

Machiel Keestra – curriculum vitae

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Employment

May 2003 - present	Assistant Professor (full, tenured teaching position) at the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Amsterdam (www.iis.uva.nl)
Sept. – Oct. 2014	Visiting scholar at the Mind, Brain Imaging and Neuroethics Unit, U of Ottawa (Canada)
Apr. 1991 – Nov. '05	Staff member of the Studium Generale department of the University of Amsterdam (www.crea.uva.nl)
Jan. 1988- July 1989	Staff member of the International School Of Philosophy (ISVW) in Leusden (NL – www.isvw.nl)

Education - training

2016	Senior Univ. Teaching Qualification (SeniorKwalificatie Onderwijs): applied
2014	University Teaching Qualification (BasisKwalificatie Onderwijs) completed
2006 - 2013	PhD project 'Sculpting the space of actions. Explaining human action by integrating intentions and mechanisms' - supervisors: Prof.dr. M. Stokhof (Philosophy of Language) & Prof.dr. M. van Lambalgen (Logic & Cognition) – defended at the University of Amsterdam, Jan. 15, 2014.
Oct. 1992	'Doctoraal examen' (M.Phil.) in philosophy at the University of Amsterdam. (Thesis: 'Das Problem des Anfangs. Hegel und Schelling über die philosophische Systematik.')
1989 – 1990	Philosophy at the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität in Heidelberg (Germany).
1983-1989	Philosophy and Psychology (propaedeutics), at the University of Amsterdam.
1977-1983	Gymnasium (alpha & beta) in Deventer.

Teaching: courses developed, coordinated & (co-)taught:

- a) Interdisciplinary honours courses:
- Neurodisciplines in a neurocentric world (2015 – present; 6 ECTS)
 - Masters of Suspicion: Darwin, Marx, Nietzsche and Freud (2003- present; 6 ECTS)
 - Ethics in theory and application (2006 – 2012; 6 ECTS)
 - Tragedy: science, art, experience and politics – (2006-2007; 6 ECTS)
 - What is Creativity? From algorithm to history of art (2004-2005; 2012, 2014; 6 ECTS)
 - Social entrepreneurship in theory & practice: lectures, workshops and community service (2013-present, 9 ECTS; co-organized with dr. Stefan Mol)
- b) Beta-gamma bachelor program:
- Man in action: interdisciplinary research project (2005 – present; 8 ECTS)
 - Interdisciplinary Research Practical (2006 – present; 8 ECTS)
 - Philosophy of Science: Reflections on robust knowledge (2010 - present; 3 ECTS)
 - Critical thinking skills (introduction and integration of Critical thinking in the overall bachelor program – since 2012)
- c) Brain and Cognitive Sciences master program:

- Current issue: Philosophy of Science & Interdisciplinarity in Cognitive Neuroscience (2009 - present; component of 'Current issues', 9 ECTS)
- Supervisor/examiner of multiple internships & literature theses by Brain and Cognitive Sciences MSc students (2009- present)
- d) Science master programs:
 - Science in perspective (2007 – 2011; 6 ECTS)
- e) Elective interdisciplinary course:
 - The brain: what do scientists know, and to what use? (2011- 2014; 6-12 ECTS; coordinator, lecturer & seminar teacher)

Services and Memberships

- Organizing host annual Association for Interdisciplinary Studies conference, Amsterdam, to be held in October 2019
- Member advisory committee International Transdisciplinarity Conference, co-organised by Transdisciplinary-Net and the Leuphana University Lüneburg, Sept. 11-15, 2017
- Int'l SMART workshop 'Worlding the Brain: Predictive Processing as a Travelling/Interdisciplinary Concept', to be held in Spring 2017 - co-organizer
- Nationaal interdisciplinair onderwijscongres, Febr. 2, 2017 - co-organizer
- Int'l conference 'Worlding the Brain: Patterns, Rhythms and Narratives in Neuroscience and the Humanities', Amsterdam, March 17-19, 2016 - co-organizer
- External advisor for developing interdisciplinary bachelor program for ACASA (Amsterdam Center for Ancient Studies and Archaeology), Nov. 2015 - 2016
- Interdisciplinary Curriculum Group – international meeting, Jan. 15, 2016 – co-organizer
- External review of Naropa University's Interdisciplinary Studies bachelor program – off-site AIS consultant, 2015-2016
- Association for Interdisciplinary Studies: President, October 2014-2016
- Research group Neuroaesthetics & Neurocultures, University of Amsterdam – member since June 2014
- Examinations Board Politics, Psychology, Law & Economics bachelor program – member since April 2014.
- External review of Liberal Studies Program, Seattle University – off-site AIS consultant, Feb.-May 2014
- UvA Center for the History of Humanities and Sciences – member since inception, January 2014
- Int'l series of symposia 2015-2017 'Fostering and facilitating interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary knowledge production: Developing a synthesis of academic approaches to societal needs', application for VW foundation, as *INIT convener* w. ca. 60 colleagues from 4 continents, Jan. 2014
- International Conference 'Conflict and compassion: Wagner's operas and their significance for contemporary society', Amsterdam, November Nov. 28- Dec. 1, 2013 – co-organizer
- Association for Interdisciplinary Studies: President-elect – since November 2013
- University of Amsterdam, Committee on Language Policy (taalbeleid) – member since April 2013
- Amsterdam Faculty of Science, Committee on Excellent Trajectories (excellentietrajecten) – member since February 2013
- Consultancy & site visit at dept. of Humanities, School of Applied Arts of the Waterford Institute for Technology, Ireland, January 9, 2013.
- Association for Interdisciplinary (formerly: Integrative) Studies: Director of Organizational Development – since October 2012 (<http://www.units.miamioh.edu/aisorg/>)
- Inaugural seminar of the International Network for Interdisciplinarity & Transdisciplinarity (INIT), Utrecht, June 15-18, 2011 – co-convenor, with representatives of AIS, TD-Net, CSID.
- Conference 'Imaging the mind? Taking stock a decade after the 'decade of the brain', A'dam, April 1-3 2011 – co-convenor with dr. Stephan Schleim (U Groningen)
- Association for Integrative Studies: Board Member since October 2010.
- Liberal Jewish Community, Amsterdam – member edit. board for its discussion events since 2010
- International Network for Interdisciplinarity & Transdisciplinarity (INIT) - NYC 2010: co-initiator
- Philosophy of/as Interdisciplinarity Network – member since 2009.
- Students In Free Enterprise/ENACTUS, UvA – Faculty advisor since 2009
- International advisor to the board of the Association for Integrative Studies since Dec. 2008.
- European Society for Philosophy and Psychology - member since Febr. 2008.

