

## **Eyjólfur K. Emilsson: Curriculum Vitae**

### **Personal information**

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Nationality: Icelandic

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### **Education**

1984 PhD Department of Philosophy, Princeton University

1977 BA Philosophy/Ancient Greek. University of Iceland

### **Current position**

1995– present: Professor of philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas. University of Oslo.

### **Other positions**

1987 (spring) Visiting lecturer at the Department of Philosophy, Princeton University.

1988-1989 Lektor (assistant professor) in philosophy at the University of Iceland.

1990-1992 Dósent (associate professor) at the University of Iceland.

1993-1995 Visiting professor at the Department of Philosophy, University of Oslo.

1996 Visiting professor at the Department of Philosophy at Princeton University (spring).

2013 (fall) Visiting professor at the Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago.

2006-2014 Professor II, Bifröst University, Iceland.

### **Fellowships**

1978– 1982 Paul Elmer More Fellowship. Department of Philosophy, Princeton University

1990–1991 Junior fellow at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington, D.C. (Harvard University).

### **Supervision of doctoral and MA-students**

I have supervised 7 PhD projects, been seriously involved in several others as project committee member or informally, and I have had approximately 25 MA-students. Three of the PhDs were at Stockholm University and the University of Uppsala, the others at the University of Oslo. I currently have two Ph.D. students at the University of Oslo.

### **Research leadership**

1998-2001 Leader of the project "Reason, virtue and action in ancient philosophy". Funded by the Norwegian Research Council, Antikkprogrammet.

2002-2004 Leader of the international project "The Hellenistic Schools and their Influence on Medieval and Early Modern Thought". Funded by the Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils for the Humanities and the Social Sciences.

1999-present Co-founder and organizer of international seminars on the philosophy of Plotinus (part of the ESF-network Late Antiquity and Arabic Thought - patterns in the constitution of the European culture 2000-2003).

2009-2010 Leader of the project "Ethics in Antiquity: the Quest for the Good Life". A one year research project with very high level of international participation at the Centre for Advanced Study in Oslo. See [www.cas.uio.no](http://www.cas.uio.no) under "Research groups".

2013-2015 Leader of the national Norwegian doctoral training project "History of Philosophy and History of Ideas 600 BC-1800 AD".

<http://www.hf.uio.no/ifikk/english/research/projects/history-of-philosophy/>

### **Institutional and other academic responsibilities**

- 1997-2000 Director of doctoral studies in philosophy, University of Oslo. Again from 2007-2009.
- 2000-2002 Chairperson of the Program for philosophy, University of Oslo. Again in 2005-2007 and 2011-2013.
- 2013 Review committee for the disciplines of philosophy and history in Latvia.
- 2010-2014 Editorial board, *Norsk filosofisk tidsskrift*.
- 2010-present Editorial board, *Oxford Philosophical Concepts*.
- 2012-present Editorial board, *Archiv für die Geschichte der Philosophie*.
- 1995-present Advisory board, *Ad Fonte*. Riga, Latvia.
- 2014 External examiner for the MA program in ancient philosophy to be established at Trinity College, Dublin.

### **Organization of conferences**

I have lead and organized many international conferences and seminars, more than I can count (15–20). I wish to single out my leadership role in the project “Ethics in Antiquity: the Quest for the Good Life” at the Centre for Advanced Study in Oslo. This was a one year, full-time, intensive research project with a very high level of world-class international participation. The experience from this is highly relevant to the present project.

### **Invited lectures (last 10 years)**

I have been a selected invited speaker at three prestigious conferences:

Princeton Ancient Philosophy Colloquium 2012

Keynote speaker at the 33rd Ancient Philosophy Workshop 2010, University of Texas at Austin

Idealism and Ancient Philosophy, University of Edinburgh 2007.

I have been invited as a speaker to philosophy or classics departments at the following universities: Kyung Hee University (Seoul), Universität Bonn (2014), Université de Lausanne (2014), Universität Konstanz (2013); Marquette University (2012); Cornell University (2012); Trinity University, San Antonio (2010); University of Jyväskylä (2009); University of Helsinki (2009); University of St. Andrews (2008); Istituto Svizzero di Roma (2007); Université de Fribourg (2007); University of Auckland (2006); University of Athens (2006), University of Crete (2006), Trinity College, Dublin (2006); University of Helsinki (2004).

### **Academic societies**

I am an elected member of the Icelandic Academy of Science (1992), the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (1998), the Academia Europaea (2012), and Institut international de philosophie (2013).

