

## Dr. Otto Lehto - Curriculum Vitae (2022)



### 1) GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Name:** Otto Ilmari Lehto

**Date of birth:** January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1984, Finland

**Nationality:** Finnish

**Residence:** New York City, United States

**Institutional affiliation:** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, New York University, Classical Liberal Institute, School of Law

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**Research interests:** Complexity Theory, Evolutionary Theory, Basic Income, Transhumanism, Political Philosophy, Constitutional Political Economy, Social Epistemology

#### Linguistic competence:

- **Excellent:** Finnish (native), English (TOEFL score: 119/120)

- **Good:** Spanish, German, Swedish

- **Basic:** French, Latin, Ancient Greek, Japanese, Sumerian, Akkadian, Icelandic, Sanskrit

### 2) PUBLICATIONS:

## A) Peer-reviewed journal articles

**2022** (forthcoming): *Institutional Trust, the Open Society, and the Welfare State: A Critique of Kevin Vallier*. In: Cosmos + Taxis, Special Issue on Kevin Vallier's "Trust in a Polarized Age."

**2021**: *Permanent Crisis Management, the Rule of Law, and Universal Basic Income: A Polycentric Approach*. In: Cosmos + Taxis, 9(5+6), p. 122-136.

**2021**: (co-authored with J. Meadowcroft): *Welfare without rent seeking? Buchanan's demogrant proposal and the possibility of a constitutional welfare state*. In: Constitutional Political Economy 32(2), pp. 145-164 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10602-020-09321-7>

**2009**: *Studying the Cognitive States of Animals: Epistemology, Ethology and Ethics*. In: Sign Systems Studies 37(3-4), pp. 369-419. Tartu: Tartu University Press. Doi: [10.12697/SSS.2009.37.3-4.02](https://doi.org/10.12697/SSS.2009.37.3-4.02)

**2009**: *The Collapse and Reconstitution of the Cinematic Narrative: Interactivity vs. Immersion in Game Worlds*. In: E/C Journal, issue titled "Computer Games Between Text and Practice" (edited by D. Compagno & P. Coppock). Italian Association of Semiotic Studies.

## B) Political philosophy and political economy: Book chapters, book reviews, etc.

**2022** (forthcoming): *Hillel Steiner on Territorial Justice*. In: Global Encyclopedia on Territorial Rights. (Ed. Kevin W. Gray.) Springer.

**2022** (forthcoming): *Securing a Dignified Minimum Income: Uncertainty, Complexity, and Universal Basic Income*. In: "In Search for a Social Minimum: Human Dignity, Poverty, and Human Rights." (Eds. Elena Pribytkova & Gottfried Schweiger.) In the series: AMINTAPHIL: The Philosophical Foundations of Law and Justice. Springer.

**2021** 'Taxation in Utopia: Required Sacrifice and the General Welfare.' By Donald Morris. A book review. In: The Independent Review, 26(1), online edition. <https://www.independent.org/publications/tir/article.asp?id=1614>

**2019** (co-authored with M.P. Fleischer): *Libertarian Perspectives on Basic Income*. In: "The Palgrave International Handbook of Basic Income" (Ed. Malcolm Torry.), pp. 439-458. London: Palgrave MacMillan.

**2019**: *Mitä hyötyä on sananvapaudesta?* In: "Mitä oikeudet ovat? Filosofian ja oikeustieteen näkökulmia." (Ed. Maija Aalto-Heinilä & Visa Kurki.) Helsinki: Gaudeamus. (English translation: "What is the value of free speech?")

**2018**: *Basic Income Around the World: The Unexpected Benefits of Unconditional Cash Transfers*. ASI Research: Adam Smith Institute.

**2018**: *An Earthquake in Finland*. In: "It's Basic Income: The Global Debate" (Ed. Downes, A. & Lansley, S.), pp. 165-170. Public Policy Press. United Kingdom.

