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Academic degrees

- * Doctor of Social Sciences (major: philosophy), Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, March 2007 (dissertation “Avicenna on Subjectivity” approved with the grade *eximia cum laude approbatur*, opponent in defense professor Peter Adamson, King’s College, University of London)
- * Master of Social Sciences (major: philosophy), Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, 2001

Academic offices and fellowships

- * Research fellow, Academy of Finland, September 2013 – August 2018 (project title: *Knowledge in Post-Avicennian Islamic Philosophy*)
- * Member of *Reason and Religious Recognition*, an Academy of Finland Center of Excellence led by professor Risto Saarinen (University of Helsinki), 2014–2019
- * Lecturer in philosophy (fixed term), University of Jyväskylä, 2013 (January-August)
- * Post-doctoral researcher, Academy of Finland, 2009–2011 (project title: *Selfhood in Medieval Islamic Philosophy*)
- * Member of *Reason and Religious Recognition*, an Academy of Finland Center of Excellence led by professor Risto Saarinen (University of Helsinki)
- * Member of *Philosophical Psychology, Morality and Politics – Human Conduct in the History of Philosophy*, an Academy of Finland Center of Excellence led by professor Simo Knuutila (University of Helsinki), 2008–2013
- * Member of *History of Mind*, an Academy of Finland Center of Excellence led by professor Simo Knuutila (University of Helsinki), 2002–2007
- * Member of *Understanding Agency*, a Riksbankens Jubileumsfond research project led by professors Lilli Alanen (University of Uppsala) and Dugald Murdoch (University of Stockholm), 2008–2012
- * Member of *Subjectivity and Selfhood in the Arabic and Latin Traditions*, an ERC research project led by professor Taneli Kukkonen (University of Jyväskylä), 2009–2012
- * Member of *The Limits of Personhood*, an Academy of Finland research project led by docent Jussi Kotkavirta (University of Jyväskylä), 2006–2009
- * Member of *Symbol, Metaphor and Apophasis in Judaism, Christianity and Islam*, an Academy of Finland research project led by docent Pauli Annala (University of Helsinki), 2007–2008
- * Researcher in *Human and Animal Minds in European Philosophy 1200–1700*, an Academy of Finland research project led by professor Mikko Yrjönsuuri (University of Jyväskylä), 2003–2005
- * External reviewer of Ph.D. dissertation (University of Helsinki, Theological Faculty, 2012)
- * Member of the committee for the Finnish translation of Descartes’ collected philosophical works, 2001–2005
- * Organizer of *The Origins of Fichte’s Original Insight*, an international workshop, Finnish Institute, Rome, June 2014
- * Organizer of *Subjectivity, Selfhood and Agency in the Arabic and Latin Traditions*, an international conference funded by SSALT and Understanding Agency, University of Uppsala, August 2012
- * Organizer of *I and Eye: Selfhood and Perception in the Arabic and Latin Traditions*, an international conference funded by SSALT, an ERC research project led by professor Taneli Kukkonen, June 2010
- * Organizer of *Limits of Personhood*, an international conference funded by *The Limits of Personhood*, a Finnish Academy research project led by docent Jussi Kotkavirta (University of Jyväskylä), June 2008
- * Organizer of *Hellenistic Influences on Medieval and Early Modern Conceptions of Self and Person*, the third annual conference of *Hellenistic Schools and Their Influence on Early*

Modern and Medieval Philosophy, a NOS-HS research project led by professor Eyjólfur K. Emilsson (University of Oslo), November 2004

* Member of SIEPM (*Société Internationale pour l'Étude de la Philosophie Médiévale*), since 2007

Lengthier visits abroad

* Research fellow, Swedish Collegium of Advanced Study / University of Uppsala, spring 2014, 6 months

* Visiting scholar at the Department of Philosophy, University of Uppsala, 2008-2009

* Graduate student fellow at the CSRS (Center for Studies on Religion and Society) and the Department of Philosophy, University of Victoria, BC, fall 2005

* Erasmus student at the Department of Philosophy, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, summer 1999

International publications

* *Self-Awareness in Islamic Philosophy: Avicenna and Beyond*. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

* "Self, Agent, Soul: Abū al-Barakāt al-Baghdādī's Critical Reception of Avicenna's Psychology", in J. Kaukua & T. Ekenberg (eds.), *Subjectivity and Agency: Medieval and Early Modern Approaches to Cognitive and Moral Psychology*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Adud al-Dīn al-Ījī", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Al-Jāmī", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Al-Jurjānī", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Al-Nasafī", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Sa'd al-Dīn al-Taftāzānī", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Al-Dawwānī", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Al-Laḡānī", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Mīr Dāmād", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Mullā Sadrā", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "Philosophy in Safavid Persia", in M. Sgarbi (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, Springer, forthcoming

