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Curriculum Vitae

Full Name

- Hakkarainen, Jani Ilari
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- 22/12/2024

Date and Place of Birth, Nationality and Current Residence

- 23/12/1975, Lappeenranta, Finland
- Finnish
- Tampere, Finland (since 1980)

Education and Degrees Awarded

- Adjunct Professor (*dosentti*) in Theoretical Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland, November 1, 2012
- Doctor of Philosophy (*eximia cum laude approbatur*), University of Tampere, Finland, December 19, 2007
- Master of Sciences (Philosophy) (*laudatur*), University of Tampere, June 6, 2001

Other Skills

- 15-year experience as a sport coach in floorball (*salibandy*) on the highest national level (Top Coach Degree (Huippuvalmentajatutkinto) by the Finnish Floorball Federation in 2000)

Linguistic Skills

- Finnish (mother tongue)
- English (advanced, self-assessment of proficiency)
- Swedish (beginner)
- Russian (beginner)
- German (beginner)
- Classical Greek (beginner)

Current Position

- Senior Lecturer (*yliopistonlehtori*), University of Tampere, 1/8/2018- (permanent)
- Research career phase: Established or independent researcher

Previous Professional Appointments

- Lecturer (*tutkijatohtori*), University of Tampere, 1/8/2013-31/7/2018
- Senior Lecturer (*yliopistonlehtori*), University of Tampere, 1/8/2015-31/7/2016
- Visiting Fellow, Yale University, USA, 1/4/2014-30/6/2014
- University Researcher (*yliopistotutkija*), the Academy of Finland Project *Judgment and Human Rationality (2011–2014)*, University of Tampere, 1/1/2012-31/7/2013
- Post-doctoral Researcher (*tutkijatohtori*), the Academy of Finland (1/1/2009-31/12/2011)
- Visiting Fellow, Yale University, USA, 1/9/2008-31/5/2009 (see below for funding)
- Researcher, the Academy of Finland Project *The Possibility of Metaphysics in Twentieth Century and Contemporary Philosophy (2007–2010)*, University of Tampere, 1/1/2008-31/7/2008
- Research Student (*tutkijakoulutettava*), Finnish Doctoral Program in Philosophy, 1/1/2003-31/12/2006
- Visiting Scholar, University of Leeds, UK, 4/4-19/6/2005 (see below for funding)
- Teacher employed by the hour in philosophy (*tuntiopettaja*), spring term 2004, University of Tampere

Research Funding and Academic Leadership, Student Supervision

- Leadership:
 - Post-doctoral Researcher project, the Academy of Finland (1/1/2009-31/12/2011)
- Funding:
 - Tampere University Foundation (2017, for organizing a conference, together with Dr Markku Keinänen)
 - Finnish Cultural Foundation (2013, for organizing a conference, together with Dr Juhana Lemetti)
 - Finnish Cultural Foundation (2011, for organizing a conference)
 - Tampere University Foundation (2011, for organizing a conference)
 - Post-doctoral Researcher project *British Empiricism and Trope Nominalism*, the Academy of Finland (1/1/2009-31/12/2011)
 - Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (2009, for organizing a conference, together with Dr Juhana Lemetti)
 - Wihuri Foundation (2009, for organizing a conference, together with Dr Juhana Lemetti)
 - Eino Jutikkala Foundation (2009, for the visit to Yale, see above)
 - Finnish Cultural Foundation (1/8-31/12/2008)
 - Tampere University Foundation (1/1-31/12/2007)
 - University of Tampere (2005, for the visit to Leeds, see above)
 - Academy of Finland (2005, for the visit to Leeds, see above)
 - Tampere University Foundation (1/1-31/12/2002)
 - Tampere University Foundation (1/9-31/12/2001)
 - Co-writing the successful funding application for the Academy of Finland project *Judgment and Human Rationality*, led by Professor Leila Haaparanta, University of Tampere (2011-2014)
 - Co-writing the successful funding application for the Academy of Finland project *The Possibility of Metaphysics in Twentieth Century and Contemporary Philosophy*, led by Professor Leila Haaparanta, University of Tampere (2007-2010)
- Supervision of Dissertations and Post-Docs:

- Dr Jan Forsman's dissertation on Descartes' methodological doubt, Tampere University, September 2012-2021 (primary supervisor) and his post-doctoral work on the history of scepticism and early modern women philosophers
- Dr Matias Slavov's dissertation on Hume's philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, 2012-2016 (formally secondary, practically primary supervisor) and his post-doctoral work on Hume's natural philosophy and metaphysics of time (2016-2023)
- Dr Markku Ylinen's dissertation on skepticism in 16th and 17th century philosophy, University of Tampere, 2008-2016 (formally secondary, practically primary supervisor)
- Dr Petri Myllyniemi's dissertation on the philosophy of psychotherapy, Tampere University, 2020-21 (formally primary, practically tertiary supervisor)
- MA Tuomas Lepistö's dissertation on metaphysics of time, Tampere University, Fall 2015- (Postponed)
- MA Jaakko Belt's dissertation on Husserl, Tampere University, 2019-
- Supervision of MA Elias Puustinen's dissertation on Cicero's philosophy of religion, 2023-
- MA Markus Mörttinen's dissertation on metaphysical understanding, Tampere University, 2021- (Postponed)

