

# BENJAMIN BRAST-MCKIE

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Oxford</b> D.Phil in Philosophy (in progress)	<i>June 2018</i>	<b>Brandeis University</b> B.A. in Philosophy ( <i>magna cum laude</i> )	<i>May 2012</i>
<b>University of Oxford</b> B.Phil in Philosophy	<i>June 2016</i>	B.A. in Mathematics Minor in Quantum Physics Overall GPA: 3.708	

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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### Primary Areas of Interest

- Metaphysics
- Philosophical Logic

### Secondary Areas of Interest

- Philosophy of Language
- History of Modern Logic

### Research

- B.Phil Thesis: “Metasemantics in the Theory of Ground” (*distinction*)  
— Supervised by Timothy Williamson
- Undergraduate Thesis: “Against Structural Realism” (*high honours*)  
— Supervised by Brett Sherman

### Talks

- “Reductionism About Ground”  
*Theoretical Work in Progress* (Oxford: 18.11.16)
- “Reductionism About Ground”  
*Grounding Grounding* (Alghero: 29.10.16)
- “Grounding on the Cheap”  
*Pop Grunch* (Oxford: 6.6.16)
- “A Real Definition of Non-Actuality”  
*Ockham Society* (Oxford: 21.10.15)
- “Early Interpretations of the Barcan Formula”  
*Women in Early Analytical Philosophy* (Ghent: 5.10.15)
- “A Real Definition of Non-Actuality”  
*Ockham Society* (Oxford: 21.10.15)
- “Getting Down to the Ground”  
*Ockham Society* (Oxford: 20.11.14)

### Reading Groups

- Metaphysics, Logic/Language, Epistemology  
(Oxford, 2015-2017) *Co-organiser*
- Modal Logic as Metaphysics (Oxford)  
*Co-organiser*
- Modal Logic as Metaphysics (Berkeley)  
*Co-organiser*
- Writing the Book of the World (MIT/Harvard)

### Committees and Conferences

- Structure in Metaphysics Conference (Oxford 30.5.2015 - 1.6.2015)  
*Co-organised with Annina Loets*
- Jowett Society (Oxford 2015-2017)  
*Co-organiser*