

Sònia Roca-Royes — CURRICULUM VITAE
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2. Record

Name: Sonia Roca-Royes
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Current Post: 2015— Senior Lecturer, Philosophy, University of Stirling.
School//Division: School of Arts and Humanities / Division of Law and Philosophy
Education: 2007 Ph.D. in Philosophy; University of Barcelona
2003 D.E.A., Advanced Research Diploma (M.Phil.); University of Barcelona
2001 Llicenciatura de Filosofia (B.A. in Philosophy); University of Barcelona
Positions Held: 2007-15 Lecturer, University of Stirling (2007-12 as an RCUK Academic Fellow)
2007 (June-August) Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Leeds
Non-academic leave: 2014 Maternity, January-June
2016 Maternity, January-June
Honorary Posts: 2007— Associate Fellow, Logos Research Group, Barcelona
2010-15 Associate Fellow, Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen

3. Research

a) **Research Area of Specialization**

My primary research is in the Metaphysics and Epistemology of modality—the area in philosophy that focuses on the notions of necessity, possibility and essence. In the past four years I've been developing my positive views on the epistemology of essence and modality, working towards a non-uniform epistemology of modality that separates the cases of concrete and abstract entities, on the one hand, and possibilities, necessities and essential facts, on the other.

b) **Publications**

Substantial research articles

- Roca-Royes, S. (forthcoming). 'Rethinking the epistemology of modality for *abstracta*', in Fred, I. and Leech, J. (eds), *Being Necessary: Themes of Ontology and Modality from the Work of Bob Hale* Oxford: OUP.
- Roca-Royes, S. (forthcoming). "A priori knowledge, peer-agreement and peer-disagreement", in Dodd, D. and Zardini, E. (eds), *Beyond Sense? New Essays on the Significance, Grounds, and Extent of the A Priori*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Roca-Royes, S. (forthcoming) 'Genuine Modal Realism, the Humean thesis and advanced modalizing', in *Synthese*, special issue on The Legacy of David Lewis.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2017). "Similarity and Possibility: An epistemology of *de re* possibility for concrete entities", in Fischer, R and Leon, F. (Eds.), *Modal epistemology after rationalism*, Springer international publishing, Synthese Library: 221-245.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2016). 'Rethinking Origin Essentialism (for artefacts)', in Jago, M. (Ed.), *Reality Making*, Oxford: OUP: 153-178.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2012). 'Essentialist Blindness would not preclude counterfactual knowledge', *Philosophia Scientiae*. Special Issue on *Modalities: semantics and epistemology*. 16/2: 149-172.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2011). 'Modal Knowledge and Counterfactual Knowledge', *Logique et Analyse*, 54/216: 537-567.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2011). 'Conceivability and *de re* modal knowledge', *Noûs*, vol.45/1: 22-49.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2012). 'Essential Properties and Individual Essences', *Philosophy Compass*, vol.6/1: 65-77.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2011). 'Essentialism vis-à-vis *Possibilia*, Modal Logic, and Necessitism', *Philosophy Compass*, vol.6/1: 54-64.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2010). 'Modal epistemology, modal concepts, and the Integration Challenge', *Dialectica*, vol. 64/3: 335-361.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2006). 'Peacocke's Principle-Based Account: Flexibility of Origin plus S4', *Erkenntnis*, vol.65/3: 405-426.
- Cameron, R., and Roca-Royes, S. (20026). 'Rohbraugh and deRosset on the Necessity of Origin', *Mind*, vol.115/458: 361-366.

Chapters in handbooks

- Roca-Royes, S. (forthcoming). 'The Integration Challenge in Modality', in Bueno, O. and Shalkowski, S. (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Modality*.
- Roca-Royes, S. (2015). 'Introducción a la Modalidad', in Prades, J. L. I. (Ed.), *Cuestiones de Metafísica*, Madrid: Tecnos: 171-190.

Book review

- Roca-Royes, S. (2009). 'Review of P. Mackie's *How Things Might Have Been*, OUP 2006', *Philosophical Review*, vol. 118/2: 266-269. (Invited)

In progress, Substantial research article

- Roca-Royes, S. 'Concepts and the epistemology of essential truths'. (Revising for Resubmission.)

In progress, Chapter in handbook

- Roca-Royes, S. 'Modal Epistemology', commissioned for *The Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, Bliss, R. and Miller, J. (eds.)

c) Outside recognition

Research Grants and Prizes

- 2015 AHRC Leadership Research Fellowship for the project "Towards a non-uniform epistemology of modality", University of Stirling. (Total value of award: £65,932. Contribution from UK Research Councils: £52,745.)
- 2008 José Manuel Blecua Prize. Awarded by the University of Barcelona to the best published paper derived from a Ph.D. thesis defended at the University of Barcelona between 2003 and 2007 in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Awarded paper: 'Peacocke's principle-based account of modality: 'Flexibility of origins' Plus S4', *Erkenntnis*, vol.65/3: 405-426.
- 2008 PhD Prize (*Premi Extraordinari de Doctorat*), to the best Ph.D. thesis defended at the University of Barcelona in the area of Logic and Analytic Philosophy between 2004 and 2007.
- 2007 Outgoing Postdoctoral Fellowship *Beatriu de Pinós*, awarded by the Catalan Government. Host institution: University of Leeds. (21 of 24 months renounced in advance.)
- 02-05 Ph.D Fellowship, tuition and living expenses, awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Education
- 2002 BA Honors Prize, University of Barcelona.

Invited Talks, External, last 5 years

(C)onference; (L)ecture; (S)eminar; (W)orkshop

- 2018 (C) (Upcoming, September) TBA, Issues on the (Im)Possible, Bratislava. **Keynote Speaker**.
- 2017 (C) 'A priori knowledge, peer-agreement and peer-disagreement', DIAPHORA Mid-Term conference, Barcelona.
- (S) 'Rethinking the epistemology of modality for *abstracta*', Gothenburg Philosophy Seminar, Gothenburg.
- (C) 'A priori knowledge, peer-agreement and peer-disagreement', Modal knowledge—scope and sources, Bielefeld.
- (S) 'Rethinking the epistemology of modality for *abstracta*', Logos colloquium, Barcelona.
- (C) 'Current issues in the epistemology of modality', ECAP9, Munich. **Panel Speaker**, around 500 delegates.
- 2016 (Maternity leave January-June)
- (S) 'Rethinking the epistemology of modality for *abstracta*', Edinburgh VSS, Edinburgh.
- 2015 (L) 'Modalitat i Coneixement' (*Modality and Language*), Seminari de filosofia analítica, Barcelona.
- 2014 (Maternity leave January-June)
- (C/L) 'Epistemology of de re modality'. XI SIFA Conference. L'Aquila. **Keynote speaker: SIFA Young Lecture**, around 200 delegates.
- (C) 'Rethinking the epistemology of modality for *abstracta*'. Conference on the epistemology of modality. Aarhus. **Keynote speaker**; around 40 delegates.
- (W) 'Epistemology of de re modality'. Workshop on the epistemology of modality. Belgrade.
- 2013 (W) 'Explaining the modal knowledge we have'. Workshop on the Epistemology of Modality, Lisbon.
- (W) 'De re modal knowledge empirically explained'. Workshop on modal epistemology, Mainz.
- (W) 'Concepts and the epistemology of essence'. Workshop on the epistemology of essence. Lyon.
- (S) 'Explaining the modal knowledge we have'. London Metaphysics and Epistemology Forum, London.

- (S) 'Judith Thomson on the statue and the clay'. Glasgow Philosophy Society, Glasgow.
 (S) 'De re modal knowledge empirically explained'. York VSS, York.

d) Research Supervision:

Currently: I am currently supervising 3 PhD students as first supervisor and 1 M.Phil student as second supervisor.

Completed: A further PhD student successfully completed his PhD passing his viva with only typo-corrections in April 2017. I also supervised 2 M.Phil students, both completing their theses successfully and on time. During the academic year 2011-2012 I acted as first supervisor for a SASP visiting Ph.D. student from the Hebrew University of Israel.

4. Teaching, last 5 years.

a) Courses:

	Level	Responsibility	N. of Students	Contact hours
17-18				
Spring	Institutional Research Leave			
Autumn	PY5101 Current Issues (St. Andrews/Stirling)			
	Taught M.Litt	Full	27	3h x 5 weeks (lectures/seminars)
Autumn	PHIU9KC. Knowledge and Reality (Stirling)			
	UG Level 10	Lecture	22	2h x 2 weeks (lectures) 1h x 2 weeks (seminars) x 2 groups
16-17				
Spring	PY5402. Advanced Epistemology (St. Andrews/Stirling)			
	Taught M.Litt	Full	8	2h x 11 weeks (lectures)
Spring	PHIU9LB. Metaphysics (Stirling)			
	UG Level 10	Full	28	2h.x 10 weeks (lectures) 1h x 10 weeks (seminars) x 2 groups
Autumn	PY5101 Current Issues (St. Andrews/Stirling)			
	Taught M.Litt	Full	36	3h x 5 weeks (lectures/seminars)
Year	PHIU9YY Elective Dissertations			
	UG Level 10	Full	3	10h x 3 students (supervision)
15-16				
Spring	Maternity Leave			
Autumn	PY5101 Current Issues (St. Andrews/Stirling)			
	Taught M.Litt	Full	40	3h x 5 weeks (lectures/seminars)
14-15				
Spring	AHRC Leadership Research Fellowship			
Autumn	Institutional Research Leave			
13-14				
Spring	Maternity Leave			
Autumn	PY5103 Research Methods (St. Andrews/Stirling)			
	Taught M.Litt	Full	9	2h x 10 weeks (seminars)
Autumn	PY5402. Advanced Epistemology (St. Andrews/Stirling)			
	Taught M.Litt	Full	8	2h x 11 weeks (lectures)
Autumn	PHI9YY. Undergraduate supervision (Stirling)			
	UG Level 10	Full	1	2h x 5 weeks (supervision)
12-13				
Spring	PHI9LB Metaphysics (Stirling)			
	UG Level 10	Full	29	2h x 10 weeks (lectures) 1h x 10 weeks (seminars) x 3 groups
Spring	PY5402. Advanced Epistemology (St. Andrews/Stirling)			
	Taught M.Litt	Full	10	2h x 11 weeks (lectures)
Autumn	PY5103 Research Methods (St. Andrews/Stirling)			
	Taught M.Litt	Full	15	2h x 10 weeks (seminars)

b) Examining:

Internal

Examiner for all modules listed above, except for the dissertations.

Contribution to marking SASP M.Litt. dissertations and UG final year dissertations, as well as moderating SASP and UG modules.

External

2016 - External Examiner for a re-submitted PhD dissertation, Leeds.

2015 - External Examiner a PhD dissertation, Leeds.

- External Examiner for a PhD dissertation, Aarhus.

5. Administrative duties, last 5 years

Specific to subject area, Philosophy

2016— In Autumn 2016 I took managerial responsibilities, as described below, for two ongoing research projects for which Professor Crispin Wright is the scientist in charge.

DIAPHORA work-package coordinator:

DIAPHORA (2016-2019) is a European Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Training Network organized in work-packages across 7 European universities and for which Stirling's work package—on the a priori—is WP4. Professor Crispin Wright is the scientist-in-charge for it and I am its coordinator.

As WP4-coordinator, my responsibilities include: (i) preparing reports and reporting, in relation to the deliverables and milestones, to the main network coordinator (Sven Rosenkranz, Barcelona) on research achievements, outcomes and activities of the 10 members of the workpackage; (ii) supervising/approving expenses; (iii) attending (usually twice a year) the board meetings and network research workshops/conferences across the 7 European participating institutions; (iv) the organization of a workshop (which took place in Stirling in May 2017); and (v) monitoring our performance vis-à-vis the agreed WP4-delivarables and milestones.

KBNS (Knowledge Beyond Natural Science) Project co-leader

The KBNS project (2017-2020), funded by the John Templeton Foundation, focuses on core resilient problems about self-knowledge and the a priori. Professor Crispin Wright is the principal investigator and, together with Professor Peter Sullivan, we are project co-leaders.

My responsibilities as project co-leader include: (i) assisting with the writing of the reports; (iii) monitoring and supervising expenses; (ii) organizing the project workshops and conferences, which consist of an interim workshop and an international network workshop per year (one of each to date). Prior to the start of the project, I was also involved in the recruiting processes for the 4 PhD studentships and 2 Postdoc positions associated to the project.

2011— Contribution to the admission process of SASP Ph.D. applicants.

2010— Conduct of Ph.D. Annual Reviews.

2012-13 Convenor of the Stirling Visiting Speaker Seminar..

Divisional (Law and Philosophy):

2013-16 Divisional Research Advisor (Law and Philosophy): Duties included the exploration of research funding opportunities, both national and international, with a special emphasis on EU funding. I provided a set of resources that the division still uses for navigating European funding.

CPD Courses taken in relation to the Research Advisor role:

- *European Science Foundation Funding Opportunities*, 1-day course, University of Stirling.

- *European Funding Opportunities*. 1 day course, University of Stirling.

- *Writing Funding Applications*. 1/2 day course, University of Stirling.

- *ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grants*. 1/2 day course, Strathclyde University.

- *ERC Advanced Researcher Grants*. 1/2 day course, Strathclyde University.

2012-14 Library and IT officer (Philosophy)

6. Professional contribution to the academic life

Editorial Board of International Peer-reviewed Journals:

- *Disputatio* (2008—)

- *Philosophical Quarterly* (2014—)

Conference Organization (last 5 years):

2017 - *KBNS Network Workshop*, Stirling.

Funding: Budgeted within the KBNS Project Budget

- *DIAPHORA Network Workshop*, Stirling.
Funding: Budgeted within the DIAPHORA Project Budget
- *KBNS Interim Workshop*, Stirling.
Funding: The Scotts Philosophical Association
- 2015 - *International Conference on the Directions in the Epistemology of Modality*. Stirling.
Funding: The AHRC (associated to an AHRC Leadership Research Fellowship) and the Scots Philosophical Association
- 2013 - *Scots Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*. Stirling, 2013.
Funding: The Scots Philosophical Association.
- *International Conference on the epistemology of modality*, with Joao Branquinho (Lisbon), Lisbon.
Funding: The Centre for Philosophy (University of Lisbon) and the National Foundation for Science and Technology (Lisbon)

Committees

- Committee member of the Scotts Philosophical Association (SPA). (2013—)
Main responsibilities: (i) Evaluation and assessment of conference funding applications (call open all year round); (ii) Organization of the rotating SPA Annual meeting when held in Stirling (one to date, in 2013; next one scheduled for autumn 2019).

External reviewer tasks for Funding Bodies

- Reviewer of a major research project application for the NWO; the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (the Dutch Research Council).

Referee tasks for peer-reviewed journals and academic book publishers:

Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Disputatio, Erkenntnis, Journal of Philosophical Research, Mind, Noûs, OUP (book proposal review); Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Paper, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy Compass, Ratio, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Synthese, Teorema, Theoria, Thought, Topoi.

Scientific committee for research events:

- *Philosophy and Imagination*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany. (2018)
- *SEFA workshop with Timothy Williamsom*, Valencia, Spain. (2016)
- *Arché Graduate Conference, Arché*, St. Andrews. (2014).
- *TIF annual graduate conference*, rotating across several Spanish universities. (2007—)