

## Academic CV

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### Areas of Research and Teaching Interests

#### *Areas of Specialization*

Early Modern Philosophy, René Descartes, Early Modern Women Philosophers, Margaret Cavendish, Émilie Du Châtelet, History of Skepticism

#### *Areas of Competence*

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophical Skepticism, Free Will, Early Feminism, Ancient Philosophy, Medieval and Scholastic Philosophy, Renaissance Philosophy, History and Philosophy of Paleontology

### *Career phase*

Postdoctoral Research

### Previous Work Experience

#### *Work Inside of Academia*

17.8.-31.11.2026 Part-time teacher, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
27.10.-31.12.2025 Part-time teacher, History of Sciences and Ideas, University of Oulu, Finland.  
11.8.-31.10.2025 Part-time teacher, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
1.9.-31.10.2024 Part-time teacher, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
1.8.2022-31.7.2024 Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa.  
10.1.-14.5.2024 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa  
16.8.-19.12.2023 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa  
11.1.-12.5.2023 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa.  
4.1.-31.5.2022 Part-time teacher, supervising 6 Bachelor Thesis works, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
1.8.-31.12.2021 Part-time teacher, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
4.1.-31.5.2021 Part-time teacher, Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
15.9.-14.11.2020 Grant researcher (PhD), Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
15.6.-14.9.2020 PhD researcher (fixed term), Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
1.8.2017-31.7.2019 PhD researcher (fixed term), Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland.  
13.4.2017 Expert evaluation, four articles on early modern philosophy, *Logos* – encyclopedia.  
URL=<http://filosofia.fi/ensyklopedia>  
21.1.2014, Part-time teacher, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland  
1.5.-30.6.2011 Assistant intern, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland.

#### *Work Outside of Academia*

4.11.2026 Part-time teacher, Järvenpää Region Adult Education Centre.  
24.9.-8.10.2026 Part-time teacher, Vantaa Adult Education Centre.  
3.2.2006 Part-time teacher, Helsinki Adult Education Institute.

2025-2026 Substitute teacher (part-time), City of Hyvinkää, Finland.  
2024-2026 Substitute teacher (part-time), City of Tampere, Finland.  
2020-2022 Substitute teacher (part-time), City of Tampere, Finland.  
27.2.2013-9.8.2014, Telephone interviewer, TNS Gallup Oy, Tampere, Finland  
April-May 2012, Modeling for art class (naked model), Tampere University of Technology, Tampere, Finland  
16.9.2011-31.8.2012, Telephone interviewer, TNS Gallup Oy, Tampere, Finland

### **Education and Degrees Awarded**

27.3.2021 PhD, Philosophy, Tampere University, Finland.  
Doctoral Thesis in history of philosophy: *Of Dreams, Demons, and Whirlpools: Doubt, Skepticism, and Suspension of Judgment in Descartes's Meditations*.  
13.6.2012 Master of Arts, Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland. Grade: *Eximia cum laude approbatur*.  
26.1.2011 Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland.  
2005-2012 University of Tampere, Finland. Major: Philosophy; Minor: Communications & Media, Gender Studies, Latin Language & Classic Heritage (ancient history & philosophy and Latin and Ancient Greek).

### **Other Relevant Education**

2026 Early Modern Summer Program, Center of Canon Expansion and Change, University of Minnesota.  
2016- University Pedagogy, Tampere University, Finland.

### **Research Visits**

18.2.2019-30.4.2019 Visiting Graduate Researcher, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).  
Project Grant (5500€) for the research visit above. Granted by the Finnish Cultural Foundation.

### **Student Exchange**

2007-2008 Loughborough University, England. Major: Communications & Media. Erasmus Programme.  
Erasmus scholarship (1800€) for the exchange studies. Granted by the University of Tampere.

### **Language Skills**

Finnish (native); English (fluent, C2); Swedish (basic user, B1); Spanish (basics, A2); German (basics, A1);  
Latin and Ancient Greek (reading)

