

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

- Postdoc, University of Siena, 2024-
 - Postdoc, University of Pavia, 2023-2024.
 - Postdoc, 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). “Constitutivism’s Plight: Normativity, Inescapability, and Relativism”, in *Philosophical Quarterly*. [Further details not yet available.]
- Leffler, Olof (2024a). “Contingency, Sociality, and Moral Progress”, in *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, Vol. 10, No. 3, pp. 522-541. [Originally published Online First 2023.]
- Leffler, Olof (2024b). “Rationality, Shmatinality: Even Newer Shmagency Worries”, in *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, Vol. 27, No. 2, pp. 371-404.
- Leffler, Olof (2024c). “Market Failures and Moral Failures: A Dilemma”, in *Public Affairs Quarterly*, Vol. 38, No. 2, pp. 153-171.
- Leffler, Olof (2023a). “Agent-Switching, Plight Inescapability, and Corporate Agency”, in *Analytic Philosophy*. [Published Online First 2023, full details TBC.]
- Leffler, Olof (2023b). “Desire, Disagreement, and Corporate Mental States”, in *Inquiry* (in Leffler, Olof & Moen, Lars (eds.). *Group Agency* special issue.) [Published Online First 2023, full details TBC.]
- Leffler, Olof (2023c). “Zombies Incorporated”, in *Theoria*, Vol. 89, No. 5, pp. 640-659.
- Leffler, Olof (2023d). “A Reason to Know”, in *Journal of Value Inquiry*, Vol. 57, No. 3, pp. 557-575. [Originally published Online First 2021.]
- Leffler, Olof (2022). “How Simple is the Humean Theory of Motivation?”, in *Philosophical Explorations*, Vol. 25, No. 2, pp. 125-140.
- 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”, in Alarcon, Meri; Amundsen Bergström, Matilda; Kaveh, Tanja & Pettersen, Andrea Vilde (eds.). *Meningens motstånd*, Göteborgs universitet: LIR, SWE: Gothenburg, pp. 35-39.

Book Reviews

- Leffler, Olof (2018). “Recension av *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)”, in *Filosofisk Tidskrift*, Vol. 2016, No. 1, pp. 60-65.

Presentations (selected)

Invited

- “Now What? in Social Ontology and Metaethics”, New Perspectives on the Now What Question for Moral Error Theory, University of Leiden, 15/12 2023; Krakow Seminars in Law, Language, and Philosophy, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, 9/4 2024.

- “Intelligibly Bad Action”, Research Seminar, IUSS Pavia, 25/10 2023; Institutions, Agency, and Responsibility Workshop, University College Cork, 24/5 2024.
- “Market Failures and Moral Failures: A Dilemma”, FIRE Seminar, University of Gothenburg, 26/4 2022.
- “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, 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, 17/8 2023.
- “Kantian Doubts about Categorical Imperatives”, at Third 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, 22/8 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, 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, 12/8 2021; MANCEPT: Moral and Socio-Political Progress, University of Manchester, 8/9 2021.
- “A Reason to Know”, at The Unity of Normativity, University of Vienna, 25/9 2020.
- “Weird Reasons”, at the Joint Session, University of Kent, 10/7 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, UCD, 10/11 2018.
- “The Virtues of the Humean Theory of Motivation”, at ECAP9, LMU Munich, 24/8 2017; Humeanisms, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 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, Linköping University, 13/6 2015.

Teaching

Taught at Pavia (2023)

- Ethics, Law and AI, 2nd year module, sub-module designer/leader.
- Advanced Foundations of Law and Privacy Regulations, MA module, seminar leader.

Taught at Gothenburg (2021)

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

Taught at Durham (2019-2021)

Undergraduate

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

Taught at Leeds (2016-2019)

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

- Organizer of the workshop “Corporate Retrospective Responsibility” (with Christoph Lumer), University of Siena, 2024. [Event not yet held.]
- Organizer of the workshop “Aesthetics, Ethics, and Politics”, Durham University, 2021.
- Organizer of the conference “Morality and Rationality Revisited” (with David Heering and Adina Covaci), University of Leeds, 2018.
- Leeds representative in the organization of the White Rose Philosophy Postgraduate Forum, 2018.
- Leeds representative 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.

Departmental 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, board member of the Philosophical Society, 2009-2014.

Miscellaneous

Peer Reviewer

- *Analysis, Croatian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Episteme, Ergo, Journal of Business Ethics, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Value Inquiry, Mind, Organon F, Philosophical Explorations, Philosophical Inquiries, Philosophical Studies (x3), Philosophical Quarterly (x2), Southwest Philosophy Review, Topoi.*
- Equivalent work as guest editor of *Inquiry* and at several conferences.

Funding Received (as PhD Student)

- “Morality and Rationality Revisited” conference: 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 4th PhD year, 2018.
- “Understanding Value VI” conference: Minor grants from the White Rose College of the Arts & Humanities, the Analysis Trust, and the British Society of Aesthetics, 2017.
- Erasmus+: Expenses at Humboldt University Berlin *qua* visiting doctoral researcher summer 2017, 2016.

- University of Leeds 110th Anniversary Scholarship: PhD fees and maintenance, 2015.

Languages

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

- Available on request.