# Sam Roberts

	Employment
August 2025–	Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
2020–2025	Akademischer Mitarbeiter, Department of Philosophy, University of Konstanz.
2017-2020	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ConceptLab, University of Oslo.
	Education
2010–2016	<b>PhD</b> , <i>Birkbeck College</i> , <i>University of London</i> , Supervised by Øystein Linnebo. Reflection and potentialism
2009–2010	MA, Sheffield University, Distinction. Philosophy
2006-2009	<b>BA</b> , Oxford Brookes University, First Class. Philosophy
	Areas of specialisation
	Logic, metaphysics, philosophy of mathematics.
	Areas of interest
	Metaphilosophy, epistemology, philosophy of language.
	Papers
2024	Truth and Finite Conjunction (with Leon Horsten and Guanglong Luo), Mind, 133 (532): 1121-1135
2024	No Easy Road to Impredicative Definabilism (with Øystein Linnebo), <i>Philosophia Mathematica</i> , 32 (1): 21-33
2023	Hume's Principle, Bad Company, and the Axiom of Choice (with Stewart Shapiro), The Review of Symbolic Logic, 16 (4) 1158-1176
2022	Pluralities as Nothing Over and Above, Journal of Philosophy, 119 (8) 405-424
2020	Classless, <i>Analysis</i> , 80(1), 76-83
2019	Modal Structuralism and Reflection, The Review of Symbolic Logic, 12 (4), 823-860
2017	A Strong Reflection Principle, The Review of Symbolic Logic, 10 (4), 651-662
Submitted	Ultimate $V$ .
Submitted	Forcing in Second-order Logic (with Peter Fritz)
In preparation	Sets as Structures.
In preparation	The Iterative Conception of Properties.
In preparation	A Potential Hierarchy of Properties, (slides on website)
In preparation	Possibilities for Sets, (early draft on website)
In preparation	Potentialism and the Broadest Necessity.
In preparation	Reflection Principles: a Survey.
In preparation	Properties and Truth.
In preparation	Reinhardt's Potentialism.

## Talks

2025 **Copernican approaches to classes**, *30-31st May*, Oslo, invited.

How to be a copernican about properties

2024 Formal methods in metaphysics, 18-20th September, Konstanz, invited.

Potentialism and the broadest necessity

2024 Forcing fest, Vol. 1: Posets, 21st June, Oslo, invited.

Possibilities for sets: forcing for philosophers

2024 Infinity and intensionality colloquium, 2nd April, Oslo, invited.

A potential hierarchy of properties

2024 Workshop on the philosophy of mathematics, 18-20th March, Pisa, invited.

A potential hierarchy of properties

2023 Actualism and potentialism, 28-29th September, Konstanz.

What is actualism?

2023 MLAM@10: 10 Years of "Modal Logic as Metaphysics", 21-23rd September, Hamburg, invited. A potential hierarchy of properties

2023 Leon Horsten's Doctoral Seminar, 28th April and 5th May, Konstanz, invited.

Possibilities for sets: forcing for philosophers

2023 What can philosophy do for set theory?, 29-31st March, Barcelona, invited.

Sets as structures

2023 Generative metaphysics and the philosophy of mathematics, 2-3rd March, Oxford, invited.

A potential hierarchy of properties

2023 **Infinity and Intensionality Colloquium**, *25th January*, Oslo, invited.

Actualism and potentialism

2022 Formal Ontology of Mathematical Objects, 27-28th May, Konstanz, invited.

Is mathematics determinate?

2021 Munich - Konstanz Workshop on Philosophy of Mathematics/Logics, 19-20th November, Munich, invited.

Might it be indeterminate what pluralities there are?

2021 Barcelona Set Theory Seminar, 21st April, Online, invited.

Reinhardt's potentialism

2021 UNICAMP-Konstanz Philosophy of Set Theory Seminar, 18th March, Online, invited.

Reinhardt's potentialism

2020 Varieties of potentialism, 23rd September, Oslo, invited.

 ${\sf Ultimate}\ V$ 

2019 **FSB research seminar**, *1st November*, Bristol, invited.

Ultimate V

2019 **Philosophy of mathematics seminar**, 28th October, Oxford, invited.

 ${\sf Ultimate}\ V$ 

2019 **Second-order logic and the question of (im)predicativity**, 20-21st August, Oslo, invited.

Properties, propositions, and grounding

2019 **Higher-order metaphysics**, *17-18th June*, Birmingham, refereed.