**2015:** *Better welfare, better markets? A review of "Basic Income and the Free Market: Austrian Economics and the Potential for Efficient Redistribution."* In: Basic Income Studies, Vol. 10, Issue 1, pp. 157-160. <https://doi.org/10.1515/bis-2015-0007>

**2014:** *Performing Culture and Breaking Rules.* In: "Philosophies of Performance." Acta Semiotica Fennica XLIII. Helsinki: Semiotic Society of Finland.

### **C) Theoretical philosophy, semiotics, and the arts**

**2010:** *Vapauden illuusion loppu: Spinoza & radikaali determinismi.* In: Synteesi magazine (Synteesi 2/2010). Helsinki, Finland. (English translation: "The End of the Illusion of Freedom: Spinoza and radical determinism.")

**2009:** *Humanism, Existentialism, Semiotics.* In: "Communication: Understanding and Misunderstanding: Proceedings of the 9th World Congress of Semiotics" (ed. Eero Tarasti), Vol. 2, Acta Semiotica Fennica XXXIV, 2009.

**2008:** *Music's Pre-Existence as Ideal Sound: The Pythagorean Legacy in Music* In: Before and After Music. Proceedings of the 10th International Congress on Musical Signification (ed. by Lina Navickaite-Martinelli), Vilnius, Lithuania.

### **D) University theses and dissertations**

**2022:** *Complex Adaptation and Permissionless Innovation: An Evolutionary Approach to Universal Basic Income.* PhD thesis in Political Economy. King's College London, U.K.

**2015:** *The Three Principles of Classical Liberalism (from John Locke to John Tomasi): A Consequentialist Defence of the Limited Welfare State.* MA Thesis, University of Helsinki. Available online: <https://helda.helsinki.fi/handle/10138/155211>

**2010:** *Reason and Madness in the Holocaust: Mythologizing a Modern Narrative in 20th Century Prose.* (Bachelor's Thesis.) University of Helsinki, Department of English Philology.

### **3) EDUCATION & UNIVERSITY AFFILIATION:**

**2022-2024:** Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Classical Liberal Institute, School of Law, New York University.

**2021-ongoing:** Junior Research Group affiliate and Visiting Researcher, FRIBIS Institute. University of Freiburg, Germany.

**2020:** (Jan-Feb) Visiting Researcher. Dept. of Philosophy and the Freedom Center, University of Arizona, USA.

**2019-2020:** Adam Smith Fellow. Mercatus Center, George Mason University, USA.

**2016-2021:** Ph.D. research student, Dept. of Political Economy, King's College London, U.K.

**2015:** Master's Degree (Master of Social Sciences). Dept. of Social and Moral Philosophy. Faculty of Social Sciences. University of Helsinki, Finland.

**2014 (Aug-Dec):** Exchange student. Dept. of Philosophy, University of Iceland, Reykjavik.

**2013:** Bachelor's Degree (BA). Dept. of English Philology. (Minor: Philosophy and Semiotics.) University of Helsinki, Finland.

#### **4) SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

**2022:** Young Scholar Award, APEE, USA

**2020:** Summer Graduate Research Fellowship (SuRF), Institute for Humane Studies, USA.

**2019-2020:** Adam Smith Fellowship, George Mason University, USA.

**2019-2020:** Templeton Foundation Doctoral Student Grant, Center for the Study of Governance and Society, King's College London, U.K.

**2018-2020:** John Blundell Studentship, Adam Smith Institute, U.K.

**2018-2019:** Graduate Teaching Assistant Award 2018-19, Honourable Mention. Department of Philosophy, King's College London, U.K.

**2017-2020:** Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, USA.

**2017-2020:** Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP) scholarship. London, U.K.

#### **5) ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**2021 (Nov-Dec):** Visiting Researcher at the FRIBIS institute, University of Freiburg.

**2019:** Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA): "Ethics II: The History of Ethical Thought." Department of Philosophy, King's College London.