Merits in Teaching and Pedagogical Competence

- Undergraduate teaching in philosophy at the University of Tampere, Fall 2013-
 - History of philosophy, metaphysics, metametaphysics, epistemology, introduction to philosophy, Bachelor's seminar and supervision of Bachelor's theses
- Undergraduate curriculum planning Fall 2013-, Philosophy, University of Tampere
- Doctoral curriculum planning Spring 2019-, Philosophy, Tampere University
- Graduate/Doctoral seminar Fall 2016 and 2020-, Philosophy, Tampere University
- Member of the committee making the national passing exam in philosophy, history, theology and cultural studies, 2024-2025
- Pre-examiner of Dr Janne Hiipakka's dissertation, University of Helsinki, Fall 2019
- Examiner of Visa Helenius' licenciate thesis, University of Turku, Spring 2019
- Supervisor and examiner of Riku Vienonheimo's Master Thesis on *otium* in Cicero and Seneca, Tampere University, 2021–2022
- Supervisor and examiner of Elias Puustinen's Master Thesis on god in early Greek philosophy, Tampere University, 2021–2022
- Examiner of Ninna Salminen's Master's Thesis on process theism and the problem of evil, Tampere University, Fall 2020
- Examiner and Supervisor of Markus Mörttinen's Master's Thesis on Locke on personal identity, Tampere University, 2018-2020
- Examiner and Supervisor of MA Miika Palokangas' Master's Thesis on Spinoza's conception of essence, University of Tampere, Spring 2017
- Examiner of MA Rauno Mäkelä's Master's Thesis on ethics, University of Tampere, Spring 2015
- Examiner of MA Jukka Sipiläinen's Master's Thesis on Hume's philosophy of religion, University of Tampere, Spring 2014
- Examiner of MA Ville Virtanen's Master's Thesis on philosophy of time, University of Tampere, Spring 2013
- Examiner and Supervisor of MA Jan Forsman's Master's Thesis on Descartes' methodological doubt, University of Tampere, 2011-2012
- Erasmus/Sokrates teacher exchange program, five master/doctoral level sessions, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, June 2024

- Erasmus/Sokrates teacher exchange program, doctoral student supervision for three days, University of Barcelona, Spain, June 2018
- Two 1-hour lectures on metaphysics and the inevitability of metaphysics, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 11/12 and 12/12/2017
- Erasmus/Sokrates teacher exchange program, three lectures on Hume, Oxford Brookes University, UK, autumn 2015
- 24-hour advanced seminar “Metaphysics of Natural Kinds”, University of Tampere, spring term 2013
- 24-hour advanced seminar “Metametaphysics”, University of Tampere, spring term 2012
- 24-hour advanced seminar “Problem of Free Will in Early Modern Metaphysics”, University of Tampere, spring term 2011
- 24-hour advanced seminar “Introduction to Early Modern Metaphysics”, University of Tampere, spring term 2010
- 2-hour lecture on Hume's metaphysics, Trinity College, Hartford, CT, USA, 10/4/2009
- 2-hour lecture on Hume's metaphysics, Hampden-Sydney College, VA, USA, 25/3/2009
- 24-hour advanced lecture course on British Empiricism and Trope Nominalism, University of Tampere, spring term 2008
- 24-hour lecture course on Hume’s theoretical philosophy, University of Tampere, spring term 2004
- Erasmus/Sokrates teacher exchange program, four lectures, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark, spring 2004

Publications, Scientific and Societal Impact of Research

10 most important publications bold-faced.

A. Peer-reviewed scientific articles

1. Hakkarainen, J. “Adventures of Ontology”. *Panu Raatikainen’s Festschrift*. Tampere: Tampere University Press (forthcoming in 2025).
2. Forsman, J. & Hakkarainen, J. “Émilie Du Châtelet on Freedom: the Wolffian Context”. In Carus, C. & J.K. McDonough (eds.), *Émilie Du Chatelet in Relation to Leibniz and Wolff – Similarities and Differences* (forthcoming by Springer in 2025).
3. Keinänen, M. & Hakkarainen, J. “Trope Bundle Theories of Substance.” In Fisher, A. & A.-S. Maurin (eds.), *The Routledge Guidebook to Properties* (Routledge 2024), 239-249.
4. **Hakkarainen, J. “Learning from the Past to the Future in Metaphysics”. *Acta Philosophica Fennica* 99 (2023), 125-141.**
5. Ryan, T. & Hakkarainen, J. “Hume on Time without Change”. *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (2023) 40 (1): 3–24. <https://doi.org/10.5406/21521026.40.1.02>.
6. **Hakkarainen, J. & Keinänen, M. “Bradley’s Relation Regress and the Inadequacy of the Relata-Specific Answer”. *Acta Analytica* 38 (2023), 229–243.**
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-022-00516-1>
7. **Hakkarainen, J. “The Fundamentality and Non-Fundamentality of Ontological Categories”. In Szatkowski, Miroslav (ed.), *E.J. Lowe and Ontology* (Routledge 2022), 123–142.**
8. **Hakkarainen, J. & Keinänen, M. “Away with Dispositional Essences in Trope Theory”. In Jansen, L. & P. Sandstad (eds.), *Neo-Aristotelian Perspectives on Formal Causation* (Routledge 2021), 106-123.**
9. Hakkarainen, J. “Hume on the Unity of Determinations of Extension”. *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy* 22 (1) (2019), 219–33.

