38/1, 2006, pp. 1-29.
- From phenomenology to critical theory. The genesis of Adorno's critical theory from his reading of Husserl  
*Philosophy & Social Criticism* 32/5, July 2006, pp. 555-572.
- Nadenke oor die Verligting of belydenisse van 'n Magisterstudent (Reflections on the Enlightenment or confessions of a Masters student)  
*Fragmente* 7, 2001, pp. 75-90.
- Wanneer klop jy jou pyp op jou veldskoene uit? Deel 1. Oor stories en kultuurkritiek (When do you knock out your pipe on your veldskoene? Part 1. On stories and cultural criticism)  
*Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 56/4 November 2000, pp. 1171-1199.
- Gabriel Marcel se lewe en werk as agtergrond vir sy nadering tot God, Deel 2 (Gabriel Marcel's life and work as background to his approach to God, Part 2)  
*Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 56/4 November 2000, pp. 1146-1170.
- Gabriel Marcel se lewe en werk as agtergrond vir sy nadering tot God, Deel 1 (Gabriel Marcel's life and work as background to his approach to God, Part 1)  
*Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 56/2&3 August 2000, pp. 836-848.
- Sanctus Marthinus laudator philosophicus.  
*Fragmente* 4, 1999, pp. 87-101.

### **Working-paper**

*Levinas' "humanism of the other human" and the condition for meaningful interaction between the self and the other across cultures*

<http://www.kwi-humanismus.de/en/k30.Working-Papers.htm>

(prepared for the "Humanism in an age of Globalisation" project at the Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities, Essen, Germany; 65 pages)