

- Curriculum Vitae -

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### Areas of Specialization

- Metaethics (esp. moral metaphysics and epistemology)
- Normative ethics
- Philosophy of action (esp. practical reason)

### Areas of Competence

- Political philosophy
  - Epistemology
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### Education

- PhD Student: University of Leeds, 2015-2019 (est.)

Project title: *The Constitution of Constitutivism*

Supervisors: Prof. Pekka Väyrynen (primary), Dr. Daniel Elstein (secondary)<sup>1</sup>

Summer term 2017 was spent as a visiting student at Humboldt University, Berlin.

- Master of Arts: Practical philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 2009-2014, w. distinction.
  - Bachelor of Arts: Practical philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 2008-2012, w. distinction.
  - Bachelor of Science: Political science (secondary specialization: economics), University of Gothenburg, 2008-2012, w. distinction.
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### Publications

#### Major

- Leffler, Olof (forthcoming). “New Shmagency Worries”, accepted for publication in *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, [further details not yet available].
- Leffler, Olof (2016). “The Foundations of Agency – and Ethics?”, in *Philosophia*, Vol. 44, No. 2, pp. 547-563.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Ulrike Heuer was originally one of my supervisors, but has been replaced after her move from Leeds to UCL.

## Minor

- 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 (2016). “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*, No. 1, pp. 60-62.
- 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, pp. 35-39.

## Work in Progress

- Leffler, Olof (ms.). “Constitutivism and the Reappearing Agent”, under review at *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- Leffler, Olof (ms.). “How Simple is the Humean Theory of Motivation?”, in progress.

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## **Conferences and Presentations<sup>2</sup>**

- Presentation of “The Partygoer’s Dilemma, The Weight of Reasons, and Morality” at the Postgraduate Seminar, University of Leeds, 19/10 2018; Centre for Ethics and Metaethics, University of Leeds, 12/12 2018.
- Presentation of “Instrumental Rationality and the Argument Against Particularistic Willing”, at Future of Normativity, University of Kent, 30/6 2018, peer reviewed; Understanding Value VII, University of Sheffield, 18/7 2018, peer reviewed; Irish Philosophical Society Annual Conference 2018, University College Dublin, 10/11 2018, peer reviewed.<sup>3</sup>
- Presentation of “Instrumental Rationality, Normativity, and the Argument Against Particularistic Willing”, at Centre for Ethics and Metaethics, University of Leeds, 31/1 2018.
- Presentation of “Kantianism, Humeanism, and Unified Agency”, at the Postgraduate Seminar, University of Leeds, 5/10 2017.
- Presentation of “The Virtues of the Humean Theory of Motivation”, at the Postgraduate Seminar, University of Leeds, 9/12 2016; European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Ludwig Maximilians–Universität Munich, 24/8 2017, peer-reviewed; Humeanisms, 2nd Bucharest-Budapest Workshop in Philosophy, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Institute of Philosophy), 29/7 2018, peer reviewed.
- Presentation of “New Schmagency Worries”, at Thomas Schmidt’s Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 18/5 2017.
- Respondent to “Whom to Blame and Whom to Praise. A Cross-Cultural Pilot Study to Prove the Influence of Social Hierarchy for Attribution of Moral Evaluations” by

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<sup>2</sup> All references to future dates involve papers that have been accepted but not yet given.

<sup>3</sup> Versions of this paper have also been accepted (after peer review) at *Tagung für Praktische Philosophie*, University of Salzburg, November 2017 and at the meeting of the *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, University of Rijeka, September 2018, but I was unable to participate at those events.

Albert Newen, at Social Norms and Obligation Workshop, University of Sheffield, 18/10 2016.

- Presentation of “What We Learn from the Schmagency Objection”, at the Postgraduate Seminar, University of Leeds, 29/4 2016; White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum, York meeting, 18/6 2016; Understanding Value V, University of Sheffield, 29/7 2016, peer reviewed.
- Respondent to “Macintyre, Moral Disagreements and Liberal Politics” by Ahmad Fattah (Sheffield) at the White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum, Leeds meeting, 14/11 2015.
- Presentation of “Categorical Normativity and Bottom-Up Solutions”, Filosofidagarna, Swedish National Congress of Philosophy, Linköping, 13/6 2015, peer reviewed.
- Respondent to “Moral Disagreement Despite Diversity” by Ragnar Francén Olinder, Research Seminar in Practical Philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 15/4 2015.
- Presentation of “Deliberative Indispensability Deliberately Dispensed With”. Research Seminar in Practical Philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 18/9 2013.