10. Keinänen, M., Keskinen, A. & Hakkarainen, J. “Quantity Tropes and Internal Relations”. *Erkenntnis* 84 (3) (2019), 519–34.
11. Keinänen, M., Hakkarainen, J. & Keskinen, A. “Kinds of Tropes without Kinds”. *Dialectica* 72 (4) (2018), 571–96.
12. Hakkarainen, J. “What Are Tropes Fundamentally? A Formal Ontological Account”. *Acta Philosophica Fennica* Vol. 94: *Action, Value and Metaphysics* (2018), 129-159.
13. Hakkarainen, J., Keinänen, M. & Keskinen, A. “Taxonomy of Relations”. In Bertini, D. & D. Migliorini, (eds.), *Relations. Ontology and Philosophy of Religion*. Verona: Mimesis International (2018), 93–108.
14. Hakkarainen, J. & Keinänen, M. “The Ontological Form of Tropes – Refuting Douglas Ehring’s Main Argument against Standard Trope Nominalism”. *Philosophia*, 45 (2) (2017), 647-658.
15. Keinänen, M. & Hakkarainen, J. “Kind Instantiation and Kind Change - A Problem for Four-Category Ontology”. *Studia neoaristotelica* 14 (2) (2017), 139-165.
16. Hakkarainen, J. "Metametafysiikkaa kategorioilla ja ilman" (*Metametaphysics, with and without Categories*). *Ajatus* 73 (2016), 225–253.
17. Keinänen, M., Hakkarainen, J. & Keskinen, A. “Why Realists Need Tropes?”. *Metaphysica* 17, Issue 1 (2016), 69–85.
18. Keskinen, A., Keinänen, M. & Hakkarainen, J. “Concrete Universals and Spatial Relations”. *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 11, Issue 1 (2015), 57-71.
19. Hakkarainen, J. “Hume on Spatial Properties”. *Nominalism about Properties* (Routledge 2015), 79-94.
20. Hakkarainen, J. “Hume as a Trope Nominalist”. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 42 (sup1) (2012), 55-66.
21. Keinänen, M. & Hakkarainen, J. “The Problem of Trope Individuation”. *Erkenntnis* 79 (1) (2014), 65-79.
22. Hakkarainen, J. “A Third Type Distinction in the Treatise”. *Hume Studies* Vol. 38, Number 1, (2012), 55-78.
23. Hakkarainen, J. “Eino Kaila's Reception of Hume”. *Acta Philosophica Fennica* Vol. 89 (2012), 147-162.
24. Hakkarainen, J. “Why Hume Cannot Be a Realist”. *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* Vol. 10, Number 2 (2012), 143–161.
25. Hakkarainen, J. “Hume's Scepticism and Realism”. *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* Vol. 20, Number 12, (2012), 283-309.
26. Hakkarainen, J. “Hume's Argument for the Ontological Independence of Simple Properties”. *Metaphysica* Vol. 12, Issue 2 (2011), 197-212.
27. Hakkarainen, J. “Hume on the Distinction between Primary and Secondary Qualities”. In P. Anstey & D. Jalobeanu (eds.). *Vanishing Matter and the Laws of Nature: Descartes and Beyond* (Routledge: 2011), 235-59.
28. Keinänen, M. & Hakkarainen, J. “Persistence of Simple Substances”. *Metaphysica* Vol. 11, Issue 2 (2010), 119-135.
29. Hakkarainen, J. “Materialist of Malmesbury and Experimentalist of Edinburgh – Hobbes’ and Hume’s Conceptions of Imagination Compared”. *Hobbes Studies*, vol. XVII (2005), 72-107.
30. Hakkarainen, J. “Humen teoria avaruuden ymmärtämisestä” (*Hume's Theory of Perceiving Space*). *Ymmärrys*., Reports from the Department of Philosophy Vol. 24., Turku: Filosofian ja käyttäytymistieteiden laitos (2012), 67–75.
31. Hakkarainen, J. “Kontekstualistinen vastaus Agrippan argumentille” (*A Contextualist Answer to Agrippa’s Argument*). *Usko*., Helsinki: Suomen Filosofinen yhdistys (2009), 93–8.
32. Hakkarainen, J. “Humen syyn määritelmä” (*Hume’s Definition of Cause*). *Syy*., Helsinki: Suomen Filosofinen yhdistys (2007), 63–73.

33. Hakkarainen, J. "Humen pyrrhonismin kielto" (*Hume's Rejection of Pyrrhonism*). *Kielto.*, Helsinki: Suomen Filosofinen yhdistys (2004), 29–35.
34. Hakkarainen, J. "Käytäntöjen metodisista funktioista David Humen moraalifilosofiassa" (*Of the Methodological Function of Practices in David Hume's Moral Philosophy*). *Käytäntö.*, Helsinki: Suomen Filosofinen yhdistys (2003), 155–62.
35. Hakkarainen, J. & Mehtonen, L. "Hume ja esseet" (*Hume and Essay*). *Niin & Näin*, 2/2006.