### **Publications**

#### **Peer reviewed Scientific Articles**

- Forsman, Jan:** (forthcoming a) "Mary Shepherd and Wittgensteinian Hinge Epistemology" in **Hagengruber, Ruth E.; Hecht, Hartmut & Prätör Klaus (eds.):** *They Were Ahead of Their Time*, De Gruyter.
- Forsman Jan:** (forthcoming b) "Margaret Cavendish," *Encyclopedia Logos*.  
URL=<https://filosofia.fi/fi/ensyklopedia>
- Forsman, Jan:** (2025) "Margaret Cavendish on Dreaming," *Acta Philosophica Fennica Vol. 102*, 269–296.
- Forsman, Jan & Hakkarainen, Jani:** (2025a) "Émilie Du Châtelet'n *Vapaudesta* 1700-luvun unohtuneena tekstinä: filosofis-historiallinen luenta (Émilie Du Châtelet's *On Freedom* as an 18<sup>th</sup> century forgotten text: a philosophical-historical reading)" in **Kivistö, Sari; Kärkelä, Katariina; Pihl, Erika & Välimäki, Isa (ed.):** *Unohtuneet kirjoitukset: katoaminen kirjallisuushistoriassa (Forgotten writings: Disappearance in literary history)*, SKS kirjat, 229–251.
- Forsman, Jan & Hakkarainen, Jani:** (2025b) "Émilie Du Châtelet on Freedom: The Wolffian

Context” in **Carus, Clara & McDonough, Jeff (eds.):** *Emilie Du Châtelet in Relation to Leibniz and Wolff: Similarities and Differences*, Springer, 155–176.

**Forsman, Jan:** (2023a) “Teresa’s Demons: Teresa of Ávila’s Influence on the Cartesian Skeptical Scenario of Deceiving Demon,” *Journal of the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists*, Vol. 2, No. 4, 25–45.

**Forsman, Jan:** (2023b) “Madness and Dream in Descartes’s *First Meditation*” in **Baldassari, Fabrizio (ed.):** *Descartes and Medicine: Problems, Responses, and Survival of a Cartesian Discipline*, Brepols, 215–228.

**Forsman, Jan:** (2019) “Can an Atheist know that He Exists? Cogito, Mathematics, and God in Descartes’s *Meditations*,” *International Journal for Study of Skepticism*, Vol. 9, No. 2, 91–115.

**Forsman, Jan:** (2017) “Descartes on Will and Suspension of Judgment: Affectivity of the Reasons for Doubt” in **Boros, Gábor; Szalai, Judit & Tóth, Olivér István (eds.):** *The Concept of Affectivity in Early Modern Philosophy*, Eötvös University Press, 38–58.

**Forsman, Jan:** (2016) “Mahdollisuus, välttämättömyys ja luodut ikuiset totuudet Descartesin filosofiassa (Possibility, Necessity and Created Eternal Truths in Descartes’s Philosophy)” in **Niiniluoto, Ilkka; Tahko, Tuomas & Toppinen, Teemu (eds.):** *Mahdollisuus*, Philosophical Society of Finland, 120–129.

**Forsman, Jan:** (2015) “Tahto ja arvostelmasta pidättäytyminen Descartesin filosofiassa (Will and the Suspension of Judgment in Descartes’s Philosophy),” *Ajatus 72: Suomen Filosofisen Yhdistyksen vuosikirja 2015*, Philosophical Society of Finland, 15–51.

#### **Peer reviewed Books**

**Forsman, Jan (ed.):** (forthcoming) *Margaret Cavendish: Filosofisia kirjoituksia (Margaret Cavendish: Philosophical Writings)*, Gaudeamus.

#### **Non-Peer reviewed Scientific Articles**

2025 “Free Will and Theological Mysticism: Émilie Du Châtelet Between Descartes and Wolff” in **Forsman, Jan & Slavov, Matias (eds.):** *Contemporary Perspectives and Historical Dimensions: A Festschrift in Honor of Jani Hakkarainen*, Tampere University, 171–198.

2021 “Epäily, skeptisismi ja arvostelmasta pidättäytyminen Descartesin *Mietiskelyissä* (Doubt, skepticism, and suspension of judgment in Descartes’s *Meditations*),” *Lectio praecursoria* 19.2.2021, *Ajatus 78: Suomen Filosofisen Yhdistyksen vuosikirja 2021*, Philosophical Society of Finland, 301–306.

2018 “Descartes and Suspension of Judgment: Considerations of Cartesian Skepticism and *Epoché*,” *Proceedings of the XXIII World Congress of Philosophy 70*, Greek Philosophical Society, 15–20.

#### **Non-Peer reviewed Books**

**Forsman, Jan & Slavov, Matias (eds.):** (2025) *Contemporary Perspectives and Historical Dimensions: A Festschrift in Honor of Jani Hakkarainen*, Tampere University.

URL=<https://trepo.tuni.fi/handle/10024/232991>

#### **Scientific Book Reviews**

Forthcoming review of Alison Peterman: “Cavendish” (Routledge, London 2025), *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.