* "A Closed Book: Opacity of the Human Self in Mullā Sadrā", *Vivarium* 52:3-4 (2014)

* "On the Historiography of Subjectivity", *Vivarium* 52:3-4 (2014) (with Vili Lähteenmäki)

* "The Problem of Intentionality in Avicenna", *Documenti e studi sulla tradizione filosofica medievale* 25 (2014)

* "Psychology", in Dagli, C. P. (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science, and Technology in Islam*, Oxford University Press: New York, 2014

* "Substance and Accident", in Dagli, C. P. (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science, and Technology in Islam*, Oxford University Press: New York, 2014

* "Avicenna on the Soul's Activity in Perception", in Silva, J. F. & Yrjönsuuri, M. (eds.), *Active Perception*, Springer: Berlin, 2014.

* "Suhrawardī's Knowledge as Presence in Context", in *Studia Orientalia* 114, 2013.

* "Self-awareness in Avicenna, Suhrawardī and Mullā Sadrā: A Synoptic Account", in *Sophia Perennis* 3:2, 2011

* "I in the Light of God: Selfhood and Self-Awareness in Suhrawardī's *Hikma al-ishraq*", in Adamson, P. (ed.), *In the Age of Averroes*, Warburg Institute: London, 2011

* "I in the Eye of God: Ibn 'Arabi on the Divine Human Self", in *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society*, vol. 47, 2010

* "Subjectivity as a Non-Textual Standard of Interpretation in the History of Philosophical Psychology", in *History and Theory*, vol. 49:1, 2010 (with Vili Lähteenmäki)

* *Avicenna on Subjectivity. A Philosophical Study*, University of Jyväskylä Press: Jyväskylä, 2007

- * "Sensation and Self-Awareness: Before and After Avicenna", in Heinämäa, S., Lähteenmäki, V. & Remes, P. (eds.), *Consciousness: From Perception to Reflection in the History of Philosophy*, Springer: Berlin 2007 (with Taneli Kukkonen)

International edited volumes

- * "Varieties of Subjectivity", a special issue of *Vivarium* 52:3-4 (2014) (with Vili Lähteenmäki)
- * *Subjectivity and Agency: Medieval and Early Modern Approaches to Cognitive and Moral Psychology*, Springer, forthcoming (with Tomas Ekenberg)

Publications in Finnish

- * "Fichten alkuperäisestä oivalluksesta" [On Fichte's Original Insight], in Saarinen, J. (ed.), *Festschrift für Jussi Kotkavirta*, SoPhi, 2014.
- * Review of W. A. Euler, Y. Gustafsson & I. Wikström (eds.), *Nicholas of Cusa on the Self and Self-Consciousness*, Åbo Akademi University Press, forthcoming in *Teologinen Aikakauskirja*
- * "Ibn Sina itsetietoisuudesta" [Ibn Sina on Self-awareness], *Ajatus* 69, 2012
- * "Inhimillinen itse ja itsetietoisuus islamilaisessa filosofiassa: Ibn Sina ja Mulla Sadra" [Human Self and Self-awareness in Islamic Philosophy: Ibn Sina and Mulla Sadra], *Synteesi*, 31:1, 2012
- * "Itsetietoisuuden aatehistoriallisesta tutkimuksesta" [On the Study of Self-Awareness in Intellectual History], in *Ajatus* (The Yearbook of the Philosophical Society of Finland), 64, 2007
- * "Persoonallinen identiteetti ylösnousemuksessa: al-Ghazālī, *Tahāfut al falāsifa* XX, 27-43" [Personal Identity in Resurrection: al-Ghazālī, *Tahāfut al falāsifa* XX, 27-43], in Kotkavirta, J. (ed.), *Muoto ja metodi – Juhlakirja Veli Verroselle*, Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy: Jyväskylä, 2005
- * "Keskiajan arabifilosofiasta" [On Medieval Arabic Philosophy], in *Marhaba. Yearbook of the Finnish-Arabic Society*, 2005
- * "Ibn Rushd yksimieliisyydestä" [Ibn Rushd on Singlemindedness], in *Niin & näin* 37, 2003