B. Non-Refereed scientific articles

1. Hakkarainen, J. "Hume on Phenomenal Consciousness". *True Colors, Time After Time – Essays Honoring Valtteri Arstila*. Reports from the Department of Philosophy Vol. 52., Turku: University of Turku (2024), pp. 10–19.
2. Hakkarainen, J. "Metafysiikka valistuksena" (*Metaphysics as Enlightenment*). *Valistus*. Reports from the Department of Philosophy Vol. X., Turku: University of Turku (2022), 35–45.
3. Hakkarainen, J. & Keinänen, M. "Bradley's *Reductio* of Relations and Formal Ontological Relations". *DE NATURA RERUM - Scripta in honorem professoris Olli Koistinen sexagesimum*. Reports from the Department of Philosophy Vol. 38., Turku: University of Turku (2016), 246-261.
4. Hakkarainen, J. "Klassikko omakustanteena" (*Classic as a Self-Publication*). the book review of the Finnish translation of Adam Smith's *Theory of Moral Sentiments.*, *Niin & Näin*, 3/2004.
5. Hakkarainen, J. "Pyrrhonin varjossa" (*In Pyrrho's Shade*). *Niin & Näin*, 3/2000.

C. Scientific books

1. **Hakkarainen, J & Keinänen, M. *Formal Ontology*. Cambridge Elements in Metaphysics Series. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2023).**
2. "Muisti" (*Memory*). ed. Hakkarainen, Jani, Hartimo, Mirja and Virta, Jaana. Tampere: Tampere University Press (2014).
3. Hakkarainen, J. *Hume's Scepticism and Realism – His Two Profound Arguments against the Senses in An Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* (doctoral dissertation). Acta Universitatis Tamperensis. Tampere: Tampere University Press 2007.

D. Publications intended for professional communities

1. Keinänen, M. & Hakkarainen, J. "Metafysiikka: ontologiset kategorioteoriat. (Metaphysics: theories of ontological categories)" *Ensyklopedia Logos* 2024 (peer-reviewed). <https://filosofia.fi/fi/ensyklopedia/metafysiikka-ontologiset-kategorioteoriat>.
2. Hakkarainen, J. "David Hume ja skotlantilaisen valistuksen poliittisen filosofian perusteet" (*David Hume and the foundations of political philosophy in the Scottish Enlightenment*). *Klassiset poliittiset ajattelijat (Classical Political Thinkers).*, Tampere: Vastapaino 2012, pp. 299-399 (peer-reviewed).
3. Hakkarainen, J. "Scepticism as *Epoché*". Leila Haaparannan juhlakirja (collection of essays in honour of Leila Haaparanta)., Tampere: Tampere University Press 2004, pp. 233-42.
4. Hakkarainen, J. "Humen Of Essay-Writing" (*Hume's Of Essay-Writing*). Markku Mäen juhlakirja (collection of essays in honour of Markku Mäki)., Oulu: Oulun yliopisto 2001, pp. 69-83.

E. Publications intended for the general public, linked to the applicant's research

1. Several Finnish texts on politics, history and sports in *Uusi Suomi*: <https://puheenvuoro.uusisuomi.fi/author/jani-hakkarainen/>.

2. Several Finnish texts on sports in *Akateeminen urheilublogi* (Academic Sports Blog) : www.avokatsomo.com/akateeminen.
3. Hakkarainen, J. "Sihvonen on sivupoluilla" (*Sihvonen Is on the Wrong Path*). *Urheilulehti* Issue 23 (2011), pp. 46-8.
4. Hakkarainen, J. "Kuka pelaa?" (*Who Plays?*) *Urheilulehti* Issue 19 (2011), pp. 42-5.
5. Hume, David., *Esseitä*. ed. Hakkarainen, Jani, Koivisto, Juha, and Mehtonen, Lauri., Vastapaino: Tampere 2006 (collection of Hume's essays translated into Finnish).
Translator of the essays:
 1. "Akateemisesta eli skeptisestä filosofiasta" (*Of the Academical or Sceptical Philosophy*).
 2. "Valtiovallan alkuperästä" (*Of the Origin of Government*)
 3. "Sielun kuolemattomuudesta" (*Of the Immortality of the Soul*)

G. Theses

1. Hakkarainen, J. *Hume's Scepticism and Realism – His Two Profound Arguments against the Senses in An Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* (doctoral dissertation). Acta Universitatis Tamperensis. Tampere: Tampere University Press 2007.
2. Hakkarainen, J. *Pyrrhon varjossa - pyrrhonismin positio David Humen teoksessa An Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* (In Pyrrho's Shade – the position of Pyrrhonism in *An Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* by David Hume, Master's Thesis). University of Tampere 2001.