2022 “Historiallisten naisfilosofien esiinmarssi (Emergence of Historical Women Philosophers),” combined review of Martina Reuter (ed.): “Miesvaltaa murtamassa,” (Gaudeamus, Helsinki 2021) Rebecca Buxton & Lisa Whiting (eds.): “Filosofian kuningattaret (The Philosopher Queens),” (niin & näin, Tampere 2021) and Torsti Lehtinen: “Sofian Sisaret (Sisters of Sophia),” (Into, Helsinki

- 2020), *niin & näin*, no. 114, 3/2022, Eurooppalaisen filosofian seura ry, 148–150.
- 2021 “Miesvallan murtajat (Breakers of Patriarchy),” review of Martina Reuter (ed.): “Miesvaltaa murtamassa: Varhaisten feministien filosofisia kirjoituksia (Bringing Down the Patriarchy: Philosophical Writings of Early Feminists),” (Gaudeamus, Helsinki 2021), *Tieteessä tapahtuu*, 5/2021, Tieteellisten seurain valtuuskunta, 79–81.
- 2017a “Epäilijöitä ja tiedon etsijöitä (Doubters and Knowledge Seekers),” review of Malin Grahm-Wilder (ed.): “Skeptisismi: Epäilyn ja etsimisen filosofia,” (Gaudeamus, Helsinki 2016), *Ajatus* 74: *Suomen Filosofian Yhdistyksen vuosikirja 2017*, Philosophical Society of Finland, 327–341.
- 2017b “Tietoa etsimässä (In the Search for Knowledge)” review of Malin Grahm-Wilder (ed.): “Skeptisismi: Epäilyn ja etsimisen filosofia (Skepticism: The Philosophy of Doubting and Searching),” (Gaudeamus, Helsinki 2016) *niin & näin*, no. 93, 2/2017, Eurooppalaisen filosofian seura ry, 150–151.
- 2015 “Utopian jäljillä (On the Trail of Utopia),” review of Keijo Lakkala: “Utopia tänään: Yhteiskunnallisen mielikuvituksen metodologiaa (Utopia Today: Methodology of Social Imagination),” (Kampus Kustannus, Jyväskylä 2014) *Tieteessä tapahtuu*, vol. 33, no. 6, Tieteellisten seurain valtuuskunta, 77–80.

### **Public Outreach Related to the Research**

- 2026 “Paleontologian outoa varhaishistoriaa: Robert Plotin ja Scrotum Humanumin tapaus (Weird early history of Paleontology: The Case of Robert Plot and Scrotum Humanum),” *Tieteessä Tapahtuu* 1/2026. URL=<https://www.tieteessatapahtuu.fi/numerot/1-2026/paleontologian-outoa-varhaishistoriaa-robert-plotin-ja-scrotum-humanumin-tapaus>
- 2024a “‘If I am going to have a past, I prefer it to be multiple choice’: The Joker, Madness, and Metafiction” in Cappuccio, Massimiliano L.; Dunn, George A. & Eberl, Jason T.: *Joker and Philosophy: Why So Serious?* Wiley-Blackwell, 106–116.
- 2024b “Iowan lakeuksien kutsu (The Call of Iowan Plains),” guest blog-spot, *Akatemian Jalkaväki Blog*. URL= <https://akatemianjalkavaki.fi/2024/05/10/iowan-lakeuksien-kutsu/>
- 2023 “The Weird Early History of Paleontology: Robert Plot and *Scrotum Humanum*”, guest blog-post, *Extinct: The Philosophy of Paleontology Blog*. URL=<http://www.extinctblog.org/extinct/2023/9/12/weird-early-history-of-paleontology>
- 2016a “Cavendishistä, Moresta, kirjeistä ja filosofiasta (On Cavendish, More, Letters, and Philosophy),” *niin & näin*, nro. 91, 4/2016, Eurooppalaisen filosofian seura ry, 16–18.
- 2016b “Keskellä äärettömyyden mustaa merta: H.P. Lovecraftin filosofiaa,” *Kuiskaus Pimeässä* 1/2016.
- 2016c “Potkiko Descartes koiria? – Muutama sana Kartesiolaisesta eläinkäsityksestä (Did Descartes kick dogs? Some words on Cartesian conception of animals),” *Paatos*, 31.3.2016. URL=<http://www.paatos.fi/2016/03/31/potkiko-descartes-koiria-muutama-sana-kartesiolaisesta-elainkäsityksesta/>
- 2015a “Potkiko Descartes koiria? – Muutama sana Kartesiolaisesta eläinkäsityksestä (Did Descartes kick dogs? Some words on Cartesian conception of animals),” guest blog-post, *Animal Justice Party of Finland*. URL=<http://eop.fi/fi/potkiko-descartes-koiria/>
- 2015b “Brontosauruksen yö (Night of the Brontosaurus),” *niin & näin*, no. 85, 2/2015 (online extra). URL=<http://www.netn.fi/artikkeli/brontosauruksen-yo>
- 2014 “Keskellä äärettömyyden mustaa merta: H.P. Lovecraftin filosofiaa (In the Midst of the Black Seas of Infinity: The Philosophy of H.P. Lovecraft),” *Paatos* 2/2014. URL= <https://www.paatos.fi/vanha/2014-02/lovecraft.html>