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## Teaching

### Tutoring<sup>4</sup>

- 2018-2019  
Phil 2295, Ethics of Life and Death (second-year applied ethics module, module leader: Dr. Georgia Testa). Includes lecturing, topic TBA.  
Phil 1105, The Mind (introduction to philosophy of mind, module leader: TBA)  
Phil 1120, Great Philosophical Thinkers (introduction to philosophy module covering the history of philosophy, module leader: Dr. Nick Jones).
- 2017-2018  
Phil 3324, Metaethics (third-year metaethics module, module leader: Prof. Pekka Väyrynen), spring 2018. Lecturing on Ayer and expressivism.  
Phil 1090, Knowledge, Self and Reality (first-year introduction to M&E, module leader: Prof. Robin le Poidevin).  
Phil 2422, Topics in Epistemology: Knowledge and Justification (second-year epistemology module, module leaders: Dr. Lea Saljé, Dr. Shyane Siriwardena).  
Lecturing on coherentism about justification.  
Phil 1250, How to Think Clearly and Argue Well (introduction to critical thinking and logic, module leader: Dr. Scott Shalkowski).
- 2016-2017  
Phil 1080, The Good, the Bad, the Right, the Wrong (introduction to moral and political philosophy, module leader: Dr. Gerald Lang).  
Phil 1120, Great Philosophical Thinkers (introduction to philosophy module covering the history of philosophy, module leaders: Dr. Nick Jones, Prof. Chris Megone, Dr. Victor Durà-Vilà).

### Mentoring

- Mentor for two outstanding third-year undergraduate student in the Faculty of Humanities, University of Leeds, 2018-19.

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<sup>4</sup> All modules tutored have included leading tutorials and marking, plus the extra activities mentioned.

- Mentor for introductory level students in practical philosophy at the University of Gothenburg for four semesters; spring-autumn 2011, spring 2012, autumn 2013.
- Mentor/discussion group organizer for intermediate level students in practical and theoretical philosophy at the University of Gothenburg on an *ad hoc* basis, autumn 2011, spring 2014.

### Further Qualifications

- Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (AFHEA), 2018.
- MA studies include a module on teaching in higher education, covering topics such as module construction, constructive alignment, the epistemology of teaching, 2012.

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### **Administration<sup>5</sup>**

#### Organization

- Organizer of the conference Morality and Rationality Revisited (with David Heering and Adina Covaci, Leeds), 2018.  
Comments: Included practicalities such as scheduling, peer reviewing abstracts, and applying for funding.
- Leeds representative in the White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum, 2018.  
Comments: Included disseminating information about the activities, scheduling, peer reviewing, and sorting out reimbursement claims.
- Graduate representative during the organization of the department-wide Philosophy seminar for the academic years 2017-2018, 2018-2019.
- Leeds representative in the organization of the conference Understanding Value VI (with James Lewis, Ahmad Fattah, Rosa Vince, and William Hornett, Sheffield), summer 2017.  
Comments: Included co-applying for funding, assessing abstracts, chairing sessions, and various practical details surrounding the conference.
- Organizer of the Postgraduate Seminar (with David Heering), University of Leeds, 2016-2017.
- Organizer of the philosophy of action reading group, autumn 2016-spring 2018.
- Organizer of the Gothenburg-Lund Student Exchange at University of Gothenburg, autumn 2013, spring 2014.
- Mentorship program coordinator at University of Gothenburg, 2013-2015.

#### Funding Received<sup>6</sup>

- University of Leeds 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship: Covering fees and maintenance for the duration of my PhD, 2015.
- Axénstiftelsen: 40 000 kr (ca £3500) to cover expenses during my 4<sup>th</sup> PhD year, 2018.
- Erasmus+: Covering expenses when staying at Humboldt in summer term 2017, 2016.
- Understanding Value VI: A number of minor grants to cover expenses during the conference. We received funding from the White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities, the Analysis Trust, and the British Society of Aesthetics, 2017.

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<sup>5</sup> All activities at University of Leeds except where otherwise noted.

<sup>6</sup> I have also been non-actively involved in funding applications for Understanding Value VII and WRPPF.

- *Morality and Rationality Revisited*: A number of minor grants to cover expenses during the conference. We received funding from the Centre for Ethics and Metaethics and the School of PRHS at University of Leeds, Mind, The Analysis Trust, and the Aristotelian Society, 2018.

### Miscellaneous Administration

- Member of the Minorities and Philosophy chapter at University of Leeds, 2018-2019.
- Actively involved in steering the CEM group's research activities at various meetings.
- Outreach work for the Mangoletsi Lectures (held by Rae Langton), 2016.
- Index writer for the Motivational Internalism conference volume from the Moral Motivation: Evidence and Relevance research project at University of Gothenburg, 2014.
- Assistant at the Filosofidagarna 2011 conference (viz. Swedish National Congress of Philosophy conference) at University of Gothenburg, 2011.
- Board member of the Philosophical Society at University of Gothenburg, 2009-2013.

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### **Miscellaneous**

#### Academia

- Peer reviewer for: *dialectica*, *Morality and Rationality Revisited*, *White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum*, *Understanding Value VI*.
- Participant in CRASSH, Interdisciplinary Conference/Workshop in Moral Psychology, University of Cambridge, 9/10 2015.
- Non-academic presentations about academic topics include:  
Presentation of "Public Reasons and Normative Reasons" for the network organization Rosa Rummet, University of Gothenburg, 10/11 2014.  
Presentation of "Epistemisk rättfärdigandereflektion" ("Reflecting on Epistemic Justification") for academic mentors, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 22/10 2014.

#### Languages

- Swedish (native)
- English (excellent)
- Norwegian and Danish (fair comprehension, via speaking Swedish)
- French and German (basic)

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### **Academic References**

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