Other Scientific or Academic Merits and Activities

- Shortlisted for Professor of Theoretical Philosophy, University of Turku, 2023
 - evaluated as "well qualified to be appointed to a chair in theoretical philosophy" by the internal external reviewers.
- Shortlisted for a tenure track position in philosophy, Tampere University, Fall 2020
- Runner-up for University Lecturer in Philosophy (lost in a draw), University of Lapland, Finland in 2017 (the top position in the peer-review)
- Organizing the following international conferences, seminars or workshops:
 - *International Philosophy Research Seminar*, University of Tampere, Spring 2012-
 - *Formal Ontology and Ontological Categories Workshop*, Tampere University, 6-7/8/2024 (together with Dr James Miller, Durham University, UK).
 - *Social Ontology 2019*, Tampere University, 22-24/8/2019 (part of the team led by Professor Arto Laitinen).
 - *Arctic Circle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy 3*, University of Helsinki Biological Station, Kilpisjärvi, Finland, 12-16/8/2019 (together with Adjunct Professor Vili Lähteenmäki and Dr Jani Sinokki).
 - *Metaphysics and Formal Ontology*, University of Tampere, 27/04/2018 (together with Dr Markku Keinänen).
 - *Nordic Network in Metaphysics, annual meeting*, University of Tampere, 26-27/10/2017 (together with Dr Markku Keinänen).
 - *Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy 9*, University of Tampere, 26-27/5/2016 (together with MA Jan Forsman).
 - *Powers Workshop*, University of Tampere, 11/3/2016.
 - *Metaphysics of Properties*, University of Helsinki, 20-21/3/2015 (together with Dr Markku Keinänen, Dr Tuomas Tahko and Dr Valteri Viljanen)
 - *Kinds*, University of Tampere, 28-29/06/2014 (together with Dr Antti Keskinen)
 - *Arctic Circle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy 2*, University of Helsinki Biological Station, Kilpisjärvi, Finland, 1-4/8/2013 (together with Dr Juhana Lemetti, Dr Vili

Lähteenmäki, Mr Ville Paukkonen, Dr Markku Roinila and Adjunct Professor Valtteri Viljanen)

- *Judgment and Justification*, University of Tampere, 24-26/9/2012 (in the project *Judgment and Human Rationality*)
- *Hume's Metaphysics and Humean Metaphysics*, University of Tampere, 20-22/6/2011
- *Monism, Pluralism, and Metaphysics*, University of Tampere, 25-27/8/2010 (in the project *Possibility of Metaphysics*)
- *Arctic Circle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Helsinki Biological Station, Kilpisjärvi, Finland, 13-17/4/2010 (together with Dr Juhana Lemetti)
- *Substance and Attribute*, University of Tampere, 12-13/5/2008 (in the project *Possibility of Metaphysics*)
- Co-founder of *Dynamis* – The Finnish Network for Metaphysics (www.dynamisfi.org) and the *Nordic Network in Metaphysics* (<https://www.facebook.com/nordicmetaphysics/>)
- Professional memberships:
 - Philosophical Society of Finland (2009-)
 - Member of the executive board (2016-2024)
 - The Hume Society (2002-)
 - The International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies - Société internationale d'études du dix-huitième siècle (ISECS - SIEDS) (2004-2015)
 - The Finnish Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (2004-2015)
 - International Berkeley Society (2010-2015)
 - Academy Club for Young Scientists, Finnish Academy of Science and Letters (2010-11)
- Refereeing:
 - Cambridge University Press 2022-3
 - The Southern Journal of Philosophy 2020-
 - Journal of the History of Philosophy 2018-
 - Australasian Journal of Philosophy 2017-
 - Inquiry 2017-
 - Synthese 2016-
 - British Journal for the History of Philosophy 2016-
 - Mind 2015-
 - Philosophical Quarterly 2015-
 - Journal of Social Ontology 2015
 - Journal of Early Modern Studies 2014-
 - History of Philosophy Quarterly 2012-
 - Hume Studies, 2011-
 - Two book reviews for Springer, 2010 and 2011
 - Finnish philosophical journal *Ajatus*, 2010-
- Assessing, The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grants, January 2021
- Administrative responsibilities at higher education institutions:
 - *Director of Doctoral Studies in Philosophy, Tampere University, 2019-*
 - Member of the Steering Committee of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, 2019-
 - Member of the Co-ordination Committee of Graduate Studies, Tampere University, 2019-
 - Deputy member of the council of Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, 2019-2022
 - Member of the committee of the Department of History, Philosophy and Literary Studies, University of Tampere/Tampere University, 2017-

- Deputy member of the committees of undergraduate programs, School of Social Sciences and Humanities and Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tampere/Tampere University, 2013-
- Member of the collegial body of University of Tampere, 2017-2018
- Deputy member of the board of School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere, 2012-2016
- Deputy member of the committees of graduate programs, School of Social Sciences and Humanities and Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tampere, 2016-2018
- Member of the committee for recruiting university teacher in literary studies, Tampere University, May 2023
- Member of the committee for recruiting senior lecturer at literary studies, Tampere University, April and May 2022
- Member of the committees for work welfare and non-degree education at School of Social Sciences and Humanities and Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tampere, 2015-2019
- Member of the self-assessment panel of School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere, 2013 and 2015
- Member of the self-assessment panel of Philosophy at School of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Tampere, 2013 (undergraduate teaching), 2014 (research) and 2016 (student advising)

Areas of Specialization

- David Hume's (1711-76) philosophy (metaphysics, epistemology and scepticism in particular)
- metaphysics
 - trope nominalism
 - the problem of universals
 - metaphysics of properties and relations
 - persistence
 - formal ontology (ontological form and categories)
- metametaphysics (subject matter of metaphysics and fundamentality in particular)