### **Conference Reports**

2016 "Lähelle on pitkä matka – Muistoja Barcelonan ja Tampereen Yliopistojen kohtaamisesta (It's a long way to get near – Memories from the meeting of the Universities of Barcelona and Tampere)", conference report, *Paatos*, 17.3.2016.

URL=<http://www.paatos.fi/2016/03/17/lahelle-on-pitka-matka-muistoja-barcelonan-ja-tampereen-yliopistojen-kohtaamisesta/>

2013 "Metafyysisiä mietelmiä (Metaphysical Meditations)", conference report, *niin & näin*, no. 78, 3/2013, Eurooppalaisen filosofian seura ry, 125.

### **Theses**

2021 *Of Dreams, Demons, and Whirlpools: Doubt, Skepticism and Suspension of Judgment in Descartes's Meditations*, Tampere University. (Public defense: 19.2.2021).

URL=<https://trepo.tuni.fi/handle/10024/124689>

2012 *Descartesin epäilyn metodi (Descartes's Method of Doubt)*, Masters's Thesis, University of Tampere. URL= <https://trepo.tuni.fi/handle/10024/83510>

2009 *Transsendentaalisuuden porteilla: Descartesin epäilyn metodi tarkasteltuna Husserlin transsendentaalifilosofiaa ja luonnollisen asenteen kritiikkiä vasten (On the Gates of Transcendentalism: Descartes's Method of Doubt compared with Husserl's transcendental philosophy and critique of natural attitude)*, Bachelor's Thesis, University of Tampere.

### **Fiction Writing**

2023a "Meditations on the Unknown (transl. Graeme Phillips)", short story, *Cyaegha*, no. 25 (Finnish Special), Spring 2023, 3–8.

2023b "The Collector (transl. Graeme Phillips)", short story, *Cyaegha*, no. 25 (Finnish Special), Spring 2023, 42–45.

Included among Ellen Datlow's *Best Horror of the Year Volume Sixteen (2023)*

Recommendations: <https://ellendatlow.com/2024/11/28/the-best-horror-of-the-year-volume-sixteen-recommendations-2023-part-one>

2023c "The Notebook (transl. Graeme Phillips)", short story, *Cyaegha*, no. 26 (Finnish Special), Spring 2023, 23–30.

2021 "Meditations on the Unknown", short story, *Tigershark Magazine*, no. 29, Tigershark Publishing, 63–76.

2020a "Keräilijän Löytö (the Collector)", short story, *Kuiskaus Pimeässä* 2/2020.

2020b "Korppi (The Raven)", translation, *Kuiskaus Pimeässä* 1/2020.

2020c "The Notebook", short story, *Tigershark Magazine*, no. 26, Tigershark Publishing, 31–39.

2016 "Mietiskelyt Tuntemattomasta (Meditation's on the Unknown)", short story, *Kuiskaus Pimeässä* 1/2016.

2012 "Filosofi (The Philosopher)", poem, *Paatos* 2/2012.

URL=<https://www.paatos.fi/vanha/arkisto/2012-2/paatos21207.shtml>

### **Other Writings**

2013 "Odysseus rahamaailmassa – Näkemyksiä elokuvasta *Cosmopolis* (Financial Odyssey – Views on the movie *Cosmopolis*)", *Paatos* 1/2013.

URL=<https://www.paatos.fi/vanha/arkisto/2013-1/cosmo.html>

2008 "Descartes ja *cogito, ergo sum*: Mietiskely ajattelijasta ja ajatuksesta (Descartes and *cogito, ergo sum*: Meditation on thinking and the thinker)", *Paatos* 2/2008.

