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Curriculum Vitae

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Academic appointments:

Summer 2015 – Professor in theoretical philosophy, especially history of philosophy. Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University.

Summer 2007 – Summer 2015, Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University.

Summer 2007 Elected as a substitute lecturer Department of Theoretical Philosophy, University of Helsinki. Did not hold the office due to the permanent appointment.

Research visits:

Michaelmas 2018 Visiting scholar, Corpus Christi, Oxford.

Autumn term 2015 Erik Allardt Visiting Fellow, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies.

Autumn 2009 Oslo Center of Advanced Studies, Happiness-project, a one-month visit.

Hilary 2003 Visiting scholar, Wolfson, University of Oxford.

Education:

Docent (close to the German Habilitation) in theoretical philosophy, University of Helsinki, 29.5.2007.

PhD (philosophy), King's College, London, UK, 31.12.2001.

MPhil (philosophy), King's College, London, 31.7.1999

MA (general history), University of Helsinki, Finland, 22.10.1996

Monographs:

Neoplatonism. Ancient Philosophies series. Acumen Press. 2008.

Plotinus on Self. The Philosophy of the 'We'. Cambridge University Press. 2007.

Edited volumes:

Pettersson, O. and Remes P. (eds.) *Platonic Autonomy: Unity, Self-Determination, and Cooperation*, Cambridge University Press. 2025.

Remes, P. and Slaveva-Griffin, S. (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Neoplatonism*, Routledge. 2014. (Awarded the Outstanding Academic Title by the Association of College and Research Libraries, Choice).

Remes, P. and Sihvola, J. (eds.) *Ancient Philosophy of the Self*, The New Synthese Historical Library, Springer. 2008.

Heinämaa, S., Lähteenmäki V. and Remes, P. (eds.) *Consciousness: From Perception to Reflection in the History of Philosophy*, Studies in the History of Philosophy of Mind, Vol. 4. Dordrecht: Springer. 2007

Forthcoming work:

Plotinus Enneads I.3. On Dialectic, translation, introduction, commentary. The *Enneads* of Plotinus with Philosophical Commentaries series. Parmenides Press. Forthcoming 2026.

'Plato on *koine boulê*: Joint Commitment in the *Crito*', in D. Robichaud and T. Scarpelli Cory (eds.) *Minds in Dialogue in the History of Philosophy*.

'Plotinus on Soul: Soul, its Activities, the Body and the Self' in C. Wildberg (ed.) *Oxford Handbook in Neoplatonism*, forthcoming 2026, Oxford University Press.

'*Epimeleia* in Olympiodorus' Commentary of *Alcibiades I*', in L. Candiotta and P. Sabrier (eds.) *Platonic Care Ethics: An Ancient-Contemporary Dialogue on the Care for the Soul*.

'Plotinus on *phronêsis*,' in T. Johansen, D. O'Meara and F. Trivigno (eds.) *Cosmology and Happiness in Plotinus, Essays in the Honour of Eyjólfur K. Emilsson*, (Philosophy from Imperial Times to the End of Antiquity Series), Brill.

Published articles and book chapters:

'Plotinus on Colour' in Katerina Ierodiakonou (ed.) *Colour Theories from Democritus to Descartes*. Routledge, 2024.

co-authored with Toomas Lott 'Plato on the Benefits of Inquiring Jointly', in Peter Larsen and Vasilis Politis (ed.s) *The Platonic Mind*, Routledge, 2024.

'Strengths of Embodiment in Neoplatonism', in David Charles (ed.) *History of Hylomorphism*, Oxford University Press, 2023.

