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Born: August 7th 1989 in Kotka, Finland

Languages in which fluent

Finnish, Swedish, English

Degrees

2023 Docent in Theoretical Philosophy (Associate Professor), University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts.

2018 Ph.D. in Philosophy, *Pass with Distinction*, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts
Essays on Modalized Epistemology

2014 M.A., Theoretical Philosophy, *Laudatur*, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts
Modal Epistemology – A Study of the Conditions of Knowledge

2013 B.A., Theoretical Philosophy, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts

Professional Employment

Academy Research Fellow, “Metaphysics, Ethics, and Epistemology of Risk”,
Research Council of Finland, 1.9.2024-31.8.2028.

Researcher, “The Structure and Nature of Risk”, Kone Foundation, 1.9.2023-
31.8.2024.

Postdoctoral researcher, “Responsible Beliefs: Why Ethics and Epistemology Need
Each Other”, Academy of Finland Project, 1.9.2021-31.8.2023.

Postdoctoral researcher, “Competence and Success in Epistemology and Beyond” –
ERC-project, 1.9.2018-31.8.2021

Postdoctoral researcher, University of Helsinki, Helsinki. 1.6.2018-31.8.2018

Doctoral student, Doctoral Program in Philosophy, Art, and Society, 1.9.2015-31.5.2018

Research assistant in “The Sociality of Knowledge” - Academy Project, 15.4.2014-31.8.2015

Grants

- 2024 ‘Metaphysic, Ethics, and Epistemology of Risk’ 876 451 €. Academy Research Fellow. Research Council of Finland. Grant number 360403.
- 2023 ‘Epistemology: Towards a Pluralistic Conception of Inquiry’ 413700 €. Kone Foundation. Co-writer of the application and member of the research team.
- 2021 ‘The Structure and Nature of Risk’ 144000 €. Kone Foundation. Principal investigator. Grant number 202107897.

Publications

Peer reviewed

forthcoming “Revenge of the Lockeans”, *Mind*.

forthcoming “Ethics of Doxastic Conduct”, *Ergo* (with Säde Hormio).

forthcoming “A Unified Theory of Risk”, *Philosophical Quarterly* (with Niall Paterson).

2026 “Reflective Equilibrium”, in David Copp, Tina Rulli & Connie Rosati (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Normative Ethics*. Oxford University Press (with Antti Kauppinen).

2025 “A Modal Theory of Justification”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 110, 1031-1045.

2025 “Metaphysics of Risk and Luck”, *Nous*, 59, 335-348.

2025 “No Positive Duties for Knowledge-Firsters”, *Analysis*, 85, 606-615..

2024 “Zetetic Supererogation”, *Philosophical Issues*, 34, 167-183.

2023 “Does The Unity of Reason Imply that Epistemic Justification is Factive?”, *Analysis*, vol. 83, 691–700.

2023 “The Structure of Moral Encroachment”, *Philosophical Studies*. 180, 1793–1812.

2023 “A Virtue Reliabilist Error-Theory of Defeat”, *Erkenntnis*, 88, 2449–2466.

2023 “A Virtue Reliabilist Solution to Moore’s Paradox”, *Synthese* 202, 1-14.

2022 “Justification and the Knowledge-Connection”, *Philosophical Studies*, 179, 1973–1995.

2021 “The Cake Theory of Credit”, *Philosophical Topics* 49 (2): 347-369 (with Maria Lasonen).

- 2021 “Need Knowing and Acting Be SSS-Safe?” *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, 10, (2), 127-134 (with Niall Paterson).
- 2020 “How to Stay Safe While Extending the Mind” *Synthese*, 197, 4065-4081.
- 2020 “No Safe Haven For The Virtuous” *Episteme*, 17, (1), 48-63.
- 2019 “Knowing Without Having The Competence To Do So” *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 8, (2), 110-118.
- 2019 “Global Safety: How to Deal with Necessary Truths” *Synthese*, 196 (3), 1167-1186.
- 2018 “On Virtue, Credit and Safety” *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, 95 (1), 98-120.
- 2017 “Is it Safe to Disagree?” *Ratio*, 30 (3), 305-321.
- 2015 ”Hyvetietoteoriast ja tiedon arvo” (Virtue Epistemology and the Value of Knowledge), *Ajatus*, 71, 191-202.