The iterative conception of properties

2019 Logic in London I, 30-31st May, London, invited.

Property theory and ideological expansion, joint talk with Øystein Linnebo

2019 Formal concepts mini-workshop, 15th March, Oslo, invited.

Sets as structures

2018 Oslo logic seminar, 11th November, Oslo, invited.

Forcing as a model of possibility

2018 Necessary beings: a conference in memory of Bob Hale, 15-16th October, London, invited.

Hale on properties: the question of definability

2018 Varieties of mathematical abstraction, 1-3rd August, Vienna, refereed.

The iterative conception of properties

2018 Forcing and philosophy, 18-19th January, Konstanz, invited.

Pluralities and sets in the multiverse

2017 Kurt Gödel research center seminar, 5th May, Vienna, invited.

The iterative conception of properties

2016 **Logic colloquium 2016**, 1st August, Leeds, refereed.

A strong reflection principle

2016 ConceptLab research Seminar, 3rd June, Oslo, invited.

A strong reflection principle

2016 **FSB research Seminar**, 1st March, Bristol, invited.

A strong reflection principle

2016 Ninth annual Cambridge graduate conference on the philosophy of mathematics and logic,

17th January, Cambridge, refereed.

Potentialism and second-order comprehension

2015 Workshop on modality and set theory, 20th August, Oslo, invited.

Modal structuralism and reflection

2015 **Bristol-Leuven workshop**, 27th January, Bristol, invited.

Structural reflection

2014 **FSB research seminar**, 11th November, Bristol, invited.

Reinhardt's view of the universe of sets

2013 Work in progress seminar, 9th December, Irvine, invited.

Reflection principles and intrinsic justification

2013 **Necessity, analyticity, and the a priori**, *10-11th June*, Oslo, invited.

Potentialism and second-order comprehension

2013 Postgraduate conference in the philosophy of logic and mathematics, 23rd February, Bristol,

invited.

Some remarks on a property theory

2012 Gothenburg-Oslo workshop on philosophical logic, 30th November, Oslo, invited.

Comparing two property theories

2012 Oslo logic seminar, 11th October, Oslo, invited.

Modal structural reflection principles

2012 **Reflection principles in set theory**, 19th March, Oxford, invited.

Reflection principles: tracking parameters, and inconsistency

2010 Conference on the foundations of logical consequence, 14th June, St. Andrews, refereed.

Acceptance and admissibility in Beall and Restall's logical pluralism

## Teaching

### Undergraduate

Konstanz Philosophy of Mathematics, Summer 2025.

Vagueness and Indeterminacy, Winter 2024.

Paradoxes: Truth, Infinity, and Time Travel, Summer 2024.

Modality and Modal Logic, Winter 2023.

Introduction to Metaphysics, Summer 2023.

Paradoxes: Truth, Infinity, and Time Travel, Winter 2022.

Introduction to Philosophical Method, Winter 2022.

Timothy Williamson's Vagueness, Summer 2022.

David Lewis's On the Plurality of Worlds, Summer 2021.

Paradox, Infinity, and Generality, Summer 2021.

Vagueness and Indeterminacy, Winter 2020.

Higher-order Metaphysics, Summer 2020.

Bristol Introduction to Formal Logic Seminar, 2015.

Seminar leader.

Oslo Introduction to Logic Seminar, 2013.

Seminar leader.

Graduate

UW-Madison Higher-Order Logic for Philosophers, Fall 2025.

Konstanz Topics in Contemporary Metaphysics, Summer 2025.

Philosophical Methodology, Winter 2024.

Properties, Propositions, and Relations, Summer 2024.

Topics in Contemporary Metaphysics, Winter 2023.

Philosophy of Mathematics, Summer 2023.

Morality and Mathematics, Summer 2022.

Philosophical Methodology, Winter 2021.

Higher-order Logic and Philosophy, Winter 2020.

**Absolute Generality**, Summer 2020.

Oslo Logic and the Philosophy of Language, Winter 2018.

#### Academic service

2020–2025 Co-organiser, Doctoral Seminar for Leon Horsten's group, Research seminar hosting talks by international speakers, University of Konstanz

2024 Conference organiser, Formal methods in metaphysics, International workshop, hosted by the University of Konstanz, September 18-20th

2023 Conference organiser, Actualism and potentialism, International workshop, hosted by the University of Konstanz, September 28-29th

2013 Conference organiser, Necessity, analyticity, and the a priori, International workshop, hosted by the University of Oslo, June 10-11th

2012 Conference organiser, Reflection principles in set theory, International workshop, hosted by the University of Oxford, March 19-20th

Reviewer, Analysis, the Review of Symbolic Logic, Mind, Journal of Philosophy, Nous, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Synthese, Philosophia Mathematica, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Studies, Studia Logica, Bulletin of Symbolic Logic, Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, and Theoria.