- 'Self-Knowledge and Self-Reflexivity', in L. P. Gerson & J. Wilberding (eds.) *The New Cambridge Companion to Plotinus*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022, 241-266.
- 'Olympiodorus on the Human Being', in I. Ramelli and S. Slaveva-Griffin (eds.) *Lovers of the Soul, Lovers of the Body: Philosophical and Religious Perspectives in Late Antiquity*, Hellenic Studies series, Cambridge, Mass. & London: Harvard University Press, 2022, 171-192.
- 'Plotinus and Augustine on Self-Constitution' in P. Kitcher (ed.) *The Self: A History*, Oxford Philosophical Concepts, Oxford: OUP, 2021, 28-54.
- 'The *proimion* and the *skopos*: Proclus' Commentary of the *Alcibiades I*' in A. Tsakmakis, E. Kaklamanou and M. Pavlou (eds.) *Framing the Dialogues*, Plato Studies Series, Brill, 2019, 236-279.
- 'Relating to the World, Encountering the Other: Plotinus on Cosmic and Human Action' in P. Horky (ed.) *Cosmos in the Ancient World*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019, 142-163.
- 'Self-Knowledge in Plotinus: Becoming Who You Are', U. Renz (ed.) *Self-Knowledge. A History*. Oxford Philosophical Concepts, Oxford University Press, 2016.
- 'For Itself and From Nothing: The One as the Extreme Ideal for the Self' in Deretic, I. & Sorgner, S. L. (eds.) *Collection of Essays on Humanism and Posthumanism*, Beyond Humanism: Trans- and Posthumanism, Peter Lang, 2016.
- 'Plotinus on Human Action and Divine Power' in A. Marmodoro & E. Viltanioti (eds.) *Divine Powers in Late Antiquity*, Oxford University Press, 2017.
- 'Action, Reasoning, and the Highest Good,' in Remes, P. and Slaveva-Griffin, S. (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Neoplatonism*, Routledge, 2014, 453-470.
- Remes & Slaveva-Griffin, S. 'General Introduction: Neoplatonism Today', in Remes, P. and Slaveva-Griffin, S. (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Neoplatonism*, Routledge, 2014, 1-12.
- 'Interaction between the External Body and the Perceiver in the *Timaeus*', Silva, J. F. & Yrjönsuuri, M (eds.) *Active Perception in the History of Philosophy*, Studies in the History of the Philosophy of Mind 14, Springer, 2014, 9-30.
- 'Self-Consciousness, Chapter 26: Ancient Theories', in Knuuttila, S. & Sihvola, J. (eds.) *Sourcebook for the History of the Philosophy of Mind: Philosophical Psychology from Plato to Kant*. Springer, 2014, 415-28.
- 'Platon: oikeudenmukainen ihanneyhteisö', (in Finnish, Plato: just and ideal community) in Koikkalainen, P. (ed.) *Klassiset poliittiset ajattelijat*. (Classical Political Thinkers.) Vastapaino, 2012.
- 'Vakuuttuneisuus, uskomus ja usko antiikin filosofiassa' (in Finnish, Faith and belief in ancient philosophy) in Pietarinen A, Pihlström S, Toppinen P. (eds.) *Usko*, (Filosofisia tutkimuksia Helsingin yliopistosta; 22), Helsingin yliopisto, filosofian laitos, 2009, 55-66.
- 'Inwardness and Infinity of Selfhood: From Plotinus to Augustine', in Remes. P. & Sihvola J. (eds.) *Ancient Philosophy of the Self*. The New Synthese Historical Library, Springer, 2008.

- ‘Ownness of Conscious Experience in Antiquity’, in Heinämaa, S. and Lähteenmäki, V. and Remes, P. (eds.) *Consciousness: From Perception to Reflection in the History of Philosophy*, Dordrecht: Springer, 2007.
- ‘Friday, or The Island of Sartrean Desert: Michel Tournier and the Other’, in Ruokonen, F. and Werner, L. (eds.) *Visions of Value and Truth. Understanding Philosophy and Literature*. Acta Philosophica Fennica LXXVIII Helsinki, 2006.
- ‘Riippumattomuus ja kuinka se saavutetaan’ (in Finnish, *Autarkeia* and How It Is Achieved), in Kaarakainen, T. & Kaukua, J. (eds) *Stoalaisuus – Tiedon, Tunneiden ja Hyvän Elämän Filosofia*. (Stoicism – A Philosophy of Knowledge, Emotions and Good Life.) Helsinki: Gaudeamus, 2004, 68-88.
- Platonismin kasvot’, (in Finnish, The Faces of Platonism) in Kotkavirta, J. & Niemi, P. (eds.) *Persoona*. SoPhi 84, Jyväskylä: University of Jyväskylä, 2004, 31-41.
- ‘ja tuhkasta nousee subjekti’ (in Finnish, ...and the Subject Rises from the Ashes) in Heinämaa, S. & Reuter, M. & Yrjönsuuri, M. (eds.) *Spiritus animalis. Kirjoituksia filosofian historiasta* (Writings on the History of Philosophy), Helsinki: Gaudeamus, 2003, 64-85.