Areas of Competence

- epistemology and metaphysics in the 17th and 18th century (“early modern”) philosophy
- epistemology
- history of skepticism
- metaphilosophy
- social ontology and social construction

Papers Read at International Conferences and/or Foreign Universities

Invited (Selected Talks Bolded)

1. **“Holistic Understanding as the Primary Epistemic Aim of Metaphysics”**. Heinrich Heine Universität, Germany, June 6, 2024.
2. “Non-Recombinatorial Quidditism and Trope Theory”. Heinrich Heine Universität, Germany, June 5, 2024.
3. **“What Is Metaphysics from a Formal Ontological Point of View?”** Heinrich Heine Universität, Germany, June 4, 2024.
4. **“Holistic Understanding as the Primary Epistemic Aim of Metaphysics”**. University of Münster, Germany, June 3, 2024.
5. “Non-Recombinatorial Quidditism and Trope Theory”. Power, Causes and Laws Workshop, University of Helsinki, May 20, 2024.

6. **“Bundle Theories (Tropes)” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). Properties Online Workshop, University of Gothenburg, 17/5/2022.**
7. **“What Do We Study When We Study Metaphysics?” Formal Ontology and Metaphysics of Science Workshop, University of Bristol, 14/2/2020.**
8. **“Away with Dispositional Essences in Trope Theory”. Quantities Workshop, University of Lugano, 16/11/2019.**
9. **“Categorical Fundamentality and Non-Fundamentality – Elaborating on Lowe”. Jonathan Lowe and Ontology Conference, University of Warsaw, 22/5/2019.**
10. “Hume on Time without Change”. Oxford Hume Forum, University of Oxford, 7/5/2019.
11. “Ontological Form and Moderate Categorical Realism”. MetaScience Seminar, University of Bristol, 6/5/2019.
12. **“Categorical Fundamentality and Non-Fundamentality”. Research Seminar, University of Durham, 2/5/2019.**
13. “Categorical Fundamentality and Non-Fundamentality”. Research Seminar, University of Manchester, 1/5/2019.
14. “How to Make Sure a Phrase Was Not Used – the Example of “Time as a Measure of Rest”?” Intellectual History and Digital Humanities Workshop 2018, University of Helsinki, 12/12/2018.
15. **“Constitution of Internal Relations”. LOGOS seminar, University of Barcelona, 13/6/2018.**
16. “Grounding Substances”. Metametaphysical Club, Erasmus University, Rotterdam, 8/12/2017.
17. “Hume on Possible Duration without Possible Temporal Parts – A Sceptical Solution”. The Maimonides Centre, University of Hamburg, 16/5/2017.
18. “Metaphysics: Study of Categories as Manners of Existence”. Fifth Colloquium of Analytical Metaphysics & Fifth International Symposium on Philosophy of Language and Metaphysics, IFCS / UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 29/9/2016.
19. “Tropes and the Analysis of Monadic Inherence” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). Fifth Colloquium of Analytical Metaphysics & Fifth International Symposium on Philosophy of Language and Metaphysics, IFCS / UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 29/9/2016.
20. “Causes and Effects are Distinct – Why, Hume?” One-day Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Helsinki, 14/9/2016.
21. “Ontological Form”. Keinänen Fest, University of Helsinki, 10/8/2016.
22. “How to Avoid Bradley’s Regress, How to Solve it?” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). Judgment and Ontology, University of Tampere, 29/9/2014
23. **“How to Avoid Bradley’s Relation Regress?” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). Workshop: Fundamentality and Metaphysical Informatism, University of Helsinki, 3/6/2014**
24. **“Hume: There is Composition”. Table ronde en philosophie moderne de Montréal, UQAM, 16/5/2014**
25. **“Hume: There is Composition”. SEMPY, Yale University, 6/5/2014**
26. “A Trope Nominalist Theory of Natural Kinds” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). University of Manchester, UK, 15/5/2013
27. “A Trope Nominalist Theory of Natural Kinds” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). Metaphysical Issues in Natural Kinds, University of Durham, UK, 11/5/2013.
28. **“Humean Account of Corporeal Kinds”. Metaphysical Issues in Natural Kinds, University of Durham, UK, 11/5/2013.**
29. **“Hume as a Trope Nominalist”. Nominalism: a Reassessment, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 18/9/2012.**
30. “Hume on the Foundation of Predication in His Theory of Ideas”. Judgement, University of Turku, Finland, 12/9/2012