URL=<https://www.paatos.fi/vanha/arkisto/2008-2/paatos20804.html>

### **Works in Progress**

Article: "Margaret Cavendish and Skepticism"

Article: “Émilie Du Châtelet’s “On Freedom” and Voltaire’s *Traité de Métaphysique*”

Article: “Teresa of Ávila on Mystical Experience and Intellectual Clarity (and her Possible Influence on Descartes)”

Article: “Mary Shepherd on Causation and External World Skepticism”

Article: “Descartes on Freedom of the Will: Spontaneity and Indifference”

Article: “Giants, Unicorns, and Lovemaking Rocks: Fossils in Early Modern Natural Philosophy”

Manuscript: *Demons, Angels, and Atheists: Skepticism and Meditative Practice in Descartes’s Meditations*

## Conferences, Visiting Lectures, and Presentations

### Organizer

26.-27.5.2016 Organizing the 9<sup>th</sup> Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland (with University Lecturer Jani Hakkarainen and assistant intern Miikka Palokangas,).

20.-22.6.2011 Hume’s Metaphysics and Humean Metaphysics -conference, University of Tampere, Finland (as an intern at the Faculty of Philosophy with University Lecturer Jani Hakkarainen).

### Visiting Lectures

25.6.2024 *Giants, Unicorns, and Lovemaking Rocks: Fossils in Early Modern Natural Philosophy* (45 min), Philosophy of Paleosciences Online Roadshow 2024.

7.3.2024 *Margaret Cavendish and Skepticism* (45 min), Eastern Michigan University.

17.11.2023 *Margaret Cavendish and Skepticism* (45 min), Department of Philosophy Colloquium, University of Utah.

20.4.2023 *Margaret Cavendish and Skepticism* (45 min), University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

20.5.2021 *Taking Skepticism Seriously: Descartes’s Meditations as a Cognitive Exercise and the Cartesian Epochē* (45 min), Skepticism Lecture Series: Session V, online-event.

24.5.2016 *Life of Skepticism: Ancient Skeptics and Descartes* (45min), Finnish Institute at Athens, Greece.

18.-21.2.2014 *Teaching of philosophy at the University of Tampere* (45min), Jornades Sobre L’ensenyament de la Filosofia a Europa -conference, University of Barcelona, Spain.

### Presentations

1.8.2026 *Cavendish on Panpsychism and Inanimate Life*, 4<sup>th</sup> Cavendish Collective Virtual Workshop.

27.-31.7.2026 *Émilie Du Châtelet’s “On Freedom” and Voltaire’s Traité de Métaphysique*, Libori Summer School, Center of the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, University of Paderborn, Germany.

23.7.2026 *Dinosaurusten filosofia (Philosophy of Dinosaurs)*, XVI Puistofilosofia, Ikaalinen, Finland.

18.-19.6.2026 *Mary Shepherd on Causation and External World Skepticism*, Northern Seminar in Late Modern Philosophy II, University of Durham, England.

27.-28.5.2026 *Émilie Du Châtelet’s “On Freedom” and Voltaire’s Traité de Métaphysique*, McMaster-Oulu Workshop, University of Oulu, Finland.

23.-25.4.2026 *Émilie Du Châtelet’s “On Freedom” and Voltaire’s Traité de Métaphysique*, British Society for History of Philosophy 2026 Conference, King’s College, England.

9.2.2026 *Free Will and Theological Mysticism: Émilie Du Châtelet Between Descartes and Wolff*, One-Day Wolff Workshop, Tampere University, Finland.

19.7.2025 *Margaret Cavendish on Dreaming*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavendish Collective Virtual Workshop.

23.-25.6.2025 *Margaret Cavendish on Dreaming*, Red Latinoamericana de Estudios sobre Filósofos en la Historia, Universidad Nacional de la Plata, Argentina

21.-22.3.2025 *Émilie Du Châtelet’s “On Freedom” and Voltaire’s Traité de Métaphysique*, Du Châtelet’s Theoretical Philosophy in Context -conference, University College Dublin, Ireland.