### **Awards**

Fridtjof Nansen Prize for excellence in research in the humanities and social sciences (2011).

The Fylkesaker Award for excellence in research in the humanities and social sciences (2015).

Both are Norwegian national awards.

### **Publications (selection)**

#### **Monographs and Commentaries**

*The Philosophy of Plotinus*. Forthcoming from Routledge in the Routledge Philosophers series in 2015 or 2016.

*Plotinus on Intellect*. Oxford University Press, 2007.

Reviews: J. Bussanich [The Classical Review](#) 58, 2 (2008); S. Stern-Gillet, [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#) 2008.03.14; A. Smith, [Bryn Mawr Classical Review](#) 2008.01.08; P. Kalligas, *Rizai* 1, 1 (2008), P. Remes, *Mind* 118, 471 (2009), S. Clark, [The Philosophical Quarterly](#) 59, 235 (2009), S. Rappé, [Ancient Philosophy](#) 30, 2 (2010); S. Gertz, [Journal of the History of Philosophy](#) 47, 4 (2009).

Plotinus *Ennead* VI.4-5. *On the Presence of Being, One and the Same, Everywhere as a Whole*. Parmenides Publishing, 2014. This is an introduction to, translation of, and extensive commentary (about 100 pp.) on this treatise of Plotinus. In collaboration with the late Prof. Steven Strange (Emory University).

*Plotinus on Sense-Perception*. Cambridge University Press, 1988. Reviews: D. W. Hamlyn, [The Philosophical Quarterly](#) 39 (1989); D. Modrak, *Phronesis* 34 (1989); J. Dillon, [The Classical Review](#) 39 (2) (1989); T. Korhonen, *Arctos* 23 (1989); S.

Gaukroger, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 68 (1) (1990); O. Ballériaux, *L'antiquité classique* 59 (1990); G. Gurtler, *International Philosophical Quarterly*, Sept. 1990; J. P. Schiller, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 29 (1) (1991); H.J. Blumenthal, *The Philosophical Review* (4), (1992); A. Smith, *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 113 (1993)

