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## Areas of specialisation

Epistemology, Metaphysics

## Areas of competence

Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind

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## Employment

2019-2020

### University of Helsinki

*Postdoctoral Researcher in Philosophy*

ERC Project: 'Competence and Success in Epistemology and Beyond'  
Principal Investigator: Prof. Maria Lasonen-Aarnio

## Education

2014-2019

### University of Bristol

*PhD, Philosophy*

Supervisors: Prof. Alexander Bird, Dr. Jason Konek

Thesis Title: 'Doxastic Dispositions: An Essay on the Metaphysics of Belief'  
Examiners: Prof. Samir Okasha (Internal), Prof. Ralph Wedgwood (External: USC)

2010-2013

### University College London

*BA, Philosophy (2.1. hons)*

## Academic Articles

### Forthcoming

1. Safety and Necessity (@ *Erkenntnis*)
2. Non-Accidental Knowing (@ *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*)

### Under Review

3. Functional Predicates and Unique Specifications (@ *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*)
4. Dispositions and Token Identity (@ *The Philosophical Quarterly*)
5. Proper Functions: Etiology without Typehood (@ *The Journal of Philosophy*)
6. Need Knowing and Acting be SSS-Safe? (@ *Philosophical Studies*)

### Under Preparation

7. Virtue Theory: Economised
8. A Unified Theory of Comparative Risk
9. A Probabilistic Equality Theory of Direction of Fit

## Selected Presentations

<b>BSPS</b> 2019	British Society for the Philosophy of Science (Durham) <i>'Proper Functions: Etiology without Typehood'</i>
<b>PBCS</b> 2019	Biology and Cognitive Sciences Research Workshop (Basque Country) <i>'Proper Functions: Etiology without Typehood'</i>
<b>SGP</b> 2019	The Swedish Congress of Philosophy (Umea) <i>'Safety &amp; Necessity'</i>
<b>HRS</b> 2019	University of Helsinki Research Seminar (Helsinki) <i>'Proper Functions: Etiology without Typehood'</i>
<b>CSE</b> 2018	Competence and Success in Epistemology and Beyond: Opening Workshop (Helsinki) <i>'Dispositions &amp; Assistances'</i>
<b>NSM</b> 2018	The Nordic Meeting in Metaphysics (Gothenburg) <i>'Dispositions &amp; Token Identity'</i> with comments from Markku Keinänen

NTVE 2018	New Trends in Virtue Epistemology (Glasgow). <i>'Accidents, Credit, Luck, Epistemic Explanation'</i> with comments from Peter Graham
SIFA13 2018	Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (Novara) <i>'Dispositions &amp; Token Identity'</i>
ENFA 7 2018	Seventh National Meeting In Analytic Philosophy (Lisbon) <i>'Modal Epistemology'</i>
EEN 2018	European Epistemology Network (VU Amsterdam) <i>'Content Variation in Epistemic Subjunctives'</i>
BPGWiP 2018 2017	Postgraduate Work in Progress Seminar (Bristol) <i>'Dispositions &amp; Token Identity'</i> <i>'The Metaphysics of Credence'</i> – with Geoff Keeling.
BWiP 2017 2015	Work in Progress Seminar (Bristol) <i>'Content Variation in Epistemic Subjunctives'</i> <i>'Safety &amp; Knowing How'</i>
PRBP 2017	Probability & Perception Workshop (California, Berkeley) Comments on Lu Teng, <i>'An Epistemological Outlook on Perceptual Confidence'</i>

## Professional Service

### Referee Work

2019 *Noûs, Analysis.*

### Editorial Work

2016-2018 Philosophy Editor @ *'HARTS & Minds'*.

### Miscellaneous

2015-2018 Member of the *Minorities and Philosophy* chapter at Bristol.

2016-2017 Chaired and co-ordinated 'Postgraduate Work in Progress Seminar'.  
— Represented teaching assistants and postgraduate research students.

## Teaching Experience

### Teaching Assistant

PHIL20009 *Epistemology*  
2017 Led 3 seminars.  
2016 Led 3 seminars.

– Delivered lecture on ‘*Naturalised Epistemology*’.  
**PHIL20046** *Realism & Normativity*

2017 Led 3 seminars.

**PHIL10017** *Metaphysics*

2016 Led 2 seminars.

**PHIL10005** *Introduction to Philosophy A*

2016 Led 2 seminars.

2015 Led 2 seminars.

### **Course Director**

**RIP1** *Contemporary Themes in Analytic Philosophy*

2018 Designed and delivered a ten week course to sixth form students at *Wells Way School*, on contemporary analytic philosophy. Funded by the *Royal Institute of Philosophy*.

**RIP2** *Evaluative Methods*

2018 Designed and delivered a ten week course to sixth form students at *Wells Way School*, on how to construct & evaluate arguments. Funded by the *Royal Institute of Philosophy*.

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## **Academic References**

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