- 20.-22. and 27.2.-1.3.2025 *Margaret Cavendish and Skepticism*, APA Central Division Meeting, online conference.
- 23.-24.1.2025 *Unennäkö Margaret Cavendishin filosofiassa (Dreaming in Margaret Cavendish's philosophy)*, The Philosophical Society of Finland Annual Colloquium 2025, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 12.-13.12.2024 *Margaret Cavendish and the Fame of Skepticism in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century*, International Margaret Cavendish Society Conference, University of Seville, Spain.
- 28.-29.9.2024 *Teresa of Ávila and Descartes on Intellectual Clarity*, 14th Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Tartu, Estonia.
- 1.-8.8.2024 *Margaret Cavendish's Mitigated Skepticism*, 25th World Congress of Philosophy, Rome, Italy.
- 25.7.-26.7.2024 *Margaret Cavendish and Skepticism*, Cavendish: Mind, Consciousness, and Perception – online workshop, organized by Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists.
- 15.6.2024 *Margaret Cavendish's Mitigated Skepticism*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavendish Collective Virtual Workshop.
- 27.-28.4.2024 *Mary Shepherd on Causation and External World Skepticism*, NYC Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Fordham University, New York City.
- 21.-23.3.2024 *Margaret Cavendish and Skepticism*, 70<sup>th</sup> Renaissance Society of America Meeting, Chicago.
- 21.2.-24.2.2024 *Teresa's Demons: Teresa of Ávila's Influence on the Cartesian Skeptical Scenario of Demonic Deception*, APA Central Division Meeting, New Orleans.
- 18.11.2023 *Descartes on Freedom of the Will: Spontaneity and Indifference*, Early Modern Discussion group University of Utah.
- 3.-4.11.2023 *The Prince and the Philosopher: Fredrick and Émilie Du Châtelet's "On Freedom"*, with Senior Lecturer Jani Hakkarainen (Tampere University), Frederick the Great and the Philosophy of Enlightenment -conference, University of Bucharest.
- 8.9.2023 *Teresa's Demons: Teresa of Ávila's Influence on the Cartesian Skeptical Scenario of Demonic Deception*, University of Iowa Department of Philosophy.
- 5.-8.4.2023 *Teresa's Demons: Teresa of Ávila's Influence on the Cartesian Skeptical Scenario of Demonic Deception*, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco.
- 30.3.2023 *Émilie Du Châtelet on Freedom: The Wolffian Context*, with Senior Lecturer Jani Hakkarainen (Tampere University), Half-Day Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Oulu, Finland
- 28.-30.9.2022 *Du Châtelet's "On Freedom" as a Response to Wolffian Spontaneity*, with Senior Lecturer Jani Hakkarainen (Tampere University), Émilie Du Châtelet in Relation to Leibniz and Wolff – Similarities and Differences -conference, Paderborn University, Germany.
- 14.-16.9.2022 *Teresa's Demons: Teresa of Ávila's Influence on the Cartesian Skeptical Scenario of Demonic Deception*, European Society for Early Modern Philosophy Conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 18.-20.11.2020 *Madness & Dream in Descartes's First Meditation*, VivaMente 2020: Medicine in the Philosophy of Descartes – Lights and Shadows online-conference.
- 12.-16.8.2019 *The Thinking Thing and the Willing Subject: Descartes's Cogito and the Self as a Moral Agent* 3<sup>rd</sup> Arctic Circle Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Kilpisjärvi, Finland.
- 17.-20.4.2019 Taking part in 2019 American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.
- 16.4.2019 *Descartes's Second Meditation*, History of Philosophy Seminar, UCLA, Los Angeles.
- 22.-24.10.2018 *Dreams and Demons: Radical Skepticism in Descartes's First Meditation*, 2018 Congress for Doctoral Students, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 8.-9.5.2018 *Dream and Reality: Descartes's Dreaming Doubt and the External World*, the 11<sup>th</sup> Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 20.-21.4.2018 *Descartes on Will and Suspension of Judgment*, Early Modern - St. Louis, St. Louis.
- 23.-25.10.2017 *Descartes on the Occasional Sensory Errors and Skepticism of the Senses*, 2017 Congress for

Doctoral Students, University of Tampere, Finland.

