

# TAMMO LOSSAU

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## EMPLOYMENT

- since 2023      Postdoctoral Researcher (“wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter”), University of Bremen
- 2022-2023      Visiting Assistant Professor, Ashoka University

## EDUCATION

- 2015-2022      Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University  
Dissertation: “*Knowledge First*” and Its Limits
- 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)

Conceptualizing Ancient Skepticism as a Global Pattern: Zhuangzi, Sextus Empiricus and Nāgārjuna. Forthcoming in *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*.

(with Norman Sieroka and Tim Neudecker:) Emergent Properties in Chemistry - Relating Molecular Properties to Bulk Behavior. *Chemistry: A European Journal* 30 (25): e202303868 (2024).

Knowledge as a Social Kind. *Acta Analytica* 39 (2024), 223–242.

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 Functionalist Account of Assertion* by Christoph Kelp and Mona Simion. Forthcoming in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- September 2025      *tbd*, Philosophisches Kolloquium, ETH Zürich.
- October 2024      *Können wir in Wahrheit nichts wissen?*, Philosophische Gesellschaft Bremen.
- September 2024      *Zhuangzi, Sextus Empiricus and Nagarjuna: Three Ancient Skeptics and their Similarities*, Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie, University of Münster.
- February 2024      *Epistemic Standards* (with Enno Fischer), Philosophy of Science Colloquium, University of Bochum.
- 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 University of Bremen

<i>Summer 2025</i>	Einführung in die Philosophie des Geistes
	Standards
<i>Winter 2024</i>	Metaethik
	Chinesische Philosophie: Zhuangzi
<i>Summer 2024</i>	Skeptizismus
	Was sind Religionen?
<i>Winter 2023</i>	Einführung in die Chinesische Philosophie: Menzius
	Soziale und Politische Erkenntnistheorie

### At Ashoka University

<i>Spring 2023</i>	Foundations Course: Mind & Behavior
	Symbolic Logic
<i>Fall 2022</i>	Foundations Course: Mind & Behavior
	Philosophy of Religion: Historical Perspectives

### At Johns Hopkins University (only courses taught as primary instructor listed here)

<i>Spring 2022</i>	Problems with Knowledge, Evidence, and Action
<i>Fall 2020</i>	Themes from the Philosophy of Religion
<i>Winter 2020</i>	Do we have souls? If so, what are they?
<i>Winter 2019</i>	Wittgenstein and the Limits of our World · co-taught with Itai Marom
<i>Winter 2018</i>	Belief in God
<i>Summer 2017</i>	Philosophical Intuitions

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

<i>Spring 2022</i>	Dean's Teaching Fellowship School-wide teaching fellowship.
<i>Fall 2021</i>	David Sachs Fellowship Departmental dissertation completion fellowship
<i>Fall 2020</i>	Dean's Teaching Fellowship School-wide teaching fellowship.
<i>2020</i>	Finalist for the Excellence In Teaching Awards at the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins.
<i>2016 &amp; 2019</i>	Miller Prize Departmental essay prize.
<i>2014</i>	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: <i>Can I imagine being a different person?</i>
2011-13	Deutschlandstipendium ("Germany Scholarship") Federal scholarship based on student performance.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

<i>since 2024</i>	Staff Council ("Personalrat"), University of Bremen.
<i>since 2023</i>	Commision on Teaching Quality, University of Bremen.
2020-2022	Sustainability Leadership Council, Johns Hopkins.
2018-2019	Department Colloquium Chair, Hammond Society.
2016-2017	Society Colloquia Chair, Hammond Society.
2015-2016	Representative at the Graduate Council, Johns Hopkins
<i>May 2014</i>	13 <sup>th</sup> Göttinger Philosophisches Kolloquium, main organizer.
2011-2015	Round Table Philosophy, University of Göttingen, co-organizer
<i>Reviewer</i>	<i>Acta Analytica, Analysis (x2), Erkenntnis, European Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Philosophical Papers.</i>

May 6, 2025