Book reviews:

- ‘Plotinus. - Paul Kalligas. *The Enneads of Plotinus. A Commentary*. Vol. 1. Translated by Elizabeth Key Fowden and Nicolas Pilavachi. Princeton/Oxford: Princeton UP, 2014’, *Gnomon* 2018.
- ‘Danielle A. Layne and Harold Tarrant (eds.) *The Neoplatonic Socrates*, University of Pennsylvania Press 2014,’ *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2015.
- ‘Eyjólfur K. Emilsson, Plotinus on Intellect, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2007’, *Mind*, 2010.
- ‘Christopher Gill, *The Structured Self in Hellenistic and Roman Thought*, Oxford: Oxford University Press 2006’, *Journal of Platonic Studies*, 2010.
- ‘Deepa Majumdar, Plotinus on the Appearance of Time and the World of Sense: a Pantomime, Aldershot and Burlington, VT: Ashgate 2007’, *Classical Review*, 2009.
- ‘The Neoplatonic Sage: An Inner Sate of Virtue and Its Outward Manifestations’. Review article of Alexandrine Schniewind: *L’ethique du sage chez Plotin. Le paradigme du spoudaios*. (= Histoire des doctrines de l’antiquité classique 31). Paris: Librairie Philosophique J. Vrin 2003’, *Freiburger Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Theologie*, 2005.
- ‘Sara Rappe, *Reading Neoplatonism. Non-Discursive Thinking in the Texts of Plotinus, Proclus, and Damascius*. Cambridge. Cambridge University Press 2000’, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2002.
- ‘Melissa S. Lane: *Method and Politics in Plato’s ‘Statesman’*. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge 1998’, *Arctos*, 2001.
- ‘Dominic Scott: *Recollection and Experience. Plato's Theory of Learning and its Successors*. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge 1995, *Arctos*, 1999.
- ‘Sextus Empiricus: *Outlines of Scepticism*. Translated by Julia Annas and Jonathan Barnes. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press 1994,’ *Arctos*, 1998.

Other publications/media:

- Svensk filosofi, <https://svenskfilosofi.se/> Antik självhjälp: hur människor kan förbättra sina önsknningar, forthcoming.
- History of philosophy forum, Notre Dame You tube channel, *Koinê boulê: Plato on thinking together*. 2025.

- [Filosofiskt podcast, Filosofisk tidskrift](#), nr. 18, Socrates och Platon (in Swedish, with Miira Tuominen), 2024.
- Philosophy Bytes 13, Filosofia antica di Torino You tube channel, 'Whats is wrong with long speeches?' [Om filosofers liv och tankar](#), Lund universitet, philosophy and career podcast, 7, 2017.
- Sveriges Radio Finska, Huomenta Ruotsi, Keskustelee kuin Platon, 2016.
- Radioscience, Sommarforskarna 11, En utflykt till filosofins historia, 2015.
- Heinämaa, S. & Remes, P & Relander, J. "Nykyinen tiedepolitiikka on tuhoisaa", Image 6.3.2015.
- Halldenius, L. & Myrdal, P. & Ekenberg, T. & Remes, P. *Att förstå Mänskligt Handling, Slutrapport från ett forskningsprogram*, RJ:s Skriftserie 3, Makadamia förlag, 2014.
- 'Sankariarkeologeja ja pyhimyselämäkertureita: miksi filosofian historiaa tutkitaan?' (Why study history of philosophy?), niin & näin 1/2014.
- 'Plotinus', in H. LaFollette (ed.) *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Wiley-Blackwell. 2013.
- 'Kansalaisuuden synty' (The birth of citizenship) in *Länsimaisen sivistyksen juuret (The roots of the European civilization)*. Studia Generalia. Helsingin yliopiston Vapaan sivistystyön toimikunta. Helsinki: Yliopistopaino, 2004.
- 'Sardinialainen Nauru: Epikuroksen Kuolema' (The Sardinian Laughther: The Death of Epicurus), in Roinila, M. & Kaitaro, T. (eds.) *Filosofin Kuolema (The Death of a Philosopher)*. Helsinki: Summa, 2003.
- 'Alastomana Uuteen Kotiin: Plotinoksen Kuolema' (The Death of Plotinus), in Roinila, M & Kaitaro, T. (eds.) *Filosofin Kuolema (The Death of a Philosopher)*. Helsinki: Summa, 2003.
- 'Kohti sisintä – Plotinos ja uusplatonistinen aatesuunta' (Towards the Inner – Plotinus and the Neoplatonic Movement), *Helikon* 2/2002.
- 'Sielun veritytelyasu? Keho antiikin filosofiassa' (The Training Outfit of the Soul? Body in Ancient Philosophy), *Yliopisto*, 2000.
- 'Tarvitseeko onnellisuudestaan olla tietoinen voidakseen olla onnellinen? Plotinos ja sisäinen minä' (Does One Need to Be Conscious of One's Happiness in Order to Be Happy? Plotinus and the Inner I), *Tieteessä tapahtuu*, 1999.
- 'Epikuroksen Puutarha' (The Garden of Epicurus), *Tieteessä tapahtuu*, 1997.