- Association for Integrative Studies - member since January 2006.
- Examinations Board Beta Gamma & Future Planet Sciences bachelor progr. – chair since Dec. 2005.
- Honours-education coordination assembly, University of Amsterdam – chair 2005-2009
- Interdisciplinary E-Zine ‘Blind!’ (www.ziedaar.nl) - member of the editorial board since 2004.
- National Collegiate Honors Council – member since January 2004.
- K.L. Poll Foundation for Education, Arts and Sciences (NL) –board member, 2003 - 2008.
- Foundation ‘Leve de Bouwput!’ –program board member, 2003-2007.
- Liberal Jewish Community – editorial board member for its didactical program, 2001/2002.
- Cimedart Philosophical Essay Contest – jury member in 1998.
- Association of Dutch General Studies departments - chair 1996-1997.
- Stoicheia: journal for historical philosophy (in Dutch); editorial board member 1989-1992.
- Committee Post-Academic Education Philosophy (NL) - secretary, 1989.
- Amsterdam Society for Historical Philosophy - board member, 1988-1991.

Publications (see <https://uva.academia.edu/MachielKeestra> for PDFs of most entries):

Dissertation:

- Sculpting the Space of Actions. Explaining Human Action by Integrating Intentions and Mechanisms. (PhD Thesis, defended Jan. 15, 2014). Institute for Language, Logic and Computation dissertation series, Amsterdam 2014. (xx, 438 pp.; incl. 3 figures; [PDF available](#))

Edited books:

- Een cultuurgeschiedenis van de wiskunde. (‘A cultural history of mathematics.’) – M. Keestra (ed.); Uitgeverij Nieuwezijds (Amsterdam, 2006). 243 pp.
- Doorbraken in de natuurkunde. (‘Major breakthroughs in physics.’) - M. Keestra (ed.); Uitgeverij Nieuwezijds (Amsterdam, 2001, 2003). 224 pp.
- Tien westerse filosofen. (‘Ten western philosophers.’) - M. Keestra (ed.); Uitgeverij Nieuwezijds (Amsterdam, 2000, 2001). 237 pp.

Academic publications:

- Disciplines drifting around the brain: the emergence of interdisciplinary neurodisciplines (in preparation upon invitation for Interdisciplinarity: Palgrave Communitions, open access, 2016)
- Looking for Self-expression in the Actions of an Agent in Ethics and Cognitive Neuroscience: on the Benefits and the Risks of Habits in Expertise (in prep. upon invitation for a special on ‘Expertise and education’ of the Journal of Philosophy of Education, ed. Mark Addis, september 2016)
- An introduction to interdisciplinary research. S. Menken & M. Keestra (editors), Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, Amsterdam University Press 2016, 128 pp.
- A ‘Circulation Model’ of Education: A Response to Challenges of Education at the New University. A. Keestra & M. Keestra, *Krisis – Journal for contemporary philosophy*, 2015:2, pp. 90-98.
- Understanding human action: integrating meanings, mechanisms, causes, and contexts (adapted version). In: V. Bazhanov & R.W. Scholz (Ed.), *Transdisciplinarity in Philosophy and Science: Approaches, Challenges and Prospects*. Navigator publishers, Moscow 2015, pp. 201-235.
- ‘Conflict en compassie: een hedendaagse blik op Wagner en een wagneriaanse blik op onszelf’ (Conflict and compassion: a contemporary perspective on Wagner and a wagnerian perspective on ourselves), in conference proceedings of the int’l Wagner conference ‘Conflict and Compassion’, ed. R. Helmers & P. Westbroek, *Nationale Opera en Ballet*, Amsterdam 2014, pp. 157-166
- Bounded mirroring: joint action and group membership in political theory and cognitive neuroscience. In: F. Vandervalk (Ed.), *Thinking about the Body Politic: Essays on Neuroscience and Political Theory*. Routledge, 2012, pp. 222-248.
- Concepts - not just yardsticks, but also heuristics: rebutting Hacker and Bennett -response to a reply by H&B on Keestra & Cowley in *Language Sciences*, 2009); with S.J. Cowley; *Language Sciences*, 2011, 33:3, 464-472.
- Understanding human action: integrating meanings, mechanisms, causes, and contexts. In: A. Repko, W. H. Newell & R. Szostak (Eds.), *Interdisciplinary research: Case studies of interdisciplinary understandings of complex problems*: SAGE, 2011, p. 225-258.