Edited collections

- 2024 *Ethics and Epistemology, Philosophical Issues* (with Antti Kauppinen and Maria Lasonen).

Ph.D. Thesis

- 2018 *Essays on Modalized Epistemology*. University of Helsinki, Helsinki.

Manuscripts in Submission

- “Counterfactuals and Risk”
 “Revenge of the Lockeans”

Other Publications

- 2018 “Esseitä modalisoidusta tieto-opista” (Essays on Modalized Epistemology) *Ajatus*, vol 75 (1), pp. 459-468.
- 2015 “Report on the Epistemology Workshop in Helsinki” *The Reasoner*, vol 9 (9), pp. 77-78.

Conference Activity

Events Organized

- Beyond Basic Bayesianism Workshop, University of Helsinki, 25-6.5.2026.
- Metaphysics and Modality Workshop, University of Helsinki, 11.12.2025.
- Inquiry and Rationality – Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki, 13-14.3.2025.
- Risk Workshop, University of Helsinki 18.12.2024.
- Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki, 10-11.6.2023.

Uncertain Oughts Workshop, University of Helsinki, 8-9.12.2022.

Responsibility for Beliefs Workshop, University of Helsinki, 9-10.6.2022.

Markus-Fest, University of Helsinki, 6.4.2022.

Practical and Epistemic Normativity Workshop, University of Helsinki, 16-17.12.2021.

Autumn Philosophy Workshop, University of Helsinki, 2.9.2021.

Helsinki Formal Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki, 14-15.12.2020.

Theoretical Philosophy Research Seminar 2019-2021 (Coordinator).

Competence and Success in Epistemology and Beyond – Winter workshop, University of Helsinki, 10-11.12.2019.

Competence and Success in Epistemology and Beyond – Spring workshop, University of Helsinki, 9-10.4.2019.

Competence and Success in Epistemology and Beyond – Opening Workshop, University of Helsinki, 13-14.12.2018.

1st PhD Network Meeting, University of Helsinki, 20-21.11.2015.

Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki, 11-12.8.2015.

Academic Presentations

- 5.6.2026 “Revenge of the Lockeans”, Between Probability and Certainty: 10 Years On – Workshop, Glasgow, UK.
- 21.5.2026 “The Harm of Pure Risk”, Risk and Uncertainty in Ethics: Workshop, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK.
- 15.5.2026 “The Harm of Pure Risk”, Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 6.5.2026 “Bounded Knowledge and Question-relative Belief”, Knowledge, Action, and Competence, University of Seville, Spain.
- 17.4.2026 “The Epistemic Continuum”, University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 11.12.2025 “Risk and Counterfactuals”, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 18.9.2025 “The Epistemic Continuum”, Uppsala Theoretical Philosophy Research Seminar, Uppsala, Sweden.
- 19.8.2025 “Commentary on Jane Friedman’s book *Acquisition in Inquiry*”, University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden.
- 3.6.2025 “Revenge of the Lockeans”, Bled Epistemology Conference, Bled, Slovenia.
- 26.5.2025 “True Counterfactuals”, Dynamis Workshop, Helsinki, Finland.