Other relevant publications

- * Review of Mohammed Rustom, *The Triumph of Mercy*, State University of New York Press, in *Journal of Islamic Studies* 24:3, 2013
- * Review of Ibrahim Kalin, *Knowledge in Later Islamic Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, in *Philosophy in Review*, vol. 31:5, 2011
- * Review of Avicenna. *The Physics of the Healing*, Books I-IV, Jon McGinnis, translator, Brigham Young University Press, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 49:2, 2011

Papers in international conferences

- * "Conceptual Fictions or Transcendental Concepts: Substance and Other *i'tibārāt* in Suhrawardī", The 32nd Annual Joint Meeting of the SAGP and the SSIPS, Fordham University, New York, October 2014
- * "Avicenna on Singular Judgments", *Perception and Negative Beliefs – From Plato to Kant*, Universität Hamburg, August 2014
- * "Avicenna's Critique of Reflection", *The Origins of Fichte's Original Insight*, Rome, June 2014
- * "Knowledge and Human Perfection: Avicenna, Ibn 'Arabī, Mullā Sadrā", *Pleasures of Knowledge: SIEPM 2012*, Freising, August 2012
- * "The Closed Book: Opacity of the Human Self in Mullā Sadrā", *Between Selfhood and Self-awareness: Varieties of Subjectivity in the Arabic and Latin Traditions*, Finnish Institute, Berlin, April 2012
- * "Dualist Afterlives: Avicenna and Mulla Sadra", *International Conference of Religious Doctrines and Mind-Body Problem*, Islamic Sciences and Culture Academy, Qom, March 2011
- * "Self-Awareness in Avicenna, Suhrawardi and Mulla Sadra", The 28th Annual Meeting of the SAGP and the SSIPS, Fordham University, New York, October 2010
- * "Self-Awareness in Mulla Sadra", *I and Eye: Self-Awareness and Perception in the Arabic and Latin Traditions*, University of Jyväskylä, June 2010

- * "First-Personality and the Concept of Soul: Avicenna and Abu al-Barakat al-Baghdadi", *On Society and the Self: A Symposium on Politics, Morality, and Psychology*, University of Jyväskylä, May 2010
- * "Subjectivity as an (A)historical Phenomenon", *Olivi Symposium*, University of Jyväskylä, October 2009
- * "Sense of Agency and Philosophical Psychology: Remarks on a Medieval Arabic Debate", *Agents, Regularities and Chance*, University of Uppsala, November 2008
- * "Subjectivity as a Non-Textual Standard of Interpretation in the History of Philosophical Psychology", The XXII World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul National University, August 2008
- * "Intentionality and Self-Awareness: A Medieval Arabic Debate", *Limits of Personhood*, Jyväskylä, June 2008
- * "Suhrawardi on Self-Awareness: An Intersection of Two Concepts", *Age of Averroes: Arabic Thought at the End of the Classical Period*, Warburg Institute, London, February 2008
- * "Perfect Souls: The Arabic Plotinus and Avicenna on Self-Awareness", Fourth International Congress on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Fordham University, New York, October 2007
- * "Avicenna and Suhrawardī on Self-Awareness", *Universality of Reason – Plurality of Philosophies in the Middle Ages – XII international congress of medieval philosophy* Palermo, September 2007
- * "On the Influence of the Arabic Plotinus on Avicenna's Discussion of Self-Awareness", *Both One and Not One – the annual conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies*, Helsinki, 14–16 June 2007
- * "Two Conceptions of Selfhood in Avicenna", *Hellenistic Influences on Medieval and Early Modern Conceptions of Self and Person*, University of Jyväskylä, November 2004

Papers in Finnish conferences

- * "Luonnontieteellinen teismin kritiikki ja avoin kysymys uskonnollisen puheen referenssistä" [Naturalistic Critique of Theism and the Open Question on the Reference of Religious Language], in *Suomen Filosofisen Yhdistyksen USKO-kollokvio*, Helsinki, January 2008
- * "Averroes yksimielisyydestä" [Averroes on Singlemindedness], *Sielu ja politiikka* [Soul and Politics], University of Jyväskylä, spring 2003