31. **“Hume as a Trope Nominalist”. International Hume Conference, University of Alberta, Calgary, Canada, 19/7/2012**
32. “Hume as a Trope Nominalist”. University of Tartu, Estonia, 25/5/2012
33. “Hume's Rejection of the Principle of Sufficient Reason”. Early Modern Metaphysics of Causality and Representation, University of Turku, Finland 17/12/2011.
34. “Eino Kaila's Reception of Hume”. David Hume and Northern Europe, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, 3/10/2011.
35. “Hume's Argument for the Existential Independence of Simple Properties”. Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy 2011, Institute of Philosophy, University of Iceland, 5/6/2011.
36. “Why does Hume think that power is unknown?” The metaphysics of causality, causal powers and dispositions, University of Turku, Finland, 30/8/2010.
37. “THE distinction, which we often make betwixt power and the exercise of it, is equally without foundation.” Dispositions Workshop, University of Turku, Finland, 16/6/2010.
38. “A Third Kind of Distinction in Hume”. Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy III, University of Uppsala, Sweden, 5/6/2010.
39. **“Persistence of Simple Substances” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). Durham University, UK, 19/11/2009.**
40. “Hume's Scepticism and Realism”. Trinity College, Hartford, CT, USA, 9/4/2009.
41. “History of the Problem of the External World”. Hampden-Sydney College, VA, USA, 24/3/2009.
42. “Is Hume a Trope Nominalist?” James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA, USA, 20/3/2009.
43. “Hume's Scepticism and Realism”. University of Connecticut, USA, 20/11/2008.
44. **“Hume's Scepticism and Realism”. University of Buffalo, USA, 13/11/2008.**
45. **“Hume's Scepticism and Realism”. Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, 9/10/2008.**
46. “Hume's Scepticism and Realism”. The Montreal Inter-University Workshop in the History of Philosophy, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 23/9/2008.
47. “Hume and Berkeley's Abstraction Argument against the Distinction between Primary Qualities and Proper Sensibles”. Vanishing Bodies and the birth of modern physics, New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania, 2/7/2008
48. “Hume's Scepticism and Realism”. The Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Tartu, Estonia, 31/5/2008
49. “Hume's Scepticism and Realism”. University of Uppsala, Sweden, 21/5/2008
50. “Just a Bundle of Perceptions – Hume's Scepticism with Regard to Personal Identity”. Self and Substance in Early-Modern Philosophy, University of Turku, Finland, 3/12/2005

Papers

1. “Holistic Understanding as the Primary Epistemic Aim of Metaphysics”. Annual Colloquium of the Philosophical Society of Finland, Helsinki, January 24, 2025.
2. “Holistic Understanding as the Primary Epistemic Aim of Metaphysics”. 45th International Wittgenstein Symposium 2024, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 15, 2024.
3. ”On the Possibility of Contingent Ontological Forms”. Formal Ontology and Ontological Categories Workshop, Tampere University, August 7, 2024.
4. “Holistic Understanding as the Primary Epistemic Aim of Metaphysics”. Dynamis Seminar, University of Turku, May 15, 2024.
5. “The Prince and the Philosopher: Fredrick and Émilie Du Châtelet's “On Freedom” (together with Dr Jan Forsman). Frederick the Great and the Philosophy of the Enlightenment, University of Bucharest, November 4, 2023.
6. “Understanding as the Aim of Metaphysics”. ECAP 11, University of Vienna, August 24, 2023

7. “Émilie Du Châtelet on Freedom: The Wolffian Context” (together with Dr Jan Forsman). Half-Day Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Oulu, Finland, March 30, 2023.
8. “Wolff on Free Will”. Philosophers’ Club, University of Turku, Finland, March 17, 2023.
9. “Du Châtelet’s “On Freedom” as a Response to Wolffian Spontaneity” (together with Dr Jan Forsman). Émilie Du Châtelet in Relation to Leibniz and Wolff – Similarities and Differences, University of Paderborn, Germany, September 29, 2022.
10. “Social Ontology Confirms: Metaphysics Does not Initially Presuppose Metaphysical Realism”. Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality 2022, University of Vienna, August 25, 2022.
11. “Ontological Dependence and Social Ontology” (together with Professor Arto Laitinen and Adjunct Professor Markku Keinänen). Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality 2022, University of Vienna, August 25, 2022.
12. “Learning from the Past to the Future in Metaphysics”. Past. Future. Philosophy. The annual colloquium of the Philosophical Society of Finland, University of Oulu, Finland, June 9, 2022.
13. “Main Questions of Metaphysics”. Nordic Network in Metaphysics webinar, September 2020.
14. “Main Questions of Metaphysics”. ECAP 10 online conference, August 2020.
15. “Categorical Fundamentality and Non-Fundamentality”. SIFA 2018, Novara, Italy, September 7.
16. “Constitution of Social Kinds as Generic Identity”. Social Ontology Conference 2018, Tufts University, August 2018.
17. “Hume’s Account of Phenomenal Consciousness”. NWEMP 11, University of Helsinki, 9/5/2018.
18. “What Are Tropes? – A Formal Ontological Account”. PSFC 2018, Helsinki, 11/01/2018.
19. “Ontological Form – A New Proposal”. ECAP9, LMU, Munich, 25/8/2017.
20. “Hume on Possible Duration without Possible Temporal Parts” (together with Professor Todd Ryan). 44th Hume Conference, Brown University, 21/7/2017.
21. “Hume on Time and Steadfast Unchanging Objects” (together with Professor Todd Ryan). 44th Hume Conference, Brown University, 21/7/2017.
22. “Hume on Possible Duration without Possible Temporal Parts”. The Finnish-Hungarian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Turku, Finland, 30/5/2017.
23. “Reality of Categories and Ontological Form – A Novel Account”. Realism about Categories Workshop, Complutensa University, Madrid, 28/4/2017.
24. “Is Human Nature Essentially Social for Hume?” Hume Workshop, Oxford Brookes University, UK, 28/11/2015.
25. “Hume on the Unity of Spatial Composites”. 42th International Hume Conference, University of Stockholm, Sweden, 21/7/2015.
26. “Hume’s Account of Consciousness”. Toward a Science of Consciousness, University of Helsinki, 13/6/2015.
27. “What’s Wrong with Morganti’s Metaphysical Infnitism?” Epistemology of Metaphysics, University of Helsinki, 08/05/2015.
28. “Tropes and Strict Internal Relations” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). Metaphysics of Properties – *Dynamis* Conference, University of Helsinki, 20/03/2015.
29. “Away with Concrete Universals” (together with Dr Antti Keskinen and Dr Markku Keinänen). ECAP 8, Bucharest, Romania, 29/8/2014.
30. “Instantiation and Characterization – Two Problems for Four-Category Ontology” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). Jonathan Lowe’s memorial conference, Durham University, UK, 28/07/2014.
31. “Kinds of Tropes” (together with Dr Markku Keinänen and Dr Antti Keskinen). Kinds, University of Tampere, Finland, 29/6/2014.