- 29.4.2025 “The Epistemic Continuum”, Philosophical Society of Finland, Helsinki, Finland.
- 13.3.2025 “Revenge of the Lockeans”, Inquiry and Rationality – Epistemology Workshop, Helsinki, Finland.
- 25.9.2024 “A Mosaic of Doxastic Norms”, Nordic Epistemology Network, Lillehammer, Norway.
- 16.9.2024 “Epistemic Decision Theory and Positive Epistemic Duties”, Goethe Epistemology Meeting, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 12.9.2024 “Epistemic Decision Theory and Positive Epistemic Duties”, British Society for the Theory of Knowledge, Glasgow, UK.
- 23.8.2024 “Disagreement and Inquiry”, Responsible Disagreement – Workshop, Bergen, Norway.
- 27.6.2024 “A Modal Theory of Justification”, New Work in Knowledge-First Epistemology, Cogito, Sitges, Spain.
- 20.2.2024 “Zetetic Supererogation”, Epistemic and Practical Normativity Workshop, University of Sevilla, Spain.
- 14.12.2023 “A Modal Theory of Justification”, Research Seminar at Dianopia Institute of Philosophy, ACU Melbourne, Australia.
- 19.6.2023 “Metaphysics of Risk and Luck”, Dynamis Workshop, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 5.6.2023 “On Cake, Credit and Moral Worth”, Bled Epistemology Conference, Slovenia.
- 30.3.2023 “Degrees of Justification and Epistemic Risk”, Epistemic Justification: Formal Epistemology Meets Mainstream Epistemology, LMU, Germany.
- 2.2.2023 “Consequentialist Epistemology” Symposium on *Feasible Dispositions*, Humboldt, Germany.
- 3.11.2022 “Metaphysics of Risk and Luck”, Risk Assessment Workshop, University of Cologne, Germany.
- 18.8.2022 “On Modal Distance”, Dynamis Workshop, Helsinki, Finland.
- 17.6.2022 “The Structure of Moral Encroachment”, Epistemology Workshop, Sweden.
- 6.4.2022 “Reflective Equilibrium”, Markus-Fest, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 8.10.2021 “The Structure of Moral Encroachment”, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- 2.9.2021 “The Structure of Moral Encroachment”, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 17.6.2021 “The Structure and Metaphysics of Risk”, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 2.12.2020 “A Unified Theory of Risk”, University of Cologne, Germany.
- 24.2.2020 “A Unified Theory of Comparative Risk”, Workshop on luck, risk and competence, University of Seville, Spain.

- 10.1.2020 “Need Knowing and Acting Be SSS-Safe?”, Annual Colloquium of the Finnish Philosophical Society, Helsinki.
- 10.12.2019 “Defeat of the Virtues”, Winter workshop, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 15.6.2019 “Justification and the Knowledge Connection”, The Swedish Congress of Philosophy, University of Umeå, Sweden.
- 5.6.2019 “Tietämys ja ymmärryksen synty” (Knowledge and Understanding) Ympäristötiedon forumi.
- 10.5.2019 “Justification and the Knowledge Connection”, Goethe Epistemology Meeting, Goethe Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
- 24.4.2019 “Voiko tiedeskeptisismi olla oikeutettua?” (Can Science Skepticism Be Justified?), Tiedeskeptisimipäivä, Suomenfilosofinen yhdistys.
- 9.4.2019 “Justification and the Knowledge Connection”, Spring Epistemology Workshop 2019, University of Helsinki.
- 14.12.2018 “Epistemic Peerhood – A Success First Account”, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 8.12.2018 “Epistemic Peerhood – A Modal Account”, University of Tartu, Estonia.
- 13.9.2018 “Coherence of Character and the Undefeatability of Safety”, ENFA 7, University of Lisbon, Portugal.
- 11.6.2018 “Knowing without Having the Competence to Do So”, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 16.5.2018 “Modality and Debunking”, Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 28.4.2018 “Modality and Debunking”, 6th European PhdNetwork Meeting, University of Bielefeld, Germany
- 12.1.2018 “Never Mind the Probability”, Philosophical Society of Finland Colloquium 2018, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 12.6.2017 “From Virtue to Safety – Not This Way!”, New Trends in Epistemology, University of Pavia, Italy
- 7.4.2017 ”Never Mind the Probability”, 4th European PhD Network Meeting, University of Bologna, Italy
- 16.3.2017 “Global Safety – How to Deal With Necessary Truths”, Tampere Research Seminar, University of Tampere, Finland
- 10.1.2017 “Havainto-uskomukset ja episteeminen onnekkuus” (with Tuukka Tanninen), Havainto-kollokvio, Suomen filosofinen yhdistys, Finland
- 11.11.2016 “Global Safety - How to Deal with Necessary Truths”, 3rd European PhD Network Meeting, University of Uppsala, Sweden

