

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Areas of Specialization

- Metaethics, normative ethics, philosophy of action.

### Areas of Competence

- Social & political philosophy, philosophy of social science, epistemology.
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### Employment

- Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Pavia, 2023-
  - Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Vienna, 2022-2023.
  - Teacher/Researcher (“Vikarierande universitetslektor”), University of Gothenburg, 2021.
  - Teaching Fellow, Durham University, 2019-2021.
  - Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Leeds, 2016-2019.
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### Education

- PhD: University of Leeds, 2015-2019.

Thesis: *The Constitution of Constitutivism* (passed without corrections).

Supervisors: Prof. Pekka Väyrynen (primary), Dr. Daniel Elstein (secondary).

Visiting Doctoral Research: Humboldt University, Berlin, summer term 2017.

- MA: Practical philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 2009-2014, w. distinction.
  - BA: Practical philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 2008-2012, w. distinction.
  - BSc: Political science, University of Gothenburg, 2008-2012, w. distinction.
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### Publications

#### Editorship

- Leffler, Olof & Moen, Lars (forthcoming). “Group Agency”, special issue of *Inquiry*. [Full details TBC.]

## Journal Articles

- Leffler, Olof (forthcoming). “Desire, Disagreement, and Corporate Mental States”, in Leffler, O. & Moen, L. eds. *Inquiry* (special issue on Group Agency). [Full details TBC.]
- Leffler, Olof (forthcoming). “Rationality, Shmatinality: Even Newer Shmagency Worries”, in *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*. [Full details TBC.]
- Leffler, Olof (forthcoming). “Contingency, Sociality, and Moral Progress”, in *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*. [Full details TBC.]
- Leffler, Olof (2022). “How Simple is the Humean Theory of Motivation?”, in *Philosophical Explorations*, Vol. 25, No. 2, pp. 125-140.
- Leffler, Olof (2021). “A Reason to Know”, in *Journal of Value Inquiry*. [Published Online First in 2021, full details TBC.]
- Leffler, Olof (2019). “New Shmagency Worries”, in *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol. 15, No. 2, pp. 121-145.
- Leffler, Olof (2016a). “The Foundations of Agency – and Ethics?”, in *Philosophia*, Vol. 44, No. 2, pp. 547-563.

## Book Chapters

- Leffler, Olof (2020). “Reasons Internalism, Cooperation, and Law”, in Garcia-Godinez, Miguel; Mellin, Rachael & Tuomela, Raimo (eds.). *Social Ontology, Normativity and Law*, De Gruyter, GER: Berlin, pp. 115-132.
- Leffler, Olof (2014). “Om rättfärdigandereflektion” (“On Justification by Reflection”), in Alarcon, Meri; Amundsen Bergström, Matilda; Kaveh, Tanja & Pettersen, Andrea Vilde (eds.). *Meningens motstånd*, Göteborgs universitet: Institutionen för litteratur, idéhistoria och religion, SWE, pp. 35-39.

## Book Reviews

- Leffler, Olof (2018). “Recension av *Social Contract Theory for a Diverse World – Beyond Tolerance* (Ryan Muldoon)” (“Review of *Social Contract Theory for a Diverse World – Beyond Tolerance* (Ryan Muldoon)”), in *Tidskrift för Politisk Filosofi*, Vol. 22, No. 1, pp. 46-51.
- Leffler, Olof (2016b). “Recension av *From Morality to the End of Reason* (Ingmar Persson)” (“Review of *From Morality to the End of Reason* (Ingmar Persson)”), in *Filosofisk Tidskrift*, Vol. 2016, No. 1, pp. 60-65.

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## **Presentations (selected)**

### Invited

- “Deference Incorporated”, Practical Philosophy and Political Theory Research Seminar, University of Gothenburg, 30/3 2022.
- “Contingency, Sociality, and Moral Progress”, The Enemy of the Good. Towards a Theory of Moral Progress Reading Group, Utrecht University (online), 28/1 2022.
- “Reasons Internalism, Cooperation, and Institutions”, at Social Ontology, Normativity and Philosophy of Law, University of Glasgow, 31/5 2019.
- “New Schmagency Worries”, at Thomas Schmidt’s Colloquium, HU Berlin, 18/5 2017, *qua* visiting doctoral researcher.

## Peer Reviewed

- “Desire, Disagreement, and Corporate Mental States”, at SOCI 2023, University of Stockholm, 16-19/8 2023.
  - “Kantian Doubts about Categorical Imperatives”, at Groningen Metaethics Workshop, University of Groningen, 26/4 2023; Possibilities, Impossibilities, and Conflict in Ethics, University of Pardubice, 2/6 2023; ECAP11, CEU/University of Vienna, 21-25/8 2023.
  - “Agent-Switching, Plight Inescapability, and Collective Action”, at SOCI 2022, University of Vienna, 23/8 2022; Workshop on Capacities and the Good, FU Berlin, 9/9 2022.
  - “Deference Incorporated”, at Filosofidagarna 2022 (“Swedish Congress of Philosophy 2022”), Lund University, 11/6 2022; SAP, University of Edinburgh, 2/7 2022.
  - “Contingency, Sociality, and Moral Progress”, at RoME XIV, Rocky Mountains Ethics Congress, University of Colorado Boulder (online), 12-15/8 2021; MANCEPT: Moral and Socio-Political Progress, University of Manchester (online), 8/9 2021.
  - “A Reason to Know”, at The Unity of Normativity – 1<sup>st</sup> FoNTi Conference, University of Vienna (online), 25/9 2020.
  - “Weird Reasons”, at the Joint Session, University of Kent (online), 10-12/7 2020.
  - “Four Cases of Desire-Based Reasons”, at Understanding Value VIII, University of Sheffield, 25/7 2019.
  - “Instrumental Rationality and the Argument Against Particularistic Willing”, at Future of Normativity, University of Kent, 30/6 2018; Understanding Value VII, University of Sheffield, 18/7 2018; Irish Philosophical Society Annual Conference 2018, University College Dublin, 10/11 2018.
  - “The Virtues of the Humean Theory of Motivation”, at ECAP9, LMU Munich, 24/8 2017; Humeanisms, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Inst. of Philosophy), 29/7 2018.
  - “What We Learn from the Schmagency Objection” at Understanding Value V, University of Sheffield, 29/7 2016.
  - “Categorical Normativity and Bottom-Up Solutions”, at Filosofidagarna 2015 (“Swedish Congress of Philosophy 2015”), Linköping University, 13/6 2015.
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## **Teaching**