- Integration in Interdisciplinary Research and Transdisciplinary Research. - conference report by Julie Thompson Klein, Machiel Keestra & Rick Szostak, in AIS Newsletter, March 2010, p. 1-5
- Foundationalism and neuroscience; silence and language. Review article on 'Philosophical Foundations of Neuroscience' (M. Bennett & P. Hacker; Blackwell 2003) – with S.J. Cowley -Language Sciences, 2009, 31;4, 531-552
- 'The diverging force of imitation. Integrating cognitive science and hermeneutics. – Review of General Psychology, 2008, 12;2, 127-136.
- 'Vliegles voor de uil van Minerva?: hoger onderwijs als voorbereiding op arbeidsmarkt en burgerschap.' ('Flying lesson for the owl of Minerva?: higher education as preparation for the job market and citizenship.') – Tijdschrift voor Hoger Onderwijs, 25, 2007/2; 69-83.
- "'Zonder kennis van de wiskunde geen toegang?'" Conceptuele kwesties in de geschiedenis van de wiskunde' ("No Entrance Without Knowledge of Mathematics?" Conceptual Questions in the History of Mathematics; 19-45) – in: 'Een cultuurgeschiedenis van de wiskunde.' M. Keestra (ed.); Uitgeverij Nieuwezijds (Amsterdam, 2006).
- 'Inleiding' (Introduction) – in ibidem, (1-18)
- 'Darwin hat den Geist vergessen!' - Nietzsches worsteling met de evolutietheorie. ('Darwin has forgotten the mind!' – Nietzsche's struggle with evolutionary theory. E-publication at Blind! (www.ziedaar.nl) since Oct. 12, 2004.
- 'Aristoteles' – in 'Tien westerse filosofen.' M. Keestra (editor) et.al.; Uitgeverij Nieuwezijds (Amsterdam, 2000, 2001), pp. 47-64.
- 'Introduction' – in ibidem, pp. 11-22.
- 'Elektra' und Hegels Unterbewertung der Subjektivität und öffentliche Gerechtigkeit auf der antiken Szene. ('Elektra' and Hegel's underestimation of subjectivity and public justice on the antique scene.) In: A. Arndt (ed.) Hegels Ästhetik. Die Kunst der Politik – die Politik der Kunst. Tl. I; Akademie Verlag (Berlin, 2000); pp. 116-120.
- Utopie: leidraad of valkuil. Special on 'Utopia' of Wijsgerig perspectief op maatschappij en wetenschap, edited by M. Keestra & H. Achterhuis. Vol. 39, No. 4 (1998-1999). (Introduction; p. 97-98)
- 'De strijd om het vermijden van tragische conflicten. Naar aanleiding van Hegels rechtsfilosofie.' (The Struggle for the Evasion of Tragic Conflicts. On Hegel's Philosophy of Right) In: Krisis, 1998: 71; pp. 93-99.
- 'Het besluit tot handelen en reflectie. Naar aanleiding van Aristotle en Hegel.' (The Decision to Act and Reflect – in Aristotle and Hegel). In: Van Agora tot Markt, G. Groot (ed.), Rotterdamse Filosofische Studies XXI, Rotterdam 1996; pp. 159-164.
- 'Quine, Davidson en Hegel op zoek naar betekenissen.' (Quine, Davidson and Hegel in search for Meanings). In: Congresbundel Filosofiedag Groningen 1995, Eburon (Delft 1995); pp. 95-99.
- "'Eén heerser moet er zijn!'" – Schelling, Hegel en Aristoteles over een Homercitaat. ("There should be a Single Leader!" – Schelling, Hegel and Aristotle on a Quote of Homer.). In: Aktueel Filosoferen, W. van Dooren (ed.), Eburon (Delft 1993); pp. 146-152.
- 'Waar stil te staan? Aristoteles en de vraag naar principes van kennis.' (Where to rest? Aristotle and the Quest for Principles of Knowledge.) In: Stoicheia, 1991: 2/3; pp. 3-24.
- 'Het uitgangspunt van Hegels bemoediging met de rechtsfilosofie.' (The starting point of Hegel's interest in the Philosophy of Right) In: Stoicheia 1990: 3; pp. 3-9.

Non-academic publications

- 'Message of the President', Integrative Pathways (AIS Newsletter), 2014; 3 pp.
- 'Mirrors of the Soul and Mirrors of the Brain? The Expression of Emotions as the Subject of Art and Science', chapter in catalogue for Frans Halsmuseum exhibition on 'Painted emotions', ed. G. Schwartz, Nai10 publishers, Rotterdam, 2014; Dutch version 89-100; English 81-92.
- 'Burgemeester deed wat hij moest' (On the anti-racism & - discrimination demonstration, Amsterdam March 22, 2014), newspaper Het Parool, March 26, 2014.
- 'Sinterklaas is rijp voor aanpassing aan de moderne tijd' (On modernizing the Santaclaus & black Pete festival), op-ed with Mercedes Zandwijken in newspaper Het Parool, October 16, 2013.
- Heruitgevonden tradities: de sedertafel en de Ketu Koti Verzoeningstafel (On the seder festival and

- slavery abolition celebration). Mercedes Zandwijken & Machiel Keestra; Kol Mokum, Febr. 2013
- Bemoeienis met jongensbesnijdenis is ongewenst. (Intervention in male circumcision is undesirable.) Ingezonden brief, NRC Handelsblad, 4-5 Augustus 2012
 - Paradox van de Virtuosoos - over de menselijke vrije wil. (On the paradox of human free will.) In: Vreihijd (publication by Castrum Peregrini; 25.000 ex. t.g.v. 4/5 May celebrations), May 2012, p. 47
 - Evolutie, causaal pluralisme en open mechanismen (Evolution, causal pluralism and open mechanisms). 'De Filosoof', Journal of the dept. of philosophy, Utrecht University, Februar7 2012
 - 'De ene persiflage is de andere niet.' (Not all persiflages are alike. Interview-essay on a case of black-face caricature on Dutch t.v.). Digital magazine Oerdigitaalvrouwenblad, Dec. 2009/Jan. 2010
 - 'De keuzeknop in het brein. Waarom de vrije wil begrensd is.' (Selector switch in the brain. Why free will is limited.) Contains interview fragments with Haynes, Dijksterhuis, Hagoort and Keestra; author R. Visscher) *Natuurwetenschap & Techniek*, 2/2009; 57-62.
 - 'Nederland lijkt de schaamte voorbij. Stilte na Srebrenica-dagvaarding verwerpelijik.' (On the lawsuit against the Dutch government and the United Nations by the 'Mothers of Srebrenica') Op-ed article, NRC Next, June 12, 2007
 - '1940-1945 geeft onswel te denken over asielbeleid.' (On the position of child-asylum seekers, and policy always drifting between the law and morality) Op-ed article, co-signed by 22 others, Trouw, October 24, 2006.
 - 'Nazaat slaaf moet leren verwerken.' (Co-interview with Mercedes Zandwijken on a Seder-like ritual devoted to remembering and coping with the traces of slavery in Surinam) *Het Parool*, July 8, 2006.
 - 'Sinterklaas en de vrije wil bestaan wel degelijik.' (Santa Claus and the free will do exist in fact.) Op-ed article during the 'Month of Philosophy', NRC Handelsblad, April 14, 2006.
 - 'Burgerschapsdeugden maken de buurt leefbaar – en vervolgens de wereld.' (Civic duties enhance the neighbourhood and the world.) Op-ed article, NRC Handelsblad, Dec. 3, 2005.
 - 'Intelligente ontwerper' helpt ons niet. ('Intelligent Designer' doesn't help us.) Op-ed article, NRC Handelsblad, June 9, 2005.
 - 'Reflecties over vaderschap.' – in H. Procee (ed.): *Bij die wereld wil ik horen! Over academische vorming*; Boom 2004, pp.
 - "Over Vernieuwbouw – een crash course metafysica" (On Renovation – a crash course in metaphysics) In: *ArCAM-tentoonstellingsbrochure 'Wegens verbouwing geopend*, Oktober 2003;
 - 'De ongrijpbaarheid van ironie.' (The problem with Irony.) *De Helling*, Winter 2001 (17-18)
 - Many reviews and short articles in the magazine of the International School of Philosophy, 1988-1989