- 8.-9.6.2017 *Descartes and the Fear of Skepticism in the Early Modern Period*, What Were the Early Moderns Afraid of? -conference, University of Antwerp, Belgium.
- 2.-3.6.2017 *Life and Skepticism for Descartes: Meaning of the Moral Code in the Discourse*, 10<sup>th</sup> Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Tartu, Estonia.
- 23.5.2017 *Can an Atheist know that he exists? Cogito, Mathematics, and God in Descartes's Meditations*, the History of Philosophy Seminar, University of Turku, Finland.
- 17.-18.3.2017 *Can an Atheist know that he exists? Cogito and God in Descartes's Meditations*, Dynamis Workshop in Metaphysics, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 11.-13.11.2016 *Can an Atheist know that he exists? Cogito and God in Descartes's Meditations*, 20<sup>th</sup> Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Oxford, England.
- 24.-26.10.2016 *Madness & Dream in Descartes's First Meditation*, 2016 Congress for Doctoral Students in Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 14.-15.10.2016, *Madness & Dream in Descartes's First Meditation*, First Budapest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Eötvös Lóránd University, Budapest, Hungary.
- 26.-27.5.2016, *Madness & Dream as reasons for doubt in Descartes*, 9<sup>th</sup> Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 7.-8.1.2016 *Mahdollisuus, välttämättömyys ja luodut ikuiset totuudet Descartesin filosofiassa (Possibility, necessity and created eternal truths in Descartes's philosophy)*, One Word Colloquium ("Possibility"), University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 12.-14.10.2015 *Cogito and God in Descartes's philosophy*, 2015 Congress for Doctoral Students in Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 9.10.2015 *The Skeptic, the Scholastic & the Layman*, University of Turku, Finland.
- 8.9.2015 *Potkiko Descartes koiria? Muutama sana Kartesiolaisesta eläinkäsityksestä (Did Descartes Kick Dogs? Some words on Cartesian Conception of Animals)*, Ravintelivalistus, Jyväskylä, Finland.
- 3.-4.6.2015 *Descartes's Suspension of Judgement and the Wax in the Meditations*, 8th Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy -conference, University of Södertörn, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 26.5.2015 *The Mediator's Identity and Memory in Descartes's Meditations on First Philosophy*, part of Narrative, Memory, Identity -course, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 30.3.2015 *Descartes's method driven doubt as the research for knowledge and certainty*, YKY-Joint Doctoral Seminar, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 13.2.2015 *The Mediator's Persona in Descartes's Meditations*, History of Philosophy Research Seminar, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 12.-14.8.2014, *Descartes against the Aristotelians*, History of Philosophy as the History of Anti-Aristotelianism -conference, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile.
- 18.-21.2.2014 *Cartesian epoché: How serious is the doubt and what it actually affects*, Jornades Sobre L'ensenyament de la Filosofia a Europa -conference, University of Barcelona, Spain.
- 7.-9.10.2013 *Descartes and the suspension of judgment*, 2013 Congress for Doctoral Students in Philosophy, University of Tampere, Finland.
- 3.8.-10.8.2013 *Descartes and the suspension of judgment*, 23rd World Congress of Philosophy, University of Athens, Greece.
- 13.-14.6.2013 *Descartes and the suspension of judgment*, 6th Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Turku, Finland.
- 23.4.2013 *Descartes and the suspension of judgment*, History of Philosophy Research Seminar, University of Helsinki, Finland.

## Teaching and Supervision Experience

### Teaching

- 4.11.2026 Introduction to Forgotten Historical Women Philosophers, public lecture, Järvenpää Region Adult Education Centre.
- 24.9.-8.10.2026 Introduction to Forgotten Historical Women Philosophers, primary instructor, Vantaa Adult Education Centre.
- 7.9.-27.10.2026 FIL.FIA.001 Introduction to the History of Philosophy, primary instructor, Tampere University.
- 3.2.2026 Philosophy of Dinosaurs, public lecture, Helsinki Adult Education Institute.
- 27.10.-2.12.2025 700635P Problem of Knowledge and Ways of Knowing, primary instructor, University of Oulu.
- 1.9.-21.10.2025 FIL.FIA.001 Introduction to the History of Philosophy, primary instructor, Tampere University.
- 2.9.-22.10.2024 FIL.FIA.001 Introduction to the History of Philosophy, primary instructor, Tampere University.
- 17.1.-10.5.2024 PHIL:2214:0001 Seventeenth Century Philosophy, primary instructor, University of Iowa.
- 22.8.-15.12.2023 PHIL:1861:0002 Introduction to Philosophy, primary instructor, University of Iowa.
- 18.1.-12.5.2023 PHIL:1861:0005 Introduction to Philosophy, primary instructor, University of Iowa.
- 4.1.-31.5.2022 FIL.FIA.160 Bachelor Thesis Seminar, teacher in charge (with adjunct professor Inkeri Koskinen, University Lecturer), Tampere University, Finland.
- 7.9.-9.12.2021 FIL.FIA.160 Bachelor Thesis Seminar, teacher in charge (with adjunct professor Markku Keinänen, University Lecturer), Tampere University, Finland.
- 22.1.-14.5.2021 FILA02b History of Philosophy: Freedom of the Will (4 ECTS), teacher in charge (with adjunct professor Jani Hakkarainen, Senior Lecturer), Tampere University, Finland.
- 23.1.-11.5.2018 FILA6 History of Skepticism (5 ECTS), teacher in charge (with adjunct professor Jani Hakkarainen, Lecturer and Post-Doctoral Fellow), University of Tampere, Finland.
- 21.1.2014 *Introduction to Descartes's view of mind and body* -lecture (90min), part of FILA1 History of Philosophy -course (5 ECTS), University of Tampere, Finland.

### ***Supervision***

- 4.1.-31.5.2022 FIL.FIA.160 Bachelor Thesis Seminar, primary supervisor, supervising 6 Bachelor's Theses, Tampere University, Finland.