## Book chapters and journal articles

- “Ancient Philosophers on Happiness and Time.” Accepted for publication in *Ancient Philosophers on Happiness*. Forthcoming from Oxford University Press in 2015. I am of the editors of the volume and a coauthor of a substantial introduction.
- “Plotinus on Sympathy”. In E. Schliesser (ed.), *Sympathy*. Oxford Philosophical Concepts. Accepted for publication. Forthcoming from Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “On the Length of a Good Life”. In S. Luper (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Life and Death*. Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- “Plato, Plotinus, Leibniz”. In F. Karfik and E. Song (eds.), *Plato Revived*. Walter de Gruyter 2013.
- “ΠΕΡΙ ΦΙΛΙΑΣ” (“On Friendship”). In E.K.Emilsson, A. Maravela and M. Skoie (eds.), *Paradeigmata*. The Norwegian Institute in Athens. 2014.
- “Plato and Plotinus on Virtue and Actions”. In C. Brittain et al. (eds.), *Plato on the Divided Self*. Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- “Plotino e il idealismo”. In D. Taormina (ed.), *L'essere del pensiero. Saggi sulla filosofia di Plotino*. Bibliopolis, 2009.
- “Kenning Plátinosar um tvöfalda virkni”. In Svavarsson, S.H. (ed.) *Hugsað með Platoni*. Reykjavík: Háskólaútgáfan 2013.
- “Plato, Plotinus, Leibniz”. In Karfik, F. and Song, E. (eds.) *Plato Revived: Essays on Ancient Platonism in Honour of Dominic J. O'Meara*. Walter de Gruyter 2013, pp. 54-70.
- “Plato and Plotinus on Virtue and Actions”. In C. Brittain et al. (eds.), *Plato on the Divided Self*. Cambridge University Press, 2012)
- “Plotinus on Happiness and Time”. *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 40 (2011).
- “Plotino e il idealismo”. In D. Taormina (ed.), *L'essere del pensiero. Saggi sulla filosofia di Plotino* (Bibliopolis, 2010).
- “Plotinus on Sense-Perception,” in P. Kärkkäinen (ed.) *Theories of Perception in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy* (Springer 2008).
- “Plotinus on Self-Knowledge and the First Person”. In V. Hirvonen et al. (eds.), *Mind and Modality*, Brill, 2006.
- “Kant and Plato” (with C. Serck-Hanssen), *Nordic Journal of Philosophy* 2004 (Vol. 5, no. 1).
- “Soul and *merismos*”. In R. Chiaradonna (ed.), *Studi sull'anima in Plotino*, Bibliopolis, 2005.
- “Kant and Plato,” (With Camilla Serck-Hanssen) *Nordic Journal of Philosophy* 2004 (Vol. 5, no. 1)
- Discursive and Non-Discursive Thought,” in Fossheim et al. (eds.) *Non-Conceptual Aspects of Experience*, Oslo: Unipub forlag 2003. Appeared in Hungarian as “Diskursív és nem-diskursív gondolkodás,” *Passim* 2004
- “Remarks on the Relation between the One and Intellect in Plotinus,” in J.M. Cleary *Traditions of Platonism*, Ashgate: Aldershot, England 1999
- “Neoplatonism,” in D. Furley (ed.) *Routledge History of Philosophy*, vol. 2, Routledge: London 1999
- “Plotinus on the Emotions,” in T. Engberg-Pedersen and Juha Sihvola (eds.), *The Emotions in Hellenistic Philosophy*, Kluwer Academic Publishers: Dordrecht/Boston/London 1998
- “Cognition and its Objects,” in L. Gerson (ed.) *Cambridge Companion to Plotinus*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1996
- “Plotinus on the Objects of Thought,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 77 (1995)
- “Plato’s Self-Refutation Argument in *Theaetetus* 171 A–C Revisited,” *Phronesis* 19 2 (1994)
- “Platonic Soul-Body Dualism in the Early Centuries of the Empire to Plotinus,” in W. Haase (ed.) *Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt* 36 4., Berlin and New York: Walter de Gruyter Verlag 1994
- “Plotinus’ Ontology in *Ennead* VI.4 and 5,” *Hermathena. A Trinity College Dublin Review* (Winter 1994). In French as « L’ontologie de Plotin dans l’ENNEADE VI. 4.-5. ». In M. Dixsaut (ed.) *Contre Platon 1: Le Platonisme dévoilé*, Paris: Librairie philosophique J. Vrin 1993
- “Plotinus on Soul-Body Dualism,” in S. Everson (ed.) *Ancient Philosophy of Mind: A Philosophical Introduction*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1991
- “Reflections on Plotinus’ *Ennead* IV 2,” in S.-T. Teodorsson (ed.) *Greek and Latin Studies in Memory of Cajus Fabricius* (Göteborg, 1990)
- “Critical comments on John Dillon, ‘The Mind of Plotinus’,” in J. Cleary (ed.) *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy* 3 (The University Press of America, 1988)

## Reference articles

- “Iamblichus” forthcoming in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- “Porphyry” in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* 2005
- “Plotinus” in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Routledge: London 1998
- “Plotinus” in *Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. L. C. Becker. Garland Publishing: New York, N.Y. 1991.

## Translations into Icelandic and Norwegian

- Eric Weil, “Hugleiðingar um heimspeki” (Eric Weil’s “Réflexions sur la philosophie”), in R. Jack og Á. Halldórsson (eds.) *Hvað er heimspeki? (What is philosophy?)*, Háskólaútgáfan: Reykjavík 2002.
- Plato’s *Sophist*. Norwegian translation with introduction and notes (with Håvard Løkke). In *Platon, Samlede verker VI Parmenides; Theaitetos; Sofisten; Statsmannen*, Vidarforlaget AS: Oslo 2004.
- Platon, *Samdrykkjan og Plótínos, Um fegurðina I.6* (Plato’s Symposium and Plotinus’ On Beauty I.6. with introduction and notes), Hið íslenska bókmenntafélag: Reykjavík 1999.
- Platon, *Ríkið* (Plato’s *Republic* with introduction and notes), Hið íslenska bókmenntafélag: Reykjavík 1991.
- “Frumherjar grískrar heimspeki” (“The Pioneers of Greek Philosophy”; introduction to and selected passages from the Presocratics; with Patricia Kenig Curd). In Þorsteinn Þorsteinsson (ed.), *Grikkland ár og síð*. Hið íslenska bókmenntafélag: Reykjavík, 1991.
- Platon, *Menón* (a revision and completion of Sveinbjörn Egilsson’s 19<sup>th</sup> C. previously unpublished translation with introduction and notes (with Gunnar Harðarson), Hið íslenska bókmenntafélag: Reykjavík 1986.
- Platon, *Gorgías* (with introduction and notes), Hið íslenska bókmenntafélag: Reykjavík 1977.