Academic presentations

- 'Constraining our predictive brains with narratives as cognitive tools: can we avoid social exclusion?', presentation for 'Worlding the Brain' conference, Amsterdam March 17, 2016
- 'Outdated yet still relevant: Aristotle's 'Posterior Analytics' as a challenger of a current philosophy of science' – pres. at Association for Core Texts and Curricula conference, Amsterdam, Sept. 12, 2015
- Assoc. for Interdisciplinary Studies annual conference, Merrimack College, Oct. 16-19, 2014:
 - 1) 'Sailing on an Interdisciplinary Raft: Three Possible Trajectories' (Presidential address)
 - 2) 'Playing the Devil's Advocate: Is there a tension between the goals of interdisciplinarity and the values of diversity?' (introduction as panel chair, with Dr. P. Hirsch, SUNY)
- 'Enhancing Integrative Psychological Science as Interdisciplinary, Distributed, Team Cognition: Meeting the Challenge of Intercultural Differences', presentation for International Convention of Psychological Science, March 13, 2015.
- 'Increasing interdisciplinarity and convergence of the humanities and sciences. Taking another look at 'cultural neuroscience''. Lecture for UvA Center for the History of Humanities and Sciences, Nov. 14, 2014
- Assoc. for Interdisciplinary Studies annual conference, Michigan State University, Oct. 16-19, 2014:
 - 1) 'E pluribus unum': facilitation of separate sections in AIS (launch of new AIS initiative)
 - 2) 'Rewards & Challenges of Trans-disciplinarity in a Social Entrepreneurship honours course'
 - 3) 'Initiating Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Building on Best Practices for Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research' (co-presentation with dr. J. Dellner)
 - 4) 'Framing and solving a trans-disciplinary problem while balancing multiple perspectives' (introduction as organizer & chair to int'l panel on Transdisciplinary problem solving)

- 'The challenge of inter-disciplinary expertise in academic education: Insights from cognitive science', invited lecture for ERU seminar on interdisciplinary learning and research, University of Ottawa, October 7, 2014
- 'An empirical investigation of the effects of an individual's "sculpted space of actions" on behavioral responses', presentation for Mind, Brain Imaging and Neuroethics Unit, University of Ottawa, September 19, 2014
- 'How do Narratives and Brains Mutually Influence each other? Taking both the 'Neuroscientific Turn' and the 'Narrative Turn' in Explaining Bio-Political Orders'. Paper for the ASCA Workshop 'Brains, Maps and Rhythms: Knowledge and Experience in (Bio)political Orders', Amsterdam, April 18, 2014.
- Assoc. for Interdisciplinary Studies annual conference, Miami U (Oxford, OH), Nov. 8-11, 2013:
 - 1) Presentation at plenary session on 'Interdisciplinarity: Looking Forward & Across Borders';
 - 2) Organisation, chairing and opening presentation of panel session on 'Creativity in interdisciplinary collaborative cognition';
 - 3) Presentation during panel session on 'Challenges of Teaching the Interdisciplinary Research Process to Undergraduates'.
- 'International Network for Interdisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity: A Network of Networks, Fostering and Promoting Interdisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity'; online-presentation for the First Global Conference on Research Integration and Implementation, Canberra, Sept. 8-11, 2013
- 'Offering multiple philosophy of science perspectives on the interdisciplinary challenge of integrating disciplinary insights'; online-presentation for the First Global Conference on Research Integration and Implementation, Canberra, Sept. 8-11, 2013
- 'Simulification of Cognition and Naturalization of Narrative: Ricoeur and the interaction between humanities and cognitive science'; presentation for conference 'Paul Ricoeur and the future of the humanities', Groningen University, June 28, 2013
- 'Integration of Insights, Yet Without Denial of Pluralism'; presentation for conference 'Rethinking Liberal Education', Amsterdam University College, June 15, 2013
- Workshop on book chapter "Bounded Mirroring: joint action and group membership in political theory and cognitive neuroscience" (Keestra, 2012); Uni. Munich (Germany), March 23, 2013
- 'Neurophilosophy as both exposition and critique of cognitive neuroscience'; invited talk for symposium 'Visions for Neurophilosophy', Uni. Munich (Germany), March 22, 2013
- 'Interdisciplinary research: some background, principles, and methods'; invited talk for the European Platform for Life Sciences, Mind Sciences, and the Humanities, Hannover (Germany), Jan. 23, 2013
- 'Interdisciplinary education: a challenging and motivating experience for both students and teachers'; invited talk at the dept. of Humanities, Waterford Institute for Technology (Ireland), Jan. 9, 2013
- Assoc. for Interdisciplinary (formerly Integrative) Studies annual conference, Oakland U, Rochester (MI), Oct. 10-13, 2012:
 - 1) Presentation at plenary session on 'Interdisciplinarity: Looking Forward & Across Borders';
 - 2) Organisation, chairing and opening presentation for panel session on 'Integration of Knowledge'
 - 3) 'Neuropolitics and the complex alignment of neuroscientific and political theory perspectives'.
- Multidimensional interdisciplinarity and coherence in cognitive neuroscience: challenges for philosophy. Presentation at the Philosophy of/as Interdisciplinarity Network conference, Tübingen (Germany), Sept. 22, 2012
- Interdisciplinarity & the Integration of Disciplinary Perspectives on Understanding Human Action. Presentation for the Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, May 2, 2012
- Some positions in the trajectory of the interdisciplinary interpretation of Aristotle's ethical theory. Presentation for the AIS conference, Grand Rapids (MI), October 15, 2011.
- Understanding Human Action. Integrating Meanings, Mechanisms, Causes, and Contexts. Presentation for a panel on 'Case Studies in Interdisciplinary Research (eds. Repko, Newell, Szostak, 2011) during AIS conference, Grand Rapids (MI), October 14, 2011.
- Assumptions of de-composability and re-composability in interdisciplinary research: lessons from cognitive neuroscience. Presentation for the Inaugural seminar of the International Network for Interdisciplinarity & Transdisciplinarity, Utrecht University, June 16, 2011
- Imaging the Mind or Opening Pandora's Box? Introduction to 2 nd day of the conference 'Imaging the mind? Taking stock a decade after the 'decade of the brain'', University of A'dam, April 2, 2011
- 'Sculpting a Sustainable 'Space of Actions.' Philosophical and Neuro-Ethical Considerations of the Current Moral Action Overload. ' - paper presentation at the Association for Integrative Studies 2010