**2018:** Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA): 1) "Ethics II: The History of Ethical Thought." Department of Philosophy, King's College London. 2) "Political Philosophy I." Department of Philosophy, King's College London.

**2017:** Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA): 1) "Political Philosophy I." Department of Philosophy, King's College London. 2) "Ethics, Economics and Environmental Protection." Department of Political Economy, King's College London.

**2016-2018:** A member of the local organizing committee (LOC) of the 18th BIEN (Basic

Income Earth Network) World Congress. Tampere, Finland.

**2012-2014:** An elected representative of the University of Helsinki's student assembly (HYY).

**2012-2013:** A student member of the preparatory committee of the Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki.

**2009:** Co-editor, with Associate Professor, Dario Martinelli, of Sign Systems Studies (Tartu University Press, Estonia), the special issue on animal communication, Vol. 37(3/4).

**2008-2010:** A member of the Planning Committee for the Master's Degree Program in Semiotics. University of Helsinki, Finland.

**2008-2009:** Member of the "Philosophies of Performance" research group (at the Institute for Art Research, University of Helsinki) with funding by the Academy of Finland.

**2005-7:** A member of the local organizing committee (LOC) for the 9th "World Congress of Semiotics" in Helsinki, Finland.

#### **6) SELECTED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (2018-today):**

**2022:** FEBRUARY: Speaker at the Annual PPE Society Meeting. In New Orleans, USA.

APRIL: Speaker at the APEE 46th Meeting. In: Las Vegas, NV. USA.

JUNE: Organizer of a workshop on James M. Buchanan. University of Freiburg, Germany.

**2021:** APRIL: Co-organizer of the "Ethics of Universal Basic Income in a Changing Economy" workshop. King's College London, U.K.

JUNE: Speaker at the FRIBIS Conference 2021. University of Freiburg, Germany.

AUGUST: Speaker at the 20<sup>th</sup> BIEN World Conference. Glasgow, Scotland.

NOVEMBER: Organizer of a workshop on Constitutional Approaches to Basic Income.

FRIBIS, University of Freiburg. Freiburg, Germany.

**2020:** FEBRUARY: Speaker at the Uni. of Arizona, Freedom Center. In: Tucson, AZ. USA.

APRIL (postponed due to Covid-19): Co-organizer of the conference, "The Ethics of UBI in a Changing Economy." Department of Political Economy, King's College London.

**2019:** FEBRUARY: Speaker at the KCL/UCL/LSE Joint Graduate Conference in Political Philosophy.

FEBRUARY: Speaker at the Warwick Graduate Conference in Political and Legal Theory. In Coventry, U.K.

JUNE: Speaker at the Reading Ethics and Political Philosophy (REAPP) Graduate & Early Career Conference 2019. In: Reading, U.K.

JULY: Speaker at the IVR (Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy) World Congress 2019, at

the workshop “In Search of the Social Minimum,” in Lucerne, Switzerland.

SEPTEMBER: Speaker at the Political Theory Group seminar at King’s College London’s Department of Political Economy. In: London, U.K.

SEPTEMBER: Speaker at the Conference of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPA) at the Warsaw School of Economics. In: Warsaw, Poland.

SEPTEMBER: Speaker at the MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory at the University of Manchester. In: Manchester, U.K.

OCTOBER: Speaker at the Academy of Cultural Heritages seminar. In: Syros, Greece.

NOVEMBER: Speaker at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference, “The Austrian School of Economics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” In: Vienna, Austria.

**2018:** FEBRUARY: Participant at the advanced graduate seminar, “James M. Buchanan's Legacy for Liberty.” Institute for Humane Studies. Arlington, VA. United States.

JULY: Speaker at the IHS Summer Graduate Research Colloquium. Chapman University. Orange, United States.

AUGUST: Co-organizer and speaker at the 18<sup>th</sup> BIEN World Congress in Tampere, Finland.