- 25.10.2016 “Safe and Virtuous”, 2016 Congress for Doctoral Students in Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland
- 24.10.2016 “On Veritic and Reflective Luck of Perceptual Beliefs” (with Tuukka Tanninen), 2016 Congress for Doctoral Students in Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland
- 4.7.2016 “Virtue and Safety” European Epistemology Network Meeting 2016, Paris, France
- 7.6.2016 “Safety and Disagreement” 6th Annual Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh, UK
- 28.5.2016 “Is it Safe to Disagree?” Faces of Disagreement, University of Montreal, Canada
- 16.4.2016 “The Lottery Paradox: Permissibility, Justification and Knowledge”, 2nd European PhD Network Meeting, University of Bucharest, Romania
- 13.10.2015 “Is it Safe to Disagree?”, 2015 Congress for Doctoral Students in Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland
- 16.9.2015 “Virtue, Knowledge and Safety”, Virtue Epistemology Conference, KU Leuven, Belgium
- 12.8.2015 “Knowledge, Virtue and Safety”, Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 11.4.2015 “Knowledge without Virtue”, 6th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Epistemology Conference, Notre Dame, USA
- 27.6.2014 “The Imbalance of Luck and Virtue in Anti-Luck Virtue Epistemology”, University of Edinburgh, UK
- 8.1.2014 “Hyvetietoteoriati ja tiedon arvo”, Hyve-kollokvio, Suomen filosofinen yhdistys, Finland

Teaching

In 2023 the Faculty of Arts teaching evaluation committee at the University of Helsinki evaluated my teaching demonstration as ‘excellent’ and overall teaching skills as ‘very good’.

I have given taught the following courses at university-level.

- 2024-6 Metaethics, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences.
- 2023 Guest Lectures on virtue epistemology at Eindhoven University of Technology.
- 2022 Seminar on Ethics and Epistemology, University of Turku.
- 2022 Bachelor Seminar I, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences.
- 2022 Bachelor Seminar II, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences.
- 2020 Ethics, Epistemology, and Normativity, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts (English)
- 2020 Ph.D. Network Meeting, University of Bologna

- 2019 Master Thesis Seminar I, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts
- 2019 Master Thesis Seminar II, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts
- 2016 Virtue Epistemology, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts (English)
- 2016 Modal Epistemology, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts
- 2015 Introduction to Philosophy and its History: Practicum, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts
- 2015 Epistemology Tutorial, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Arts

Supervision:

- 4 Master's thesis (University of Helsinki)
- 3 Bachelor's thesis (University of Helsinki)
- Member of the dissertation committee of Sergei Gagulov
- Supervisor of the PhD student Konsta Kolehmainen

Other academic activities

- 2021 - Member of the Executive Board of Dynamis: The Finnish Network for Metaphysics
- 2019-2022 Member of the Young Academy Finland
- 2015-2018 Member of the European Ph.D. Network in Philosophy
- Fall 2023 Research visit to ACU, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy
- Fall 2017 Research visit University of California, Irvine

Service to the Profession

I referee more than 20 articles each year. I have served multiple times as a reviewer for:

Nous, Mind, Analysis, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, The Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Quarterly, American Philosophical Quarterly, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Synthese, Erkenntnis, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Research, Dialectica, Episteme, Inquiry, Ergo, Ratio, Res Philosophica, Philosophy, Grazer Philosophische Studien, Theoria, Metaphilosophy, Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review Philosophia, Acta Analytica, Topoi, Asian Journal of Philosophy, Theoria: An International Journal for Theory, History and Foundations of Science, Journal of Modern Philosophy, Philosophical Papers, Principia: an International Journal of Epistemology, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Acta Philosophica Fennica, Ajatus, Kriterion