Conference, San Diego, October 9, 2010

'Explanations of action and decision making: fighting complexity, in need of flexibility, yet striving for coherence.' Invited lecture for the Acacia-Lab, Dept. of Psychology, University of Amsterdam, January 14, 2010.

'Pluralism in science and society - how can academic education or Bildung face these tasks?' Invited lecture for Studium Generale-ZAK, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Karlsruhe, November 27, 2009

'Integrating meanings and mechanisms: how cultural influences and neural mechanisms constrain each other.' Paper presentation at Transdisciplinary-Net conference, University of Bern (Switzerland), November 21, 2009

'Mechanisms and meanings in the moral brain: hermeneutical and cognitive neuroscientific contributions to moral action. Poster presentation at the 'Moral Theory and Empirical Research in Psychology and Neuroscience in the Netherlands' network, Utrecht, November 13, 2009 (see link to pdf below).

'Mechanistic explanation and the integration of insights from the humanities and cognitive sciences' - paper presentation at the Association for Integrative Studies 2009 Conference, Tuscaloosa (AL), October 8, 2009

'From concepts to particles, and back again - combining disciplinary education with interdisciplinarity at the Amsterdam Natural and Social Sciences bachelor' - invited lecture for the conference "Collegium - College and the Academic Community in the European and the American tradition", University of Warsaw (PL), May 27, 2009

'Shying away from the mathematization of science. Setting the stage with Plato's idealism and Aristotle's quasi-empiricism of mathematical objects.' - invited lecture for the Intercity Seminar on the Philosophy of Mathematics "From Plato to Predicativity", Utrecht University, September 26, 2008.

'From Mirror-Neurons to Hermeneutics: In Search for Mutual Clarification' - paper presentation at the Association for Integrative Studies 2007 Conference, Tempe, September 27-30, 2007.

'Mimesis in Art and Neuroscience: Bootstrapping Humanities and Neurosciences' - paper presentation at the conference From the Brain to Human Culture, Bucknell University, April 20-22, 2007. (see article in Review of general psychology, 2008)

'Perspectives on Human Action: from Tragedy to Neuroscience' - paper presentation at the Association for Integrative Studies 2006 Conference, Atlanta (V.S.), October 5-8, 2006 (<http://www.ais.oxford.emory.edu/>)

'Some Philosophical Reflections on Neural Correlates of Tragedy' - paper presentation at the Language, Mind and Mind Conference, Paris, July 17-20, 2006 (<http://www.lcm2006.net/>)

'Modest but vital: philosophy as compass in thematic interdisciplinary honors classes.' - session organizer and presenter at the NCHCHonors conference, St. Louis, October 29, 2005.

'Neuroscience and Philosophy of Action: can Aristotle's Concept of Action be confirmed or falsified or even eliminated?' - The Third International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities: The Humanities in a 'Knowledge Society'; Cambridge University, August 2-5, 2005

'"Darwin has forgotten the Mind!" - Nietzsche's Struggles with the Theory of Evolution' - lecture for the Symposium on the Philosophy of Biology, Studium Generale UvA, Amsterdam, June 14, 2004. (Dutch version at <http://www.ziedaar.nl/article.php?id=197>)

Invited Response on 'Reflexive Morality in late-modern society' - conference on German Idealism, Leuven University, Jan. 22, 1999.

'Elektra' und Hegels Unterbewertung der Subjektivität und öffentliche Gerechtigkeit auf der antiken Szene. Paper presentation at the conference of the Internationale Hegel Gesellschaft, Utrecht, Aug. 26, 1998. (Appeared in the Hegeljahrbuch 1999)

'"Hit her twice, if you can!" - Reflections on Action of Sophocles and Heidegger.' Paper presentation at the International Philosophy Conference on 50 Years Heidegger's 'Brief über den Humanismus,' Amsterdam, April 10, 1997.

'Quine, Davidson and Hegel op zoek naar betekenis.' (Quine, Davidson and Hegel in search for meanings.) Paper presentation at the Dutch Filosofiedag, Oct. 14, 1995.

Some remarks on 'Multiculturalism' (Ch. Taylor e.a., 1994). Colloquium Dept. Philosophy, July 6, 1995.

'Canon, coherence and meaning.' Paper presentation at the conference 'The Practice of Cultural Analysis - A Workshop on Interdisciplinarity.' UvA, Amsterdam, June 27-30, 1995.