Invited lectures

- * "Conceptual Fictions and Transcendental Concepts? Substance and Other *i'tibārāt* in Suhrawardī", Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University (Montréal), October 2014
- * "The Problem of Intentionality in Avicenna", Stockholms universitet, March 2014
- * "Self-Awareness in Islamic Philosophy", Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies, Uppsala universitet, March 2014
- * "The Problem of Intentionality in Avicenna", Uppsala universitet, February 2014
- * "Avicenna on the Problem of Intentionality", University of Helsinki, May 2013
- * "Islamilaisesta filosofiasta" [On Islamic Philosophy], *Studia generalia* lecture in the series *Monikasvoinen Islam*, University of Jyväskylä, November 2012
- * "(Preliminary Remarks on) Post-Avicennian Epistemology", University of Helsinki, February 2012
- * "Filosofia keskiajan islamissa: oppi ja elämäntapa" [Philosophy in Medieval Islam: A Doctrine and a Way of Life], Semiotiikan talvikoulu, Imatra, February 2012
- * "Avicenna itsetietoisuudesta" [Avicenna on Self-awareness], Suomen Filosofinen Yhdistys, Helsinki, January 2012
- * "Inhimillinen itse ja itsetietoisuus islamilaisessa filosofiassa" [Human Self and Self-awareness in Islamic Philosophy], *Studia Semiotica Generalia*, Helsinki, December 2011
- * "Self-awareness in Avicenna, Suhrawardi and Mulla Sadra: A Synoptic Account", Islamic Sciences and Culture Academy, Esfahan, April 2011
- * "Self-awareness in Avicenna, Suhrawardi and Mulla Sadra: A Synoptic Account", Islamic Sciences and Culture Academy, Qom, April 2011
- * "Avicenna on Self-awareness", Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, April 2011

- * "I in the Eye of God: Ibn Arabi on the Divine Human Self", The Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society Annual General Meeting, Oxford, November 2009
- * "Selfhood and Self-Awareness in Medieval Arabic Thought", Seminar of the history of philosophy, University of Uppsala, September 2008
- * "Avicenna and Suhrawardi on Self-Awareness", History of Philosophy research seminar, University of Helsinki, October 2007
- * "Mikrokosmos ja makrokosmos" [Microcosm and Macrocosm], *Tieteen päivä: Matkalla maailmankaikkeudessa*, University of Joensuu, January 2006
- * "Avicenna on Human and Animal Self-Awareness", Philosophy colloquium, University of Victoria, November 2005
- * "Two Conceptions of Selfhood in Avicenna", History of Philosophy research seminar, University of Helsinki, spring 2005
- * "Keskiajan arabifilosofiasta" [On Medieval Arabic Philosophy], Suomalais-arabialainen seura, Helsinki, 2004
- * "Stoalaisuus ja filosofia terapiana" [Stoicism and Philosophy as Therapy], Kriittinen korkeakoulu, Helsinki, May 2004

Edited works in Finnish

- * *Stoalaisuus* [Stoicism], Gaudeamus: Helsinki, 2004 (with Teija Kaarakainen)

Translations to Finnish

- * Francisco Sanchez, *Ettei mitään tiedetä* [Quod nihil scitur], in Grahn, M. & Sihvola, J. (eds.), *Skeptisismi*, Gaudeamus: Helsinki, forthcoming in 2014
- * L. Annaeus Seneca, *Suuttumuksesta* [De ira], in Kaarakainen, T. & Kaukua, J. (eds.), *Stoalaisuus*, Gaudeamus: Helsinki, 2004
- * René Descartes, *Filosofian periaatteet* [Principia philosophiae], in Descartes, *Teokset III*, Gaudeamus: Helsinki, 2003 (with Mikko Yrjönsuuri)

Grants and awards

- * The Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society's award for young writer of the year, 2009
- * For Ph.D. research, Cultural Foundation of Finland, 2002 (renewed 2003)
- * For the Finnish translation of L. Annaeus Seneca's *De ira*, Foundation for the Promotion of Finnish Literature, 2002

Academic teaching experience

- * Courses, seminars and lectures on philosophy (history, metaphysics), University of Jyväskylä, 2006-2013
- * Courses and lectures on medieval Islamic philosophy, science and political theory, University of Jyväskylä, 2004-2012
- * Courses and lectures on Islam and modernity, University of Jyväskylä, since spring 2010
- * Course on Islam and modernity, University of Uppsala, summer 2009
- * Course on medieval Islamic philosophy, University of Uppsala, spring 2009
- * Lecture course on medieval Arabic philosophy, University of Joensuu, spring 2004
- * Elementary courses on history of philosophy, logic, epistemology, ontology and philosophical aesthetics, Oriveden Opisto (a branch of the Open University of Jyväskylä), 2001–2005

Language abilities

Finnish – native

English – excellent reading, writing and speaking skills

German – excellent reading, intermediate writing and speaking skills

French – excellent reading, elementary writing and speaking skills

Swedish – excellent reading, intermediate writing and speaking skills

Latin – excellent reading, elementary writing skills

Classical Arabic – excellent reading skills

Ancient Greek – elementary reading skills

Modern Persian – elementary reading skills