

curriculum vitae of

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## AREAS OF INTEREST

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**AOS:** Normative and Applied Ethics, Decision Theory

**AOC:** Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Metaethics

## EDUCATION

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2017 – present

**DPhil** candidate in Philosophy

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

- I'm a DPhil candidate in Philosophy at the University of Oxford
- Thesis title: Tiny Probabilities of Vast Value
- Supervisors: Andreas Mogensen and Teruji Thomas

2016 – 2017

**MSc** in Philosophy

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

- Specialized in philosophy of science
- Dissertation grade: 88
- Received a prize for the best master's dissertation in the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences

2011 – 2016

**MA** in Philosophy

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

- Graduated with a First Class Honours degree
- Minor subject: Psychology
- Received James Thomson Bursary in General Philosophy and Frances Melville Medal and Prize

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Kosonen, Petra. (2021). Discounting Small Probabilities Solves the Intrapersonal Addition Paradox. *Ethics*, 132(1), pp. 204–217.
2. Do Lefty and Righty Matter More than Lefty Alone? Equal co-authorship with Johan E. Gustafsson. Forthcoming in *Erkenntnis*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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1. *Bounded Utilities and Ex Ante Pareto*.
2. *Expected Utility Theory and Possible States of Zero Probability*.
3. *How to Discount Small Probabilities*.
4. *Probability Discounting and Money Pumps*.
5. *Tiny Probabilities and the Value of the Far Future*.
6. *Overview of Fanaticism (thesis introduction)*.
7. *Prudential Longtermism*. Equal co-authorship with Johan E. Gustafsson.

8. *Ignore Outlandish Possibilities*. Equal co-authorship with Tomi Francis.
9. *Should You Hunt Predators?* Revise and resubmit (I agreed with the objections and opted not to resubmit), 2017, *Analysis*.

## AWARDS

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| 2017          | <b><i>School Dissertation Prize</i></b>   | UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH |
|               | Awarded to the student who received the highest master's dissertation result in the school of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences. |                         |
| 2017          | <b><i>Highly Commended Dissertation Prize</i></b>   | UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH |
|               | Awarded to any student who received a master's dissertation result of 80 or above.  |                         |
| 2015          | <b><i>Frances Melville Medal and Prize</i></b>  | UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW   |
|               | Granted for the most distinguished candidate in the honours group of mental philosophy.   |                         |
| 2013 and 2014 | <b><i>James Thomson Bursary in General Philosophy</i></b>   | UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW   |
|               | Granted for distinction in the ordinary classes of general and moral philosophy.  |                         |

## PRESENTATIONS

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| December 2021 | <b>8th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research</b> (by invitation)   | OXFORD (ONLINE)     |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title: Tiny Probabilities and the Value of the Far Future</li> </ul>  |                     |
| December 2020 | <b>5th Oxford Workshop on Global Priorities Research</b> (by invitation)   | OXFORD (ONLINE)     |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title: Prudential Longtermism</li> <li>• We were invited to present our joint work together with Johan E. Gustafsson</li> </ul>                   |                     |
| March 2020    | <b>Slippery Slope Normativity Summit</b>   | LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY |
|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title: A Lexical Solution to the Intrapersonal Addition Paradox</li> <li>• My paper was selected from over 60 submissions for 8 spaces</li> </ul> |                     |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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For the following courses, I chose the topics covered in tutorials, assigned the readings for them from a faculty reading list, and decided the weekly essay questions.

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| 2021 | <b><i>Ethics</i></b>   | ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD   |
|      | I taught one-on-three tutorials on ethics.   |                                  |
| 2021 | <b><i>Practical Ethics</i></b>   | ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD   |
|      | I taught practical ethics tutorials for one student.   |                                  |
| 2021 | <b><i>Theory of Politics</i></b>   | UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, OXFORD       |
|      | I taught one-on-one and one-on-two tutorials on political philosophy for three students.       |                                  |
| 2021 | <b><i>Philosophy of Science</i></b>  | UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD             |
|      | I taught one-on-three tutorials on philosophy of science.                                      |                                  |
| 2020 | <b><i>Introduction to Philosophy</i></b>   | SARAH LAWRENCE PROGRAMME, OXFORD |
|      | I taught tutorials on Mill's utilitarianism, free will and ancient philosophy for one student. |                                  |

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 MARKING EXPERIENCE
 

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- 2021 *Ethics* UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD  
I marked and gave feedback for four students on their ethics mock exams.
- 2021 *Philosophy of Science* UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD  
I marked and gave feedback for one student on a philosophy of science mock exam.

