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EDUCATION

- 2021- **Theoretical Philosophy**, *PhD Program*, Lund University, Supervisor: Prof. Erik J. Olsson
- 2019-2021 **Cognitive Science**, *Masters Program*, Lund University
- 2018-2020 **Theoretical Philosophy**, *Masters Degree*, Lund University
- 2015-2018 **Theoretical Philosophy**, *Bachelor Degree*, Lund University

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 **Tsapos, M.**, *Betting on Conspiracy: A Decision Theoretic Account of the Rationality of Conspiracy Theory Belief*, *Erkenntnis*, (accepted 2023)
- 2023 **Tsapos, M.**, *Who is a Conspiracy Theorist?*, *Social Epistemology*, (accepted 2022)
- 2023 **Ekström, A. G., Madison, G., Olsson, E. J. & Tsapos, M.**, *The Search Query Filter Bubble: Effect of User Ideology on Political Leaning of Search Results Through Query Selection*, *Information, Communication & Society*
- 2023 **Tsapos, M.**, *Fördomar får inte hindra forskning*, *Lundagård, Debatt*
- 2021 **Tsapos, M.**, *Why the Exclusion Problem Still Seems Intractable for the Counterfactual Compatibilist*, *Master's Thesis*

PRESENTATIONS | WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

- 2023 Oct **SweCog, Göteborg**, *Partisan users select partisan search queries: Further evidence for the "self-imposed filter bubble" hypothesis*, Presenter
- 2023 Sep **CalTech CSSPP, Pasadena**, *Conspiratorial Thinking & Origins, Spread and Consequences*, Invited speaker
- 2023 June **VU, Amsterdam**, *The 2nd International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories*, Organizer, panel moderator and presenter
- 2023 May **Gargnano del Garda, Italy**, *Workshop: The Implications of Pathologizing Conspiracy Beliefs*, Invited speaker
- 2023 May **Cognitive Science, Lund**, *Dimensions of Conspiracy*, Invited speaker
- 2023 Jan **Space Humanities**, *Should We Believe Space Conspiracies?*, Invited speaker
- 2022 July **Zürich Summer School, UZH**, *Conceptual Engineering, Experimental Methods and Politically Correct Language*, Participant and presenter

- 2022 June **The Swedish Congress of Philosophy**, *Betting on Conspiracy: A Decision Theoretic Account of the Rationality of Conspiracy Theory Belief*, Speaker
- 2022 Feb **Claremont, California**, *The 1st International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theory*, Speaker and panelist

RESEARCH & FUNDING

- Funding **Research Grant**, *Who believes in Conspiracy Theories?*, The Erik and Gurli Hultengren Foundation for Philosophy
- Projects **Survey Study**, *Who believes in Conspiracy Theories in Sweden?*
VR-experiment, *The Sense of Agency and Conspiracy Beliefs*
Online experiment, *Is the Voice Epistemically Privileged? Implications for polarisation*

TEACHING

- 2022 & 2023 **Epistemology**, *Lecturer*, Level 2, Lund University
- Fall 2022 **20th Century Philosophy**, *Lecturer*, Level 1, Lund University
- 2022 & 2023 **Introduction to University Studies**, *Course coordinator & Lecturer*, The Institute of Health Sciences, Lund University

OUTREACH & COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- Trusted **Reviewer**, *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, Social Epistemology
Lund's Doctoral Student Union, *Working Committee*, 2023-current
Vice Chair, *Lund Philosophical Society*, 2018-2021
Advisor, *Swedish National Radio P1*, Filosofiska Rummet, 2021-current
Student Council Representative, *Lund University*, 2015-2019
- Media **Magazine Publication**, *Media Institute Fojo*, *How Does a Philosopher Research Conspiracy Theories?*, 2022
Swedish National Radio, P1, *Filosofiska Rummet*, as Guest, 2021 & 2022
Youtube-channel, *In-Depth Conversations*, as Host
Debate Moderator, *"Free Speech and Academic Freedom"*, 2020

OTHER SKILLS & COURSES

- Languages **Swedish and English**, Fluent
Hungarian, Greek and Spanish, Conversational
- Courses **Introduction to fMRI**, Lund University, 2021
R-studios, Lund University, 2021
Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, Lund University, 2021
Supplemental Instructor, *Mentors course*, Lund University, 2016–2018
- Milestones **Summits**, *Mt. Kilimanjaro, Mt. Merbabu, Birkkarspitze and Mt. Olympus*
Motorcycle Tours, *Around Australia (20.000km) and Vietnam (ca. 2500km)*