

## Otto Lehto: Curriculum Vitae

**Current affiliation (2022-2024):** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, NYU School of Law, USA.

**Research topics:** political and moral philosophy, PPE, social epistemology, complexity theory, social evolution, liberal governance, contractarianism, utilitarianism, early modern philosophy, bioethics, IP, evolutionary economics, political economy, distributive justice, UBI.

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### Linguistic competence:

- 1) **Good:** Finnish (native), English (TOEFL score: 119/120), Spanish, German, Swedish.
- 2) **Basic:** French, Latin, Ancient Greek, Akkadian, Sumerian, Icelandic, Sanskrit, Japanese.

### 1) PUBLICATIONS:

#### A) Peer