'Hegel, Davidson und die Flüssigkeit des Begriffs.' Paper presentation at the Radboud conference, Amsterdam, Nov. 25, 1994.

'De verlegenheid van de cultuurkritiek - n.a.v. Edward Said's 'Culture and Imperialism.' (Reflections on

CulturalCriticism)- Presentation for a salon of the Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, november 1994.

"Eén heerser moet er zijn!" - Schelling, Hegel en Aristoteles over een Homerus citaat. ("There should be a Single Leader!" - Schelling, Hegel and Aristotle on a Quote of Homer.) Paper presentation at the Dutch Filosofiedag, Delft, Oct. 1, 1993.

Non-academic presentations and debate participation

- Chair of debate on 'Developments of the Islam in the Netherlands' at LJG Amsterdam, May 29, 2016
- Introduction and chair of discussion on Cyriel Penartz' 'The Brain's Representational Power', Spui 25, Jan. 27, 2016
- 'Bringing light in the dark. Controversies during and after the Enlightenment' [Licht brengen in de duisternis? Controverses tijdens en na de Verlichting] – lecture at Spui 25, Dec. 9, 2015
- Opening statement and chair of discussion on 'Antisemitism in the Netherlands' (with i.a. Amsterdam mayor Van der Laan, representatives of Jewish communities), August 13, 2014
- Lecture 'Blind! in het land der zienden?' for 10th anniversary of interdisciplinary e-zine Blind! (www.ziedaar.nl), Amsterdam, June 12, 2014.
- Co-chair (with Mercedes Zandwijken and organized by migrant & minority organisations) of a political debate between Amsterdam political party leaders, Amsterdam, March 6, 2014.
- Seminar 'An acquaintance with interdisciplinary education & research' for 'Natuur, Leven en Technologie' docenten (high school teachers), Garderen, February 6, 2014.
- Lecture 'Conflict & compassion: a contemporary look on Wagner and a Wagnerian look on ourselves' for the int'l Wagner-conference, 'Conflict and compassion: Wagner's operas and their significance for contemporary society', Amsterdam, Nov. 30, 2013.
- Seminar "A critical reading of Wagner's 1849 text 'Die Kunst und die Revolution'" (Art and Revolution) for the Dutch Wagner Society (Wagnergenootschap), Amsterdam November 22, 2012
- Introduction to Daniel Dennett's lecture "Kinds of things. The manifest image and the scientific image". Paradiso, Amsterdam, November 18, 2012.
- Response and panel discussion with Zygmunt Bauman, Hedy d'Ancona after Bauman's keynote speech: "Freedom and security: a case of 'Hass-Liebe'". Castrum Peregrini, Amsterdam, May 3, 2012
- Interdisciplinarity's Future: threatened because it is important? Position statement in panel debate about "The Future of Interdisciplinarity", Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, U Maastricht, April 16, 2012
- Eenheid en verscheurdheid van individu en gemeenschap in de antieke tragedie en Wagners Ring. (Unity and disunity of individual and community in antique tragedy and Wagner's Ring). Lecture for the Wagner Society of the Netherlands, March 25, 2012.
- "Nie sollst du mich befragen" - grondeloosheid en vertrouwen in Wagners Lohengrin (Groundlessness and trust in Wagner's Lohengrin). Lecture for the Wagner Society of the Netherlands, March 27, 2011.
- Lecture on 'Wagner en de mythe van waarachtige eenheid - cultuurfilosofische invloeden op zijn werk'. Studium Generale, Universiteit Twente, April 20, 2010.
- Lecture on 'Musicality: is a brain-mechanism capable of creating beauty?' Lecture for Spui 25, Amsterdam, December 4, 2009.
- Lecture on 'Coming to terms with complexity. Neuroscience, free will, society and a Spinozan take on conceptual unity.' Lecture for Castrum Peregrini, Amsterdam, March 19, 2009.
- Lecture on 'Representations in cognition and in art: a dynamical relation.' Lecture for the Arnhem School of Arts ArtEz, November 10, 2008.
- Lecture on 'Fetishism in different forms - on capital, criticism, and art.' Lecture at the opening of the festival 'De kapitalist'in Deventer, Bergkerk, August 8, 2008.
- Lecture on 'Tristan und Isolde's eternal night of love: Wagner's response to the problem of the Enlightenment?' Wagner Society of the Netherlands, April 26, 2008.
- Lecture on 'The mystery of mathematics. Cultural history of an exact science.' Studium Generale, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, Feb. 12, 2008.
- Lecture on interdisciplinary academic education for the staff of the Faculty of Geo-sciences; Utrecht University, Sept.11, 2007.
- Lecture on 'Philosophical uses of tragedy. Antigone in the hands of a.o. Hegel, Nietzsche and Heidegger'. Internationale School voor Wijsbegeerte, Leusden, July 23, 2007.
- Lecture on scientific integration and citizenship in academic education for the Directors of Education, Universiteit van Amsterdam, March 27, 2007. (Publication as 'Flying lesson for the owl of Minerva? - Higher education as preparation for the labour market and citizenship.', 2007)