### Taught at Gothenburg (2021)

- Normativ etik (“Normative Ethics”), 1<sup>st</sup> year module, module designer/leader.
- Analytisk filosofi (“Analytic Philosophy”), 1<sup>st</sup> year module.
- Fördjupad kurs i den praktiska filosofins historia: Aristoteles (“Extended Course in the History of Practical Philosophy: Aristotle”), 2<sup>nd</sup> year module, module designer/leader.
- Samtida västerländsk filosofi (“Contemporary Western Philosophy”), general module.

### Taught at Durham (2019-2021)

#### Undergraduate

- Science, Medicine, and Society, 1<sup>st</sup> year module, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.
- Philosophy of Economics and Politics, 2<sup>nd</sup> year module, module designer/leader, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.
- Ethics in Business Practice, 3<sup>rd</sup> year module, module designer/leader, 2020-2021.
- BA Dissertation Supervision, 2019-2020; 2020-2021.

## Postgraduate

- Philosophy of the Social Sciences, module designer/leader, 2020.
- Business Ethics I: Ethical Leadership, module designer/leader, 2020-2021.
- Business Ethics II: Society and Sustainability, module designer/leader, 2021.
- MA Dissertation Supervision, 2021.

NB. I also did other teaching (such as BA- and MA dissertation marking) *ad hoc* at Durham.

## Taught at Leeds (2016-2019)

- The Mind, 1<sup>st</sup> year module, 2019.
- Knowledge, Self and Reality, 1<sup>st</sup> year module, 2018.
- The Good, the Bad, the Right, the Wrong, 1<sup>st</sup> year module, 2017; 2019.
- How to Think Clearly and Argue Well, 1<sup>st</sup> year module, 2017.
- Great Philosophical Thinkers, 1<sup>st</sup> year module, 2016; 2018; 2019.
- Philosophy of Mind, 2<sup>nd</sup> year module, 2019.
- Ethics of Life and Death, 2<sup>nd</sup> year module, 2019.
- Topics in Epistemology: Knowledge and Justification, 2<sup>nd</sup> year module, 2017.
- War, Terror and Justice, 3<sup>rd</sup> year module, 2019.
- Metaethics, 3<sup>rd</sup> year module, 2018.

## Mentoring

- Academic advisor for undergraduate students, Durham University, 2020-2021.
- Mentor for undergraduate students, University of Leeds, 2018-2019.
- Mentor for undergraduate students, University of Gothenburg, 2011-2014.

## Further Experience

- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), 2018.
- Internal seminars on teaching in higher education, University of Leeds, 2016-2019.
- Instructor of new postgraduate tutors at PRHS, University of Leeds, 2018; 2019.
- MA studies include the 15 HEC module “Practical Philosophy: Scientific Methods and Philosophical Pedagogy”, University of Gothenburg, 2012.

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## **Administration**

### Organization

- Aesthetics, Ethics, and Politics workshop organizer (x2), Durham University, 2021.
- Organizer of the conference Morality and Rationality Revisited (with David Heering and Adina Covaci), University of Leeds, 2018.
- Leeds rep. in the organization of the White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum, 2018.
- Leeds rep. in the organization of the conference Understanding Value VI (with James Lewis, Ahmad Fattah, Rosa Vince, and William Hornett), University of Sheffield, 2017.
- Organizer of the PG Seminar (with David Heering), University of Leeds, 2016-2017.
- Peer mentoring programme coordinator, University of Gothenburg, 2013-2015.

## Funding Received

- Morality and Rationality Revisited: Minor grants from CEM and the School of PRHS at the University of Leeds, Mind, The Analysis Trust, and the Aristotelian Society, 2018.
- Anérstiftelsen: 40 000 skr (ca £3500) to cover expenses during my 4<sup>th</sup> PhD year, 2018.
- Understanding Value VI: Minor grants from the White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities, the Analysis Trust, and the British Society of Aesthetics, 2017.
- Erasmus+: Expenses at HU Berlin *qua* visiting doctoral researcher summer 2017, 2016.
- University of Leeds 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship: Covered fees and maintenance for the duration of my PhD, 2015.

## Service

- International Exchange Officer, Durham University, 2020-2021.
- Misc. at Durham: Exam scrutinizer, hiring process participant, research committee member, 2020-2021.
- Misc. at Leeds: CEM & research seminar activity planning, hiring process participant, outreach work, member of MAP chapter, 2016-2019.
- Misc. at Gothenburg: Assistant at Filosofidagarna 2011 (“Swedish Congress of Philosophy 2011”), board member of the Philosophical Society, 2009-2014.

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## Miscellaneous

### Peer Reviewer

- *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, *dialectica*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Studies* (x2), *Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), *Southwest Philosophy Review*.
- Equivalent work as guest editor of *Inquiry* and at several conferences.

### Languages

- Swedish (native)
- English (excellent)
- Norwegian, Danish, and German (reasonable)
- French (basic)

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## References

- Available on request.