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Jan Slaby is Assistant Professor in Philosophy of Mind at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. His work spans the area between the philosophy of mind, social philosophy and philosophy of science (esp. of neuroscience and psychiatry). One part of his work is in developing a non-mentalist phenomenological account of personhood (with affinities to enactivism, extended mind, embodied mind approaches); a key focus therein is on emotion and affectivity (esp. on the affective dimensions on selfhood and on affective disorders such as depression). A further, more recent orientation is toward the affective dynamics of social interaction and toward a 'political philosophy of mind'. This relates to a further research interest in the methodology of interdisciplinary affect studies, and on bringing philosophy in conversation with recent work in cultural studies, including postcolonial, feminist and critical race theory.

Jointly with Suparna Choudhury, Jan is the initiator of the *Critical Neuroscience initiative* (www.critical-neuroscience.org) that has the aim to develop a multi-perspectival critical contextualization of the alleged 'neuro-revolution' in the human sciences, the humanities and in the academy at large.

Academic Employment

2010 – present	Junior Professor (non-tenured assistant professor) in Philosophy of Mind at the Research Cluster of Excellence "Languages of Emotion" and the Institute of Philosophy at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.
2008 – 2010	Assistant Professor at the Institute of Philosophy of the Philipps-University, Marburg. Working area Theoretical Philosophy
2006 – 2008	Research fellow (full-time) in the research project "Animal emotionale – emotions as missing link between perception and action" (Osnabrück/Bonn), funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, conducted at the Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Osnabrück
2003 – 2006	Teaching and research assistant (full-time) at the Institute of Cognitive Science of the University of Osnabrück (in the working group "Philosophy of Cognition" led by Prof. Achim Stephan)

Education

- 2006 PhD thesis in Cognitive Science, University of Osnabrück. Thesis on the world-directedness of emotion; German title: *Gefühl und Weltbezug*; Grade: *summa cum laude*
- 2002-2006 PhD studies in the Graduate Program of Cognitive Science at the University of Osnabrück (complementing full employment as a research & teaching assistant in Philosophy of Cognition)
- 10/2001 Examination (Magister Artium), grade 1,1 (A)
- MA Thesis (Philosophy). "Evolution, Mind, and Human Nature. A Critique of Evolutionary Psychology"; Humboldt University, Grade: 1,0 (A)
- 1996–2001 Studies at the Humboldt University Berlin in Philosophy (major), Sociology and English Language and Literature

Key Publications

Book

Slaby, J. (2008). *Gefühl und Weltbezug. Die menschliche Affektivität im Kontext einer neo-existentialistischen Konzeption von Personalität*. Paderborn: mentis 2008.

Edited Volumes

- Choudhury, S./Slaby, J., eds., (2012). *Critical Neuroscience. A Handbook of the Social and Cultural Contexts of Neuroscience*, Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.
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Articles (selection)

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- Slaby, J., & Stephan, A. (2012). Depression als Handlungsstörung. *Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie* 60(6), 919-935
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- Choudhury, S., Nagel, S., & Slaby, J. (2009). Critical Neuroscience: Linking Neuroscience and Society through Critical Practice. *BioSocieties* 4(1), 61-77.
- Slaby, J./Stephan, A. (2008). Affective Intentionality and Self-Consciousness. *Consciousness and Cognition* 17, 506-513.
- Slaby, J. (2008). Affective Intentionality and the Feeling Body. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 7(4), 429-444.
- Slaby, J., Katz, G., Kühnberger, K.-U., & Stephan, A. (2006). Embodied Targets, or the Origin of Mind Tools. *Philosophical Psychology* 19(1), 103-118.

Research Grants & Involvement in Research Projects

Member of the Steering Committee ('Vorstand') of the Collaborative Research Center *Affective Societies* at Free University Berlin, funded by the DFG from 2015-2019

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Core contributor to successful international grant proposal DFG/AHCR project "Emotional Experience in Depression" (2008), principal investigators: Dr. Matthew Ratcliffe (Durham, UK) and Prof. Achim Stephan (Osnabrück). <http://philosophyofdepression.wordpress.com/>

Core contributor to the successful grant proposal for research project "animal emotionale" (2005), Volkswagen Foundation. www.animal-emotionale.de, funding sum 400.000 €.