

- Curriculum Vitae -

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Areas of Specialization

- Metaethics
- Philosophy of action
- Normative ethics

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)¹

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

Journal Articles

- 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.

¹ Dr. Ulrike Heuer was originally one of my supervisors. She was replaced after her move from Leeds to UCL.

Chapters

- Leffler, Olof (forthcoming). “Reasons Internalism, Cooperation, and Law“, accepted for publication in a volume based on the conference SORG II, [further details not yet available].
- 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.

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 (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.

Work in Progress

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

Conferences and Presentations²

- Presentation of “Four Cases of Desire-Based Reasons”, at Understanding Value VIII, University of Sheffield, 24-26/07/19, peer reviewed.
- Respondent to "How (Not) to Attack Structured Normative Non-Naturalism" by Matt Lutz (Wuhan), at the Leeds-Wuhan Normativity Workshop, University of Leeds, 24/06/19.
- Presentation of “Reasons Internalism, Cooperation, and Institutions”, at the Postgraduate Seminar, University of Leeds, 29/4 2016; SORG II, University of Glasgow, 31/5 2019, invited.
- 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.³

² All references to future dates involve presentations that have been accepted but not yet given.

³ Versions of this paper have also been accepted (after peer review) at the *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.

- Presentation of “Instrumental Rationality, Normativity, and the Argument Against Particularistic Willing”, at the 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 Albert Newen (Bochum), 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”, at Filosofidagarna, Swedish Congress of Philosophy, Linköping, 13/6 2015, peer reviewed.
- Respondent to “Moral Disagreement Despite Diversity” by Ragnar Francén Olinder (Gothenburg), Research Seminar in Practical Philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 15/4 2015.
- Presentation of “Deliberative Indispensability Deliberately Dispensed With”, at the Research Seminar in Practical Philosophy, University of Gothenburg, 18/9 2013.

Teaching

Tutoring and Lecturing

I have held small-group tutorials and marked essays or exams as well as been in touch with students via other means (e.g. office hours, e-mail) on all the modules mentioned below. I also note explicitly where I have lectured.

First-Year Modules

- Great Philosophical Thinkers, 2016; 2018.
Comment: Introduction to the history of philosophy module, focusing on Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume and Kant.
- The Good, the Bad, the Right, the Wrong, 2017; 2019.
Comment: Introduction to moral and political philosophy, covering various topics in meta- and normative ethics. I lectured on deontology the second time I taught on the module.

- How to Think Clearly and Argue Well, 2017.
Comment: Introduction to critical thinking and logic, focusing mostly on fallacies, predicate logic, and propositional logic.
- Knowledge, Self and Reality, 2018.
Comment: Introduction to theoretical philosophy, with a special focus on metaphysics and epistemology.
- The Mind, 2019.
Comment: Introduction to philosophy of mind.

Upper-Year Modules

- Topics in Epistemology: Knowledge and Justification, 2017.
Comment: Extended introduction to epistemology, featuring discussions of justification, knowledge, sources of knowledge, *a priori* vs. *a posteriori* knowledge, etc., for 2nd year undergraduates. I lectured on coherentism about justification.
- Metaethics, 2018.
Comment: Extended introduction to metaethics, featuring all of its main issues and branches, for 3rd year undergraduates. I lectured on Ayer and expressivism.
- Ethics of Life and Death, 2019.
Comment: Applied/normative ethics module about ethical issues concerning life and death, for 2nd year undergraduates.

Mentoring

- Mentor for two outstanding third-year undergraduate student in the Faculty of Humanities, University of Leeds, 2018-2019.
- Mentor for introductory level students in practical philosophy at the University of Gothenburg, 2011; 2012; 2013.
- Mentor/discussion group organizer for upper-year students in practical and theoretical philosophy at the University of Gothenburg on an *ad hoc* basis, 2011; 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.

Administration⁴

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.

⁴ All activities at the University of Leeds except where otherwise noted.

- Graduate representative during the organization of the department-wide general 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), 2016-2017.
- Organizer of a philosophy of action reading group, 2016-2018.
- Organizer of the Gothenburg-Lund Student Exchange, University of Gothenburg, 2013; 2014.
- Mentorship program coordinator, University of Gothenburg, 2013-2015.

Funding Received⁵

- University of Leeds 110th Anniversary Scholarship: Covering fees and maintenance for the duration of my PhD, 2015.
- Axénstiftelsen: 40 000 kr (ca £3500) to cover expenses during my 4th 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.
- 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 the University of Leeds, Mind, The Analysis Trust, and the Aristotelian Society, 2018.

Miscellaneous Administration

- Member of the Minorities and Philosophy chapter at the 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 the University of Gothenburg, 2014.
- Assistant at the Filosofidagarna 2011 conference (viz. Swedish Congress of Philosophy 2011 conference) at the University of Gothenburg, 2011.
- Board member of the Philosophical Society at the University of Gothenburg, 2009-2013.

Miscellaneous

Academia

- Peer reviewer for: *dialectica*, *Morality and Rationality Revisited*, *White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum*, *Understanding Value VI*.

⁵ I have also been non-actively involved in funding applications for Understanding Value VII and WRPPF.

- 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

- Available on request.