- Lecture on 'Arthur Schnitzler and playing with the unconscious'; evening devoted to 'The world of Arthur Schnitzler', Stadsschouwburg Amsterdam, February 19, 2007.
- Lecture on 'Antigone als een filosofisch tractaat?' (Antigone as a philosophical discourse?); for the Nederlands Klassiek Verbond, Utrecht, February 14, 2007.
- Lecture on Philosophy and Neuroscience for Vereniging Onderwijs, Kunst en Wetenschap, Apeldoorn, January 17, 2007
- Opening statement for a debate on the role of the chorus in tragedy in the Stadsschouwburg Amsterdam: 'Meezingen of loszingen? Individu en collectief in een tragische strijd.' (Sing along or sing apart? Individual and collective in a tragic struggle.) Stadsschouwburg Amsterdam, December 2, 2006.
- Short lecture for the presentation of my (edited) book 'Encultuurgeschiedenis van de wiskunde' on: 'Axioma: van reputatie tot zelfevident principe.' (Axioma: from reputation to self-evident principle) Freudenthal Institute, University Utrecht, November 23, 2006.
- Statement at the Spreeksteen (Speaker's corner) on 'De vrijheid van meningsuiting, en de beperkingen daarop' (On the limitations of the freedom of speech), Oosterpark, Amsterdam, November 5, 2006 (see youtube.com for video).
- Two lectures for the summer course on 'Neurofilosofie': 'Wie handelt? Neurale correlaten van het handelen en hun filosofische relevantie' en 'Enkele kanttekeningen bij de neuro-aesthetica.' (Philosophical reflections on neural correlates of action & neuro-aesthetics). Internationale School voor Wijsbegeerte, Leusden, July 4, 2006.
- Opening lecture at the symposium on 'Religie en Wetenschap: Geloof in Wetenschap' (Science and Religion), Radboud University Nijmegen, May 17, 2006.
- Participation in the panel discussion on 'A New Social Contract' for the Justice Department, The Hague, Feb. 16, 2006.
- 'Werken aan sociale cohesie - een kwestie van een normenproject of van een buurtpicknick?' (On social cohesion) - Column for the Think Tank Social Cohesion, Stadsdeel Watergraafsmeer/Oost, Amsterdam, Nov. 7, 2005. (Published in the NRC, Dec. 3, 2005)
- Discussion on 'Intelligent Design and Philosophy of Science' for the Genomics Network for Young Scientist (www.geneyous.nl) at their Science Café, Utrecht, Sept. 22, 2005.
- 'Voorstellingen opdrift - enkele opmerkingen over filosofie, cognitie en kunst' – guest lecture for the Rietveld Academy of Art, Amsterdam, March 30, 2005.
- Discussion on Documentary 'Darwin's Nightmare' (Hubert Sauper 2004) with Tijs Goldschmidt. De Balie, Amsterdam, March 11, 2005.
- 'Impact en Architectuur' - lecture for ArCAM, Amsterdam, March 10, 2005.
- 'Wees gegroet, Maria! - van verwondering tot besluit.' - lecture on Film (J. L. Godard) and Philosophy, Amsterdam, Jan. 25, 2005.
- 'Filosofie en Tragedie - Beschouwingen over tragische handelingen.' (Philosophy and Tragedy - Reflections on Tragic Actions) - HOVO course at Leiden University, fall 2004.
- 'Het belang van vriendschap bij Aristoteles.' (The Importance of Friendship in Aristotle.) - lecture at the Studium Generale, University of Amsterdam, April 14, 2003.
- 'Een zelf-verlies dat onomkeerbaar is? N.a.v. de antieke tragedie en Shakespeares Macbeth.' (An Irreversible Self-loss? On antique tragedy and Macbeth) - lecture at the International School for Philosophy, Leusden, Dec. 13, 2003.
- Commentary on the ArCAM Nutshell (History Timeline), De Balie, Amsterdam, Dec. 19, 2002.
- 'Filosofie en Tragedie' (Philosophy and Tragedy) - weekend course at the International School for Philosophy, Leusden, Nov. 1-2, 2002
- 'Hegels Phänomenologie des Geistes. Een onbescheiden ontdekkingsreis door de geschiedenis van het denken kennen.' (Introductory lecture on Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit) - lecture at the International School for Philosophy, Leusden, April 27, 2002.

Chair and (co-)organizer of discussions with many visiting professors – a selection:

- public lecture for the Erasmus Prize foundation by Daniel Dennett, Paradiso, Amsterdam, November 18, 2012
- expert seminar with prof.dr. Ronald de Sousa for the Cognitive Science Center Amsterdam (CSCA), March 27, 2007
- expert seminar with prof.dr. Paul Churchland for the CSCA, November 16, 2006:
- expert seminar on the cognitive origins of music and language, prof. dr. S. Mithen (University of Reading, England), December 7, 2005
- discussion with prof.dr. Jose Arsuaga (Madrid; Spanje) about his book 'The Neanderthal's Necklace' (Wiley, 2003) for Studium Generale & CSCA UvA, May 23, 2005

- expert seminar with dr. Peter Hacker (Oxford) for Studium Generale & CSCA UvA, April 6, 2004
- debate with prof.dr. Simon Conway Morris (Cambridge), Studium Generale & CSCA UvA October 25, 2004.

Media appearances

Machiel Keestra is irregularly invited by Dutch national radio to give commentaries or be interviewed on opera or concert broadcasts or for other topics. Since May 2010, he also writes & presents irregularly a scientific column at AmsterdamFM in the scientific program 'Swammerdam'. Here is a list of his appearances (*incomplete*):

