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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.**, Should We Worry about Conspiracy Theorists Rejecting Experts? *Inquiry*
- 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*
- 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*
- 2022 **Tsapos, M.**, How Does a Philosopher Research Conspiracy Theories? *Media Institute Fojo*
- 2021 **Tsapos, M.**, Why the Exclusion Problem Still Seems Intractable for the Counterfactual Compatibilist, Master's Thesis

PRESENTATIONS | WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

- 2024 Maj **Nordic Network of Conspiracy Theory Research**, *Conspiracy Theories and the Nordic Countries*, Presenter
- 2023 Oct **SweCog, Göteborg**, *The 18th SweCog conference of the Swedish Cognitive Science Society*, 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*, Presenter and participant
- 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

TEACHING

- 2024 **The Philosophy of Mind**, *Course coordinator & Lecturer*, Level 1, Lund University
- 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

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*

OUTREACH & COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- Reviewer**, *Philosophical Studies; Inquiry; Philosophy of the Social Sciences; Social Epistemology*
- Lund's Doctoral Student Union**, *Working Committee*, 2023
- Vice Chair**, *Lund Philosophical Society*, 2018-2021
- Podcast Host**, *Filosofiska Podden Mogensen & Tsapos*, 2023-current
- Panel Discussion Moderator**, *VU, Amsterdam, The 2nd International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories*, 2023
- Advisor**, *Swedish National Radio P1, Filosofiska Rummet*, 2021-current
- Student Council Representative**, *Lund University*, 2015-2019
- Swedish National Radio, P1**, *Filosofiska Rummet*, Invited panelist, 2021 & 2022
- Youtube-channel**, *In-Depth Conversations*, Host and Founder
- Debate Moderator**, *Free Speech and Academic Freedom*, Lund University Student Union, 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 Univeristy, 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)*