

# Melina Tsapos

PhD | Philosophy

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## PROFILE

Melina Tsapos specializes in social epistemology, conspiracy theories, epistemic trust, and rational belief. Her interdisciplinary research draws on analytic philosophy, cognitive science, and formal modelling to investigate belief formation and the dynamics of contemporary information environments.

## EMPLOYMENT

2026 – 2030 **Lecturer Level B** *Macquarie University*, Discipline of Philosophy, School of Humanities

## EDUCATION

2021–2025 **PhD in Theoretical Philosophy** *Lund University*, Awarded 12 September 2025.  
Supervisor: Prof. Erik J. Olsson; external examiner: Prof. Catarina Dutilh Novaes.

2015–2020 **BA and MA in Theoretical Philosophy and Cognitive Science** *Lund University*

## PUBLICATIONS

Selected **Tsapos, M.** 2025, Dimensions of Conspiracy Theories: Toward a unifying framework *Philosophical Psychology*

**Tsapos, M.** 2025, What is Interesting about Conspiracy Theories? *Social Epistemology*, 1-13

**Tsapos, M.** 2025, Betting on Conspiracy: A Decision Theoretic Account of the Rationality of Conspiracy Theory Belief *Erkenntnis*, (90(5), 1913-1931.)

**Dentith, M. R. X., Duetz J, Tsapos, M.,** 2024, Investigating Conspiracy Theories – Introduction to the Special Issue, *Inquiry*

**Tsapos, M.** 2024, Should We Worry about Conspiracy Theorists Rejecting Experts? *Inquiry*, 68(8), 2820-2840.

**Ekström, A. G., Madison, G., Olsson, E. J. & Tsapos, M.** 2023, The Search Query Filter Bubble: Effect of User Ideology on Political Leaning of Search Results Through Query Selection *Information, Communication & Society*, 36(1), 22-69.

**Tsapos, M.** 2023, Who is a Conspiracy Theorist? *Social Epistemology*, 37(4), 454–463.

## TEACHING

2024-current **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

## EDITOR & PEER REVIEW

Co-editor **Edward Elgar Publishing** *Research Handbook on Conspiracy Theories with David Coady*, forthcoming

**Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy** 2024, Special Issue co-editor, <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2024.2375773>

Peer reviewing **Journals** *Synthese; Philosophical Studies; Inquiry; Review of Philosophy and Psychology; Philosophy of the Social Sciences; Social Epistemology; Pro-Fil – An Internet work: Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

**Books** Anthem Press UK; Edward Elgars Publishing

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## RESEARCH FELLOW

2026 Jan **Macquarie Univerity, NSW, Australia** *by invitation of Prof. Mark Alfano*

2025 Feb **The University of Sydney** *Department of Philosophy, visiting Ryan Cox, full scholarship grant, SEK 60 000*

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## INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

2026 May **Keynote: Theoretical Rationality and Practical Reason International Conference**, *Bulgarian Society for Analytical Philosophy, Sofia University*

2025 Sep **SOPhia—Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy** *Salzburg*

2025 July **Philosophy Research Forum**, *Uniersität Bayreuth*

2025 May **Centre for Cultural Evolution**, *Stockholm University*

2025 Feb **Macquarie University**, *Syndey, Australia*

2024 Oct **Medical Ethics, Department of Clinical Sciences**, *Lund University*

2023 Sep **CalTech**, *CSSPP: Conspiratorial Thinking & Origins, Spread and Consequences, Pasadena, California*

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## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2025 June **University of Graz** *AI Assertion: Perspectives from Philosophy, Cognitive Science, Linguistics & HCI*, Presenter

2025 Feb **Univeristy of Waikato, New Zealand** *Conspiracies, Facts, and Truth*, Presenter

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 Jun **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*, Presenter

2022 Jul **Zürich Summer School, Universty of Zurich** *Conceptual Engineering, Experimental Methods and Politically Correct Language*, Presenter and participant

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## RESEARCH & FUNDING

Projects **Advanced Study Group, Pufendorf Institute** *Lund University (2025–2026): SEK 60,000. One-year cross-disciplinary research group, "Anomalous agenda" Role: Lead organiser.*

Affiliation **SETI Post-Detection Hub** *UK SETI Research Network, University of St Andrews*  
**CogPhi Research Group** *Cognitive Philosophy. Investigating philosophical topics from the perspective of cognitive science*

Funding **Research Grant** *Who believes in Conspiracy Theories?*, The Erik and Gurli Hultengren Foundation for Philosophy, 10.000 SEK

**2nd International Conference of Conspiracy Theories** *The Erik and Gurli Hultengren Foundation for Philosophy*, role: organiser, 50.000 SEK

projects **Survey Study** *Who believes in Conspiracy Theories in Sweden?*

**VR-experiment** *The Sense of Agency and Conspiracy Beliefs*

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## COMMISSIONS OF TRUST & OUTREACH

Collegiality **Lund's Doctoral Student Union Election Committee**, current

**Lund's Doctoral Student Union Working Committee**, 2023

**Vice Chair** *Lund Philosophical Society*, 2018-2021

Outreach **ABC Radio National** *The Philosopher's Zone*, 2025

**Podcast Host** *Filosofiska Podden Mogensen & Tsapos*, 2023-current

**Swedish National Radio P1** *Filosofiska Rummet*, advisory board, 2021-2023

**The Road Less Travelled Outreach initiative**, Lund University, 2019-2020

**Swedish National Radio, P1** *Filosofiska Rummet*, Invited panelist, 2022

**Youtube-channel**, *In-Depth Conversations*, Host and Founder  
2021-current

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## OTHER SKILLS & TRAINING

Training Introduction to fMRI; R (RStudio); Supplemental Instructor Mentors course.

Pedological Project course in higher education development ((Lund University, 2024); Teaching and  
courses Learning in Higher Education (Lund University, 2021)

Languages *Swedish, Hungarian, English (fluent); Greek (basic)*