Teaching materials

Johansson, L-G. & Ekenberg, T. & Masterton, G. & Remes, P. *Kunskapsteori. En introduktion till vetande, berättigande och sanning*, (introduction to epistemology) Studentlitteratur, 2014. (2 chapters written by Remes)

Talks (a selection of 10, recent and most important ones):

- '*Epimeleia* in Olympiodorus' *Commentary of Alcibiades I'*, The Reception of Socrates, Munich Ancient Philosophy Centre, October 2025.
- '*Koinê boulê*: Plato on thinking together', Notre Dame History of Philosophy Forum, March 2025.
- 'Norms of Conversation, Norms of Inquiry: A Platonic Approach', keynote speaker in The Annual Estonian Philosophy Conference, Tartu, August 2024.
- '*Enn.* 6.1.10, 1-51', Plotinus Workshop: ENNEAD 6.1, 1-12, Pittsburgh, September, 2023.
- 'The Reins of Conversation: Plato's *Protagoras*', Oesterreichische Ludwig Wittgenstein Gesellschaft (OeLWG), Kirchberg, August 2022.
- '*Prattein, Poiein, Legein*: from *Cratylus* to Plotinus and Proclus', keynote lecture in Graduate Conference in History of Philosophy, Pavia, August 2019.
- 'Strengths of Embodiment in Neoplatonism, History of Hylomorphism Conference, Yale, April 2019.
- 'Conversational Norms in Plato', Institute of Classical Studies, London, November 2018.

‘Wanting to Be Determinate? Self-Perception and Self-Knowledge in Aristotle's *EE* 7.12’, Oxford Ancient Philosophy Workshop, November 2018.

‘Is personality of any interest for a Neoplatonic philosopher?’ The Annual Stephen MacKenna -lecture, Trinity College, Dublin 2016.

Conferences organized (a selection of 10 recent and most important ones):

Inquiry, Present and Past Approaches, with Toomas Lott, Uppsala university, November 2025.

Jane Friedman (NYU) guest seminars, with Toomas Lott, Uppsala university, August 2025.

Approaches to Pythagoras and Plato, The Centennial Anniversary of Holger Thesleff (4.12.1924–3.10.2023) with Lassi Jakola, The Finnish Institute in Athens, December 2024.

Plato on Inquiry, with Toomas Lott, Uppsala university, May 2023.

Hägerström Lectures, Common among Friends: Socratic Method & Conversational Justice, Mary Margaret McCabe (KCL), Uppsala university, April 2024.

Power and Knowledge in Plato and Beyond, with Olof Pettersson, Uppsala university, May 2019.

Plato's *Alcibiades* I Revisited, with Olof Pettersson and Ellisif Wachsmuth, University of Cambridge, September 2018.

Logos, Biannual meeting of Platonsällskapet, The Finnish Institute in Rome, 2017.

Uppsala Graduate Conference in History of Philosophy, supporting the graduate students Stette and Stöpfungeschoff in organising (applying external funding for them), September 2016.

International Society for Neoplatonic Studies Annual Conference, University of Helsinki, 2007.

I further organise the research seminar in History of Philosophy in Uppsala University, with regular international guests.

Main research grants:

Joint Inquiry: A Platonic Approach, financed by Vetenskapsrådet (5.040.000 SEK). Main applicant and principal investigator. 2022-2025.

Rationalist Theories of Self-Knowledge from Plato to Kant, financed by The Academy of Finland (EUR 480.000). Main applicant and principal investigator, 2017-2020.

Rational Self-Government. An Investigation on Personal Autonomy and Its Platonic Origin, financed by The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation. (3.741.000 SEK) Main applicant and principal investigator. 2016-2019.

Understanding Agency, financed by The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation (ca. 11.000.000 SEK, in the management group, and from 2009 onwards succeeding Lilli Alanen as the head of the program) 2007-2013.

A three-year individual early career/post doc research project financed by The Academy of Finland. Main applicant and principal investigator. 2003-2007.

Teaching:

Uppsala University: Plato's *Republic*, Spring 2026; History of philosophy I: ancient and medieval, Spring 2026, Spring 2025, Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Autumn 2014, Autumn 2013, Autumn 2012, Autumn 2011, Autumn 2009. History of philosophy II: early modern, Spring 2026, Spring 2025; Plato's *Gorgias*, Spring 2023; Virtue epistemology (systematic course) Spring 2025, Spring 2021; Plato's *Theaetetus*, Spring 2022; Epistemology, Autumn 2020, 2015; Plato on Conversational Norms, Spring 2019; Self-knowledge (systematic course), Autumn 2015; Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*, Spring 2015-together with Alexander Stöpfungeschoff; Conceptions of human beings: Philosophy of Mind, Autumn 2013, Autumn 2011, Autumn 2009; The history of philosophical anthropology from Plato to Kant, Spring 2009, Spring 2014; Ancient philosophy of action, Spring 2012. Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, Winter 2008; Augustine's *Confessions*, Spring 2008; Conceptions of soul in ancient philosophy, Autumn 2008; Plato's *Republic*, autumn 2007; Philosophy of the self and subject (systematic course), Winter 2007.

