

# TAMMO LOSSAU

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## EMPLOYMENT

2022-2023 Visiting Assistant Professor, Ashoka University

## EDUCATION

2015-2022 Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University

Dissertation: *“Knowledge First” and Its Limits*

Committee members:

Michael Williams (advisor), Richard Bett (second reader),  
William Egginton, Yi-Ping Ong, Elanor Taylor

2012-2015 Master of Arts, University of Göttingen · *with distinction*

*Fall 2014* Heythrop College, University of London · *exchange student*

2009-2012 Bachelor of Arts, University of Göttingen

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology (esp. Social and Political Epistemology), Social Ontology

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Language, History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Eastern Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

Mackie and the Meaning of Moral Terms. *Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy* 10, 1 (2022), 1-13.

Knowledge and Cancelability. *Synthese* 199 (2021), 397-405.

Three Things to Do With Knowledge Ascriptions. *Episteme* 18, 1 (2021), 99-110.

“Putting the linguistic method in its place”: Mackie’s distinction between conceptual and factual analysis. *Logical Analysis and History of Philosophy* 22 (2019), 92-105.

The Basis-Access Dilemma for Epistemological Disjunctivism. *Logos & Episteme* 9, 2 (2018), 151-172.

Was heißt “sich vorstellen, eine andere Person zu sein”? *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 90 (2014), 307-316.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Note on *Sharing Knowledge: A Functional Account of Assertion* by Christoph Kelp and Mona Simion. Forthcoming in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

## PRESENTATIONS

- February 2023 *Is Our Epistemic Standard Dissolving?*, Philosophy Colloquium, Ashoka University (invited).
- January 2023 *Is Our Standard of Knowledge Dissolving?*, 1st International Philosophy Conference in India: Mind, Reasoning and the World (invited).
- August 2022 *Is Knowledge a Social Kind?*, Social Ontology/Collective Intentionality 2022, University of Vienna.
- January 2022 *“Unhinged” – Wie Verschwörungserzählungen Evidenz aus den Angeln heben, Wo liegt die Wahrheit? Verschwörungserzählungen und ihre Rezeption*, University of Augsburg (online, in German).
- January 2022 *“What is religion?” as a structuring question for inclusive syllabi*, AAPT-APA Teaching Hub, Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore (online).
- October 2021 *The Significance of Agreement Despite Irrelevant Factors*, Agreement and Disagreement Beyond Ethics and Epistemology, University of Kent (online).
- July 2020 *Craigian Functionalism and Grounding Epistemic Rights*, Social Ontology 2020, University of Geneva (online).
- June 2019 *“Putting the linguistic method in its place”: Mackie’s distinction between conceptual and factual analysis*, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy, Boston University.
- March 2019 *Inferences as the Subject of Epistemology*, North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference, UNC Greensboro.
- August 2017 *What I Talk About When I Talk About Knowledge*, European Congress of Analytic Philosophy 9, Munich University.
- July 2017 *Knowledge and Conversation*, Tübingen Masterclass in Theoretical Philosophy 2017 with Jonathan Schaffer.
- May 2014 *Epistemically Rigid Expressions*, 13<sup>th</sup> Göttinger Philosophisches Kolloquium with David Chalmers.

## TEACHING

### At Ashoka University

Spring 2023 Foundations Course: Mind & Behavior

Symbolic Logic

Fall 2022 Foundations Course: Mind & Behavior

Philosophy of Religion: Historical Perspectives

### At Johns Hopkins University

(only courses taught as primary instructor listed here)

Spring 2022 Problems with Knowledge, Evidence, and Action

Fall 2020 Themes from the Philosophy of Religion

Winter 2020 Do we have souls? If so, what are they?

Winter 2019 Wittgenstein and the Limits of our World · co-taught with Itai Marom

Winter 2018            Belief in God  
Summer 2017            Philosophical Intuitions

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

Spring 2022            Dean's Teaching Fellowship  
School-wide teaching fellowship.

Fall 2021              David Sachs Fellowship  
Departmental dissertation completion fellowship

Fall 2020              Dean's Teaching Fellowship  
School-wide teaching fellowship.

2020                    Finalist for the Excellence In Teaching Awards  
at the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins.

2016 & 2019          Miller Prize  
Departmental essay prize.

2014                    Erasmus Scholarship  
Scholarship funding a semester abroad at Heythrop College, London.

2013                    GAP Essay Prize (first prize)  
Essay competition of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP) for  
philosophy students · Prize question: *Can I imagine being a different person?*

2011-13                Deutschlandstipendium ("Germany Scholarship")  
Federal scholarship based on student performance.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

since Dec 2022        Student Meditation Club, Ashoka University  
Principal faculty advisor

2020-2022            Sustainability Leadership Council, Johns Hopkins  
Promoting sustainability initiatives within the university.

November 2021        Ethics Bowl  
Judge at the Northeastern regional competition.

August 2021            JHU Teaching Assistant Orientation  
Section facilitator.

2018-2019            Department Colloquium Chair, Hammond Society  
Chairing the committee organizing the Philosophy Department's 2019/20  
colloquium.

2016-2017            Society Colloquia Chair, Hammond Society  
Organizing the weekly graduate student colloquium.

2015-2016            Representative at the Graduate Council, Johns Hopkins

May 2014              13<sup>th</sup> Göttinger Philosophisches Kolloquium  
"Masterclass"-style workshop with David Chalmers; main organizer.

2011-2015            Round Table Philosophy, University of Göttingen  
Series of talks by philosophy students from the department; co-organizer.

Reviewer              *Acta Analytica, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Papers.*

## REFERENCES

Michael Williams (Ph.D. advisor)  
Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of  
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