

Melina Tsapos

PhD | Philosophy

Lund University
Helgonavägen 3, Lund, Sweden
☎ +46 722669033
✉ melina.tsapos@fil.lu.se
🌐 melinatsapos.com

EDUCATION

- 2021-2025 **Theoretical Philosophy** *PhD*, awarded 12 Sep 2025, Lund University. Main supervisor: Erik J. Olsson. External Reviewer (defense opponent): Catarina Dutilh Novaes.
- 2019-2021 **Cognitive Science** *Masters Program*, Lund University
- 2018–2020 **Theoretical Philosophy** *Masters Degree*, Lund University
- 2015–2018 **Theoretical Philosophy** *Bachelor Degree*, Lund University

PUBLICATIONS (selection)

- 2025 **Tsapos, M.**, Dimensions of Conspiracy Theories: Toward a unifying framework *Philosophical Psychology*
- 2025 **Tsapos, M.**, What is Interesting about Conspiracy Theories? *Social Epistemology*, 1-13
- 2025 **Tsapos, M.**, Betting on Conspiracy: A Decision Theoretic Account of the Rationality of Conspiracy Theory Belief *Erkenntnis*, (90(5), 1913-1931.)
- 2025 **Tsapos, M.**, Dimensions of Conspiracy: An inquiry into the cognitive and epistemic standing of conspiracy theories. Thesis (Compilation). Department of Philosophy, Lund University Press.
- 2024 **Tsapos, M.**, Should We Worry about Conspiracy Theorists Rejecting Experts? *Inquiry*, 68(8), 2820-2840.
- 2024 **Dentith, M. R. X., Duetz J, Tsapos, M.**, *Investigating Conspiracy Theories – Introduction to the Special Issue, Inquiry*
- 2023 **Tsapos, M.**, Who is a Conspiracy Theorist? *Social Epistemology*, 37(4), 454–463.
- 2023 **Ekström, A. G., Madison, G., Olsson, E. J. & Tsapos, M.**, The Search Query Filter Bubble: Effect of User Ideology on Political Leaning of Search Results Through Query Selection *Information, Communication & Society*, 36(1), 22-69.

TEACHING

- 2024 **The Philosophy of Mind** *Course coordinator & Lecturer*, Level 1, Lund University
- 2022 - 2023 **Epistemology** *Lecturer*, Level 2, Lund University
- Fall 2022 **20th Century Philosophy** *Lecturer*, Level 1, Lund University

2022 - 2023 **Introduction to University Studies** *Course coordinator & Lecturer*, The Institute of Health Sciences, Lund University

RESEARCH FELLOW

2026 Jan **Blackheath, NSW, Australia** *by invitation of Prof. Mark Alfano*, Macquarie University

2025 Feb **The University of Sydney** *Department of Philosophy, visiting Ryan Cox*, full scholarship grant

INVITED SPEAKER

2025 Sep **SOPhia—Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy 2025** *Salzburg, Austria*, Invited Speaker

2025 July **Universität Bayreuth** *Philosophy Research Forum*, Invited Speaker

2025 May **Centre for Cultural Evolution, Stockholm University**, Invited Speaker

2025 Feb **Macquarie university** *Sydney, Australia*, Invited Speaker

2024 Oct **Medical Ethics, Department of Clinical Sciences, Lund**, Invited Speaker

2023 Sep **CalTech CSSPP, Pasadena** *Conspiratorial Thinking & Origins, Spread and Consequences*, Invited Speaker

2023 May **Cognitive Science, Lund**, Invited speaker

2023 Jan **Space Humanities** *Should We Believe Space Conspiracies?*, Invited speaker

PRESENTATIONS | WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

2025 June **University of Graz** *AI Assertion: Perspectives from Philosophy, Cognitive Science, Linguistics & HCI*, Presenter

2024 Maj **Nordic Network of Conspiracy Theory Research** *Conspiracy Theories and the Nordic Countries*, Presenter

2023 Oct **SweCog, Göteborg** *The 18th SweCog conference of the Swedish Cognitive Science Society*, Presenter

2023 June **VU, Amsterdam** *The 2nd International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories*, Organizer, panel moderator and presenter

2023 May **Gargnano del Garda, Italy** *Workshop: The Implications of Pathologizing Conspiracy Beliefs*, Invited Speaker

2022 July **Zürich Summer School, University of Zurich** *Conceptual Engineering, Experimental Methods and Politically Correct Language*, Presenter and participant

2022 June **The Swedish Congress of Philosophy, Lund**, Conference Speaker

2022 Feb **Claremont, California** *The 1st International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theory*, Speaker and Panelist

EDITOR & PEER REVIEW

Editor **Edward Elgars Publishing** *Research Handbook on Conspiracy Theories with David Coady*, 2025

Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy 2024, Special Issue co-editor, <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2024.2375773>

Peer review: **Journals** *Synthese*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Inquiry*; *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*; *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*; *Social Epistemology*; *Pro-Fil – An Internet Journal of Philosophy*

Books Anthem Press UK; Edward Elgars Publishing

RESEARCH & FUNDING

Projects **CogPhi Research Group** *Cognitive Philosophy. Investigating philosophical topics from the perspective of cognitive science*

The Pufendorf institute ASG Project *An interdisciplinary research initiative at the Pufendorf Institute, “Anomalous Agenda”, bringing together experts to study the UAP phenomena, Main organisers: Melina Tsapos and Anders Warrell*

SETI Post-Detection Hub *Research Affiliate, UK SETI Research Network, University of St Andrews*

Funding **Research Grant** *Who believes in Conspiracy Theories?*, The Erik and Gurli Hultengren Foundation for Philosophy, 10,000 SEK

2nd International Conference of Conspiracy Theories, The Erik and Gurli Hultengren Foundation for Philosophy, 30,000 SEK

Online experiment *Is the Voice Epistemically Privileged? Implications for polarisation*

OUTREACH & COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

Lund’s Doctoral Student Union Working Committee, 2023

Vice Chair *Lund Philosophical Society*, 2018-2021

ABC Radio National *The Philosopher’s Zone*, Feb 2025

Podcast Host *Filosofiska Podden Mogensen & Tsapos*, 2023-current

Council *Swedish National Radio P1*, *Filosofiska Rummet*, 2021-current

Swedish National Radio, P1 *Filosofiska Rummet*, Invited panelist, 2021 & 2022

Youtube-channel, *In-Depth Conversations*, Host and Founder

OTHER SKILLS & COURSES

Languages **Swedish, Hungarian and English**, Fluent
Greek, Conversational

Courses **Introduction to fMRI**, Lund University, 2021

R-studios, Lund University, 2021

Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Lund Univeristy, 2021

Supplemental Instructor *Mentors course*, Lund University, 2016–2018