Helsinki: Self-knowledge (a systematic course) 2014; Ancient philosophy of action 2013; Introduction to Neoplatonism 2005; Know Yourself – Plato on the limits and possibilities of self-knowledge, 2004; Rationality in ancient philosophy 2002 - together with Miira Tuominen.

Oxford: Advanced ancient philosophy seminar, on the problem of identity, Hilary 2003 - together with Richard Sorabji, Inna Kupreeva and Jonardon Ganeri.

Seminars: CM-seminarium (for thesis-writing, advanced undergraduates and master students in Uppsala), 2021-23, 2016-2017. Proseminar in theoretical philosophy, University of Helsinki, spring 2006.

Supervision: regular supervision of most of the students writing on history of philosophy topics on Bachelor and Master levels in Uppsala (ca. 1-4 person per academic year).

Departmental and university service:

Director of Doctoral Studies 2023-; Director of Master studies, 2020-2023; Member of the Board for Investigation of Misconduct in Research (first NUOF, now NUAUF), Uppsala university, 2018-; in the electorate for choosing members for Vetenskapsrådet (The Swedish Research Council) 2024.

Other professional service:

2021- Senior Advisor of the Institute of Ancient Philosophy in Sichuan University, China; 2019- Member of the Kungliga Humanistiska Vetenskaps-Samfundet i Uppsala; 2015-Member of the Finnish Society of Sciences and Letters; 2013-2017 in the presidium of Platonsällskapet, 2015-2017 praeses.

Journal refereeing:

Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, *Ancient Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *History of Psychology*, *Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Journal for Platonic Studies*, *Phronesis*, *Res Philosophica*, *Topoi*, *SATS Nordic Journal of Philosophy*.

Other refereeing:

Book manuscripts: Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press; Routledge; Brill; Gaudeamus.
 Research grants: ERC; The Research Foundation – Flanders; Kone Foundation; The Finnish Cultural Foundation.

Evaluation of docent and full professor chair position dossiers: University of Copenhagen; University of Western Ontario, Canada; Åbo Akademi; University of Jyväskylä; Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

Evaluation of programs of study: Gothenburg University Philosophy and Liberal Arts Programs reviewer board (twice).

Editor and editorial board assignments:

(2024-) *Philosophia Antiqua*, Brill, Advisory board; (2024-) *Methexis, International Journal for Ancient Philosophy*, in the scientific board; (2019-) Advisory board of *Theoria*; (2017-) Advisory board of the *British Journal for History of Philosophy* (5 years appointment, renewed 2022); (2015-) Series editor for a Routledge series: *Rewriting History of Philosophy* (first volume out in 2019); (2017-) In the editorial board of *Arctos*; (2016) A guest editor of *Numen*, responsible for content only, together with Taneli Kukkonen.

Current graduate student supervision:

Oscar Jablon, Uppsala philosophy PhD program; Zehao Lyu, Uppsala philosophy PhD program; Petri Lahtinen, Classics PhD, University of Helsinki (co-supervisor).

PhD theses supervised as main advisor (Uppsala):

(2022) Ekrem Cetinkaya, *Aristotle's Realism about Perceptible Qualities*; (2021) Oda Tvedt, *Plato's Republic: Freedom, Fear, and Tyrants Everywhere*; (2016) Tor Freyr, *The Social Aspect in Plato's Ethics*, (2013) Olof Pettersson, *A Multiform Desire: A Study of Appetite in Plato's Timaeus, Republic and Phaedrus*.

PhD theses supervised as committee member/secondary supervisor (Uppsala):

(2023) Kasper Kristensen, *Spinoza on Ethical Cultivation*; (2015) Annika Wennersten, *Kant, Rousseau, and the Search for the Essence of Human Nature*; (2011) Erik Åkerlund, *Francisco Suarez on Final Causes and Final Causation*.

External examiner/opponent/ examination board member:

I have been – in some cases currently am - external examiner, opponent or examination board member at PhD defences held at University of Helsinki, University of Oslo, University of Oulu, University of Reykjavik, University of Uppsala, University of Utrecht, and Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society.