32. "Ontological Commitments of Designation Theory" (together with Dr Antti Keskinen and Dr Markku Keinänen). Kinds, University of Tampere, Finland, 28/6/2014.
33. "Kinds in Nominalism" (together with Dr Antti Keskinen). Humboldt University, Germany, 6/11/2013.
34. "Hume on Spatial Properties". 40th International Hume Conference, University of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 26/7/2013.
35. "The Problem of Trope Individuation" (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). University of Geneva, Switzerland, 30/11/2011.
36. "Why Hume Cannot Be a Realist?" Belief and Doubt in David Hume, Institute of Philosophy, Prague, Czech Republic, 7/9/2011.
37. "Relational Tropes and Bradley's Regress" (together with Dr Markku Keinänen) ECAP 7, Milan, Italy, 5/9/2011.
38. "Hume's Argument for the Existential Independence of Simple Properties". Hume's Metaphysics and Humean Metaphysics, University of Tampere, Finland, 22/6/2011.
39. "The Problem of Trope Individuation" (together with Dr Markku Keinänen). E.J. Lowe's Metaphysics, University of Turku, 23/10/2010.
40. "Hume's Argument for the Ontological Independence of Properties". Monism, Pluralism, and Metaphysics, University of Tampere, 25/8/2010.
41. "Hume on the Existence of Complex Perceptions". 37th International Hume Conference, University of Antwerp, 7/7/2010.
42. "How Can Berkeley's Ideas Be both Dependent and Distinct?" Arctic Circle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Helsinki, 16/4/2010.
43. "Of the Ontological Status of Berkeley's Ideas". International Berkeley Conference, University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 9/4/2010.
44. "Persistence of Primitive Substances" (with Dr Markku Keinänen). Metaphysics of Time and Change, University of Turku, Finland, 5/6/2009.
45. "Is Hume a Trope Nominalist?" Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, 6/3/2009.
46. "Hume on Secondary Qualities". Early Modern Epicureanism and Anti-Epicureanism, University of Leiden, Holland, 11/4/2008.
47. "Hume on Society, Civilisation, and Enlightenment". Workshops in Political Theory – Fourth Annual Conference, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, 3/9/2007.
48. "Hume and Berkeley's Abstraction Argument against the Distinction between Primary Qualities and Qualia". International Berkeley Conference, University of Helsinki, Finland, 8/8/2007.
49. "Hume's Doubts in the Appendix of His Account of Personal Identity". The Nordic Colloquium of Early Modern Philosophy - Conceptions of Self, University of Oslo, Norway, 26/5/2007.
50. "Transforming Creativity – Hume's Conception of Imagination". British Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, St Hugh's College, Oxford, UK, 5/1/2004.
51. "Materialist of Malmesbury and Experimentalist of Edinburgh". 30th Hume Conference, University of Las Vegas, USA, 30/7/2003.

Comment Papers

1. Comment on Donald L.M. Baxter's paper "Hume's Metaphysics of Simples and Complexes". 50th Hume Conference, Oxford University, 1/7/2024.
2. Comment on Dan Kervick's paper "Hume against the Geometers". 45th Hume Conference, Budapest, 24/7/2018.
3. Comment on Dario Perinetti's paper "Hume as a Recognition Theorist". Arctic Circle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy 2, Kilpisjärvi Biological Station, University of Helsinki, 3/8/2013.

4. Comment on Thomas Holden's paper "Is Hume a Projectivist on Absolute Necessity?" Hume After 300 Years Conference, University of Edinburgh, UK, 19/7/2011.
5. Comment on Karánn Durland's paper "Hume's Mitigated Skepticism and the Science of Man in the Treatise and first Enquiry". 36th Hume Conference, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, 4/8/2009.
6. Comment on Eva Dadlez's paper "Aesthetics and Humean Aesthetic Norms in the Novels of Jane Austen". 34th Hume Conference, Boston University, USA, 12/8/2007.
7. Comment on André Klaudat's paper "Hume and Literature as Moral Philosophy". 33rd Hume Conference, University of Koblenz, Germany, 7/8/2006.
8. Comment on Karánn Durland's paper "Hume, the Fantastic Sect, and Life without Belief". 29Th Hume Conference, University of Helsinki, Finland, 10/8/2002.