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Prof. Gillies studied Mathematics and Philosophy at Cambridge as an undergraduate. In 1966 he began graduate studies in Professor Sir Karl Popper's department at the London School of Economics, and he completed his PhD on the Foundations of Probability in 1970 with Professor Imre Lakatos as supervisor. From 1968 to 1971, he was a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge. In 1971 he joined the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at Chelsea College, University of London. As a result of various mergers, he became a member of the Philosophy Department at King's College London in

1992. In 1994 he was appointed Professor of Philosophy of Science and Mathematics. In 2004 he transferred to the Department of Science and Technology Studies at University College London. His main research areas have been philosophy of science, particularly foundations of probability, and philosophy of logic and mathematics. Since 1990 he has been researching into the interactions between artificial intelligence and various branches of philosophy, including logic, scientific method, probability and causality. Around 2000 he became interested in how philosophy of science applies to medicine.

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