- column about 'Interdisciplinarity and the concern about diversity', April 16, 2016
- column about 'A marxist view on the academic proletariat', Oct. 4, 2015
- column about 'Motherhood and pregnancy as philosophical topics', May 6, 2015
- 'Also sprach Zarathustra' by R. Strauss & 'Schlemihl' by Mantovani — Zaterdagmatinee radio broadcast from Concertgebouw, Jan. 31, 2015
- column about 'Religion and non-violence: the example of ML King', Jan. 18, 2015
- 'Lohengrin' - opera of Wagner. Live broadcast on radio 4 from the Muziektheater, Amsterdam, November 29, 2014
- column about 'War and emotional & moral confusion on all fronts', November 23, 2014
- 'Falstaff' – opera of Verdi. Live broadcast on radio 4 from the Muziektheater, Amsterdam, June 28, 2014
- 'Prometeo' – opera of Luigi Nono. Live broadcast on radio 4 from Holland Festival, Amsterdam, June 19, 2014
- column about Physis versus nomos? On the internalisation of the law, May 25, 2014.
- column about Absolute music and its relation to noise (Over absolute muziek en ruis), April 13, 2014.
- column about Religion, science and conflict (Religie, wetenschap en conflict), Jan. 19, 2014.
- interview about dissertation 'Sculpting the Space of Actions' at radio 5 program 'De Kennis van Nu', Jan. 16, 2014 (<http://www.wetenschap24.nl/programmas/de-kennis-van-nu/Radio-5/2014/Januari/16-01-2014-bekwaam-handelen.html>)
- column about 'Black Pete and rule crossing behaviors' (Zwarte Piet en regeloverschrijdend gedrag), Dec. 8, 2013
- column about 'Breakthroughs in Science Prizes' (Wetenschappelijke doorbraak-prijzen), March 3, 2013
- column about Self-alienation (Zelfvervreemding); Swammerdam program, Jan. 13, 2013
- column about Multiple sources of leadership (Leiderschap en de krachtmeting tussen personen en ideeën); Swammerdam program, Dec. 9, 2012
- interviews for science program Wetenschap?! at Amsterdam t.v. station AT5, October 9 (on marshmallow test & selfcontrol) and October 16 (on imitation and mirror neurons) 2012
- column about Ideals, cooperation and politics (Het belang van idealen voor samenwerking en politiek); Swammerdam program, May 13, 2012
- column about Narrative practice, religion and humor (Narratieve oefening in religie en met humor); Swammerdam program, April 1, 2012
- column about Euthanasia and Ulysses-contracts (Euthanasie en zelfbeschikkingsverklaringen); Swammerdam program, Febr. 12, 2012
- column about Socially robust (transdisciplinary) knowledge & Politics ; Swammerdam program, Dec. 17, 2011
- column about the Occupy Wall street movement [Laat de tenten staan!]; Swammerdam program, November 6, 2011
- 'Im grossen Schweigen' - orchestral songs by Diepenbrock; 'Also sprach Zarathustra' - symphonic poem by Richard Strauss. Zaterdag Matinee, Edo de Waart & Robert Holl, Ned. philh. orkest; live from the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, May 7, 2011.
- column about 'Authentic life & self-reflection'; Swammerdam program, April 10, 2011
- interview for NTR Podium t.v.-documentary on Wagner's Parsifal; broadcast at March 20 & 27, 2011
- column about political preference and the interaction of genes, brains and friends; Swammerdam program, February 20, 2011
- column about petty excuses and mental time travel, Swammerdam program, October 24, 2010
- column about the intrinsic value of art and its place in sustainable politics, Swammerdam program, October 3, 2010
- interview during the scientific Swammerdam-program at AmsterdamFm, May 16, 2010

- short statement on Martin Luther's translation of the Old testament for Castrum Peregrini, Amsterdam, April 4, 2010
- 'Salome' - opera of Richard Strauss. November 28, 2009, commentary during live NPS broadcast from the Muziektheater, Amsterdam. (parts as stream at <http://player.omroep.nl/?serid=477>)
- 'Die Walküre' - opera of Richard Wagner. July 28 2009, commentary during live NPS broadcast from Bayreuth festival.
- 'Der Fliegende Holländer' - opera of Richard Wagner. April 11, 2009 (stream at <http://player.omroep.nl/?serid=477>)
- 'Doctor Atomic' - opera of John Adams. January 17. 2009 (part as stream at <http://player.omroep.nl/?afid=8726652>)
- Short interview on a 'catalogue of values' ('waardencatalogus') as suggested by the Dutch government - BNR Nieuwsradio, November 18, 2008 (12.45)
- 'Saint François d'Assise' - opera of Olivier Messiaen. Holland Festival production, live broadcast on radio 4 from the Muziektheater, Amsterdam, June 7, 2008
- 'Die Meistersinger von Nuernberg' - opera of Richard Wagner. January 12, 2008.
- Rückertlieder & Symphony V of Gustav Mahler. Radio Filharmonisch Orkest olv. Jaap van Zweden. 'Vrijdag van Vredenburg', live March 16, 2007.
- Interview by Theodor Holman on my edited book 'Cultuurgeschiedenis van de Wiskunde' for Desmet Live, February 27, 2007. (<http://www.desmetlive.nl/program.asp?IntEntityId=384&IntEntityItemId=1813>)
- 'Tannhaeuser' - opera of Richard Wagner. February 24, 2007
- Interview on my edited book 'Cultuurgeschiedenis van de Wiskunde' by Ger Jochems for VPRO Noorderlicht, February 13, 2007. (podcast at <http://noorderlicht.vpro.nl/afleveringen/31489849/>)
- Interview on 'Free will' (re. NRC article of April 14, 2006) by Henk van Middelaar for RVU Educatieve omroep. May 8, 2006 (<http://www.rvu.nl/rvu.php?i=1&l=0&n=892>)
- 'Elektra' - opera of Richard Strauss. Live at radio 4 from the Muziektheater, Amsterdam, April 22, 2006
- 'Fidelio' - opera of Ludwig van Beethoven. April 1, 2006.
- 'Shadows of the Night' (Birtwistle) and 'Parsifal' (Wagner). Zaterdag Matinee, live from the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, Feb. 18, 2006.
- 'Die Walküre' - opera of Richard Wagner. Live from the Muziektheater, Amsterdam, Oct. 9, 2005.
- 'Telemaco' - opera of Alessandro Scarlatti. June 11, 2005.
- 'Also sprach Zarathustra' - symphonic poem by Richard Strauss. Zaterdag Matinee, live from the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, March 5, 2005.
- 'Prometeo' - opera (1984) of Luigi Nono. Feb. 19, 2005.
- 'Götterdämmerung' - opera of Richard Wagner. April 24, 2004.
- 'Salome' - opera of Richard Strauss. March 27, 2004.
- 'Oedipus Rex' - opera of Igor Stravinsky. Zaterdag Matinee, live from the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, Dec. 6, 2003.
- 'Les Troyens' - opera of Hector Berlioz. Live from the Muziektheater, Amsterdam, Oct. 11, 2003. Guest appearance at 'NPS in de Middag', June 24, 2003.
- 'Parsifal' - opera of Richard Wagner. April 12, 2003.
- 'Elektra' - opera of Richard Strauss. Dec. 21, 2002. (link naar fragment)