### ***Pedagogical Training and Competence***

- 31.5–6.6.2026 Early Modern Summer Program, Center of Canon Expansion and Change, University of Minnesota.
- 12.12.2021 EDUPEY03 Academic Supervision and Guidance (5 op), Tampere University, Finland.
- 7.5.2021 EDUPEY02 Curriculum and educational development (5 ECTS), Tampere University, Finland.
- 27.1.2017 PEDAYOP1-1 Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (10 ECTS), University of Tampere.

### ***Research Funding and Grants***

- 2023–2024 *Skeptical Influence of Early Modern Women Philosophers* (49.000€) University of Iowa. Granted by the Alfred Kordelin Foundation (Finnish Post Doc Pool).
- 2022–2023 *Skeptical Influence of Early Modern Women Philosophers* (46.000€) University of Iowa. Granted by the Finnish Cultural Foundation (Finnish Post Doc Pool).
- 2021 Printing Grant for the printing costs of the Doctoral Thesis (195,42€). Granted by the Tampere City Science Grant Committee.
- 15.9.-14.11.2020 Research Grant for finalizing Doctoral Thesis (6.500€). Granted by Ella and George Ehrnrooth Foundation.
- 2018 Project Grant (5500€) for a research visit to the United States. Granted by the Finnish Cultural Foundation

2016 Grant for English Grammar Check (300€) for a scientific article. Granted by englanniksi.fi.

### **Refereeing**

2026 *Springer (Book Proposal)*  
2024–2026 *Journal of Modern Philosophy*  
2024 *Ajatus: Suomen Filosofisen Yhdistyksen Vuosikirja*  
2024 *Philosopher's Imprint*  
2024 *Philosophy: Journal of Royal Institute of Philosophy*  
2024 *Southern Journal of Philosophy*  
2023 *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*  
2023 *Bloomsbury (Book Proposal)*  
2023 *Res Philosophica*  
2023 *Diametros*  
2022 *Acta Analytica*  
2021 *Journal of the Philosophy of History*  
2021 *Manuscript: International Journal of Philosophy*  
2019–2020 *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*  
2019 *Ergo*  
2018 *Ajatus: Suomen Filosofisen Yhdistyksen Vuosikirja*

### **Scientific and Societal Impact**

2025 Pre-review: Ahlroth, Jussi: *Kirje Buddhalta – Länsimaisen filosofian buddhalainen historia (Letter from Buddha – The Buddhist History of Western Philosophy)*, SKS kirjat, 2025.  
2021 *Newspaper interview, Visiiri student magazine*, URL= <https://www.visiirilehti.fi/soppi-epailla-toimittaja-kaahasi-lapi-skeptismin-ja-loysi-matrixin-nettitrollit-seka-pettavia-aisteja>

### **Societal and Other Merits**

#### ***Organizational activities***

2026- Member, British Society of the History of Philosophy.  
2023- Member, International Margaret Cavendish Society.  
2022- Member, New Voices on Women in the History of Philosophy.  
2022- Member, European Society for Early Modern Philosophy.  
2023-2025 Member, Renaissance Society of America.  
2021-2025 International Associate, American Philosophical Association.  
2022- Treasurer, City Block Basketball League, Tampere, Finland.  
2021-2022 Member of the Board, City Block Basketball League, Tampere, Finland.  
2023-2024 Treasurer, Tampereen Akateeminen Mahti, Tampere University, Finland.  
2022-2023 Member of the Board, Tampereen Akateeminen Mahti, Tampere University, Finland.  
2023-2024 Member of the Board, Mahti Basketball team, Tampere University, Finland.  
2022-2023 Chairman, Mahti Basketball team, Tampere University, Finland.  
2018-2023 Person in charge of City Block basketball, Mahti basketball team, Tampere University, Finland.  
2015-2017 Vice Member, PhD Student (Tampere), the Finnish Doctoral Training Network in Philosophy.  
2012-2017 Editor, Paatos: Philosophical Online Publication. URL=<http://www.paatos.fi/tietoa-paatos-lehdesta/>  
2010-2011 Person in charge of events, Aatos: Student Association, University of Tampere, Finland.  
2009 Person in charge of equality, Aatos: Student Association, University of Tampere, Finland.

#### ***Finnish Military Service***

9 months (2004–2005), Private

***Computer skills***

Microsoft Office, internet, webmail

***Drivers Licence***

Classification B (passenger vehicles)

***Hobbies***

Reading, writing, cinema, music, and basketball.

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