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 GRANTS
 

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- 2021 *Open Philanthropy Project Scholarship Program* PALO ALTO, CA  
The purpose of this scholarship program is to support individuals who are pursuing study or research in a focus area that is important to Open Philanthropy's mission.
- 2019 and 2020 *The Forethought Foundation for Global Priorities Research* OXFORD  
The Forethought Foundation promotes academic work that addresses the question of how to use our scarce resources to improve the world by as much as possible.
- 2017, 2019 & 2020 *The Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation* HELSINKI  
The Jenny and Antti Wihuri Foundation is a non-profit cultural foundation that supports science, art, and other societal activity. They support my doctoral studies.

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 SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE
 

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- 2021 *University of Oxford*  
Caption editor for a course on epistemology
- Summer 2012 *Amnesty International*  
Face-to-Face Fundraiser
- Summers 2008–2011 *UNICEF Finland*  
Face-to-Face Fundraiser

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 OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES
 

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- Jan – July 2022 *FTX EA Fellowship* FTX FOUNDATION, THE BAHAMAS  
FTX is a cryptocurrency exchange headquartered in the Bahamas, founded with the goal of making money to give to effective charitable causes. I am part of the first cohort of FTX Foundation Fellows.
- Summer *Early Career Conference Programme* GLOBAL PRIORITIES INSTITUTE, OXFORD  
The Early Career Conference Programme is a summer research programme in economics and philosophy in which participants develop and present fundamental research on how to do the most good.
- Autumn 2019 *Effective Altruism Advanced Fellowship* EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM OXFORD  
The Effective Altruism Advanced Fellowship consisted of weekly meetings in which we discussed articles and blog posts related to effective altruism.
- Summer 2019 *Bayes by the Sea Summer School* MARCHE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, ITALY  
A summer school on formal epistemology, statistics and game theory.
- Summer 2015 *Erasmus Work Placement at the Department of Psychology* UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, ITALY  
I was part of a research project on the neural correlates of decision-making under the supervision of Professor Giuseppe di Pellegrino, who was part of the team that discovered mirror neurons.

2008 – 2009 **Exchange Year** OAXACA, MEXICO  
 A year abroad during upper secondary school.

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### COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

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Spring 2020 **Global Priorities Research Reading Group** EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM OXFORD  
 Organiser of a Global Priorities Research reading group for Effective Altruism Oxford.

Spring 2020 **Committee member** EFFECTIVE ALTRUISM OXFORD  
 Member of the Effective Altruism Oxford committee.

2012–2013 **Political Campaigner** FINNISH AND NORWEGIAN GREEN PARTIES  
 A volunteer campaigner for the Finnish and Norwegian Green Parties during national and municipal elections. I participated in the political campaign of a Green Party candidate, who was elected an associate member of the Helsinki city council.

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### COMMUNICATION SKILLS

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2014–2015 **Student Journalist** GLASGOW INSIGHT INTO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
 I wrote articles for a student-run science and technology magazine.

2013 **Blogger** LOGIHKKAPOLIISI-BLOG (IN FINNISH)  
 Aimed at detecting fallacies in public discussion. Some of my posts received thousands of readers.

2012–2013 **Author and Committee Member** RÖNSY (FINNISH YOUNG GREENS' MAGAZINE)  
 Member of the editorial team; I also wrote various articles related to politics and established the science section of the magazine.

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### NON-ACADEMIC WRITINGS

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- The Magical World of Lucy and Leo. *Effective Altruism Forum*, October 23, 2021.
- Smartphones keeping us awake. *The Glasgow Insight into Science and Technology*, January 2, 2015.
- Corporate psychopaths talk their way up. *The Glasgow Insight into Science and Technology*, October 28, 2014.
- The Science of Conveying Science. *The Glasgow Insight into Science and Technology*, September 25, 2014.

In Finnish:

- Kuvareportaasi: Kaamos. *Rönsy*, 1/2015, pp. 8–9.
- Kuvareportaasi: Taistelu paremmasta maailmasta. *Rönsy*, 22.7.2013.
- Kuvareportaasi: Norjan vihreä voitto. *Rönsy*, 2/2013, pp. 16–17.
- Sukupuoli—Biologiaa vai performanssia? *Rönsy*, 1/2013, p. 7.
- Nosta statustasi ekoilemalla! *Rönsy*, 4/2012, p. 14.