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## Qualifications

### Principal Investigator

Period : 26.01.2016 - 31.12.2017 in Department of Philosophy, History and Art Studies

### Principal Investigator

Period : 15.05.2018 - 31.12.2025 in Department of Philosophy, History and Art Studies

## Employment

### Professor

Department of Philosophy, History and Art Studies  
University of Helsinki  
Finland  
1 Jan 2020 → present

### Theoretical Philosophy

University of Helsinki  
HELSINGIN YLIOPISTO, Finland  
1 Apr 2015 → present

### Supervisor for doctoral programme

Doctoral Programme in Philosophy, Arts, and Society  
University of Helsinki  
Finland  
1 Mar 2021 → present

## Research outputs

**Review of Hypothèse matérialiste et pensée radicale: La philosophie de la nature de Blaise de Parma by Joël Biard**  
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**From Dominican to Dominican: Osmund Lewry on Kilwardby**

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**John Pecham's Theory of Natural Cognition: Perception**

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**Robert Kilwardby**

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**Assimilation and Representation in Medieval Theories of Cognition**

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**Blasius of Parma on the Activity of Sense**

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**Introduction: Assimilation and Representation in Medieval Theories of Cognition**

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**Perceptual Errors in Late Medieval Philosophy**

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**The Chameleonic Mind: The activity versus the actuality of perception**

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**The Senses and the History of Philosophy**

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**Intentionality in Medieval Augustinianism**

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**Nicholas of Cusa on Rational Perception**

Kny, C. & Silva, J. F., 2018, In: Bulletin de philosophie médiévale. 59, p. 177-213 37 p.

**Robert Kilwardby: Notule libri Priorum, critical edition and translation by Paul Thom and John Scott (Auctores Britannici Medii Aevi 23) [Book review]**

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Tolonen, M. S., Lahti, L., Silva, J. F., Laine, M.-P. & Lähteenoja, V. E., 2017, In: Research Ideas and Outcomes. 3, 11 p., e13593.

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**Internalismi, eksternalismi ja keskiaikainen havaintfilosofia**  
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**Perceptiveness**  
Silva, J. F., 2017, In: Supplementary volume - Aristotelian Society. XCI, p. 43-61

**Perceptual Judgement in Late Medieval Perspectivist Psychology**  
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**Tunteiden luonne ja autenttisuus**  
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**Self-Awareness and Perception in Augustinian Epistemology**  
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**Havaitsemisesta**  
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**Neuroscience, Neurophilosophy, and Pragmatism: Brains at Work with the World**  
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**What Source: Textbook or Original Text? The Use of Florilegia by Robert Kilwardby**  
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Pereira da Silva, J. F. (Editor) & Yrjönsuuri, M. (Editor), 2014, Springer. 293 p. (Studies in the History of Philosophy of Mind)

**Augustine on Active Perception**  
Pereira da Silva, J. F., 2014, *Active Perception in the History of Philosophy: From Plato to Modern Philosophy*. Silva, J. F. & Yrjönsuuri, M. (eds.). Springer, Vol. 14. 20 p.

**Medieval Theories of Active Perception: An Overview**  
Pereira da Silva, J. F., 2014, *Active Perception in the History of Philosophy: From Plato to Modern Philosophy*. Silva, J. F. & Yrjönsuuri, M. (eds.). Springer, Vol. 14. 30 p.

**Potentially Human? Aquinas on Aristotle on Human Generation**  
Pereira da Silva, J. F., 2014, In: British Journal for the History of Philosophy. 23, 1, p. 3-21

**The World as a Stereogram**

Pereira da Silva, J. F. & Yrjönsuuri, M., 2014, *Active Perception in the History of Philosophy: From Plato to Modern Philosophy*. Silva, J. F. & Yrjönsuuri, M. (eds.). Springer, Vol. 14. 7 p.

**Robert Kilwardby on the Theory of the Soul and Epistemology**

Pereira da Silva, J., 2013, *A Companion to the Philosophy of Robert Kilwardby*. Lagerlund, H. & Thom, P. (eds.). Leiden: Brill , p. 275-313 39 p. (Brill's Companions to the Christian Tradition; no. 37).

**The Dictatorship of Failure: On the Economics and Politics of Discipline**

Pereira da Silva, J. & Lorite Escorihuela, A., 2013, In: COLLeGIUM : Studies across disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. 14, p. 1-25

**Robert Kilwardby**

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**Robert Kilwardby**

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**Alma humana e pluralismo de formas em Roberto Kilwardby**

Pereira da Silva, J., 2010, In: Revista Filosófica de Coimbra. 19, 37, p. 105-148

**The Active Nature of the Soul in Sense Perception: Robert Kilwardby and Peter Olivi**

Pereira da Silva, J. & Toivanen, J., 2010, In: Vivarium. 48, 3-4, p. 245-278

**Agostinho, Anselmo e Kilwardby sobre a linguagem mental**

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**Robert Kilwardby on Sense Perception**

Pereira da Silva, J., 2008, *Theories of Perception in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy*. Knuuttila, S. & Kärkkäinen, P. (eds.). Springer-Verlag, p. 87-99 (Studies in the History of Philosophy of Mind; vol. 6).

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Pereira da Silva, J., 2008, *A Questão de Deus na História da Filosofia*. Xavier, M. L. (ed.). Sintra: Zéfiro, Vol. 1. p. 515-525

**O conceito de tempo em Roberto Kilwardby**

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**Robert Kilwardby on Celestial Motion**

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**Conceptual Relations in Hugh of St. Victor's Thought**

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**Teologia e teoria das ciências em Hugh de S. Victor**

Pereira da Silva, J., 2002, In: Mediaevalia. Textos e Estudos. 21, p. 21-36

## **Activities**

### **Department of Philosophy, History and Art Studies (Organisational unit)**

Korsberg, H. (Chair), Pereira da Silva, F. (Member), Rossi, R. (Member), Hollsten, A. (Member) & Korolainen, K. (Member)

2 Apr 2024 → 21 Jun 2024

### **Games & Logic**

Hartimo, M. (Member of organizing committee), Lasonen-Aarnio, M. (Member of organizing committee), Pereira da Silva, F. (Chair of organizing committee), Pylkkänen, P. (Member of organizing committee), Saario, L. (Member of organizing committee) & Sipola, S. (Member of organizing committee)

28 Nov 2022

### **Department of Philosophy, History and Art Studies (Organisational unit)**

Korsberg, H. (Chair), Haapala, A. (Board member), Lasonen-Aarnio, M. (Board member), Pereira da Silva, F. (Board member) & Kyllönen, S. (Board member)

8 Feb 2022 → 7 Jun 2022

### **World Congress of Philosophy**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Attendee)

19 Aug 2018

### **Leeds International Medieval Congress 2018**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Attendee)

4 Jul 2018

### **Individuação e Distinções em J. Duns Scotus**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Supervisor)

17 Jan 2018

### **The Psychology of Incarnation in Thirteenth- and Early Fourteenth Century Theology**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Supervisor)

3 Nov 2017

### **For the Sake of Knowledge: Augustine on Human Perception**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)

27 Oct 2017

### **MAC: Modelos Activos de Cognição**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)

3 Oct 2017

### **Special session: One World, Differing Perceptions at the XIV International International Congress SIEPM**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Chair of organizing committee)

26 Jul 2017

### **Augustine on Perception**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Keynote speaker)

15 Jul 2017

### **Perception, knowledge and assimilation**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Chair of organizing committee)

12 Jun 2017

**Knowledge as Assimilation**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Chair of organizing committee)  
9 Jun 2017 → 11 Jun 2017

**University of Lisbon**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Visiting researcher)  
1 May 2017 → 9 Jun 2017

**The Chameleonic Mind: Medieval Augustinians on the Activity of Perception**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
7 Apr 2017

**Active Perception and Imagination. Nonconceptualism in Kant's Theory of Perception**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Supervisor)  
2017 → ...

**British Journal for the History of Philosophy (Journal)**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Reviewer)  
2017

**Recherches de Theologie et Philosophie Medievales (Journal)**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Reviewer)  
2017

**The Psychology of Incarnation in Thirteenth- and Early Fourteenth Century Theology**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Supervisor)  
2017

**PHILO-SOPHY AND HIS-TORY OF OPEN SCI-ENCE #PHOS16**

Tolonen, M. (Chair of organizing committee), Lahti, L. (Scientific Committee Vice Chair), Pereira da Silva, J. F. (Scientific Committee Vice Chair) & Lähteenoja, V. E. (Secretary of organizing committee)  
30 Nov 2016 → 1 Dec 2016

**Reason and Perception**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
19 May 2016

**Problems of Perception**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
18 May 2016

**Augustinianism-Averroisant and the Activity in Perception**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**Comments on paper Literary Representations of the Senses by Professor Elizabeth Robertson**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**Comments on Richard Whatmore, What is intellectual History?**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**Medieval Augustinian Desire**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**Medieval Augustinians on Intentionality**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**Metaphysics of Sense Perception in the Conimbricensis de Anima**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**Objects as Occasions: Medieval Perspectives for Early Modern Suggestions**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**Perception and Metaphysics**  
Pereira da Silva, J. (Attendee)  
2016

**Recherches de Théologie et Philosophie Médiévales (Journal)**  
Pereira da Silva, J. (Reviewer)  
2016

**Stop Making Sense(s): Late Medieval and Very Late Medieval Theories of the Internal Senses**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**To see and Be: On Medieval Perception**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**Vision and Discrimination: Late Medieval Perspectives**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Speaker)  
2016

**ERC StG & CoG Application Workshop Mentor, City Centre Campus**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Participant)  
2015 → 2017

**The Concept of Cosmos in Milesian Philosophy**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Supervisor)  
2015 → 2017

## **Prizes**

**Tuhat-Prize**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Recipient), 2018

## **Projects**

**Augustinian Natural Philosophy at Oxford and Paris ca. 1277**

Pereira da Silva, F. (Project manager), Leinonen, M. (Participant), Masolini, S. (Participant) & Micali, L. (Participant)  
SUOMEN AKATEMIA Vähäkylä Leena  
01/09/2020 → 31/08/2024

**Colorful Souls. Sensitivity, Materiality, and Symbolism in the Colors of the Middle Ages (400-1500)**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Participant)

**RiP: Rationality in Perception: Transformations of Mind and Cognition 1250-1550**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Project manager)  
01/04/2015 → 31/03/2020

**The Mechanics of Canon Formation and the**  
Pereira da Silva, F. (Project manager), Tolonen, M. (Project manager), Fischer, J. P. (Participant) & Jaksic, N.  
(Participant)  
European Commission  
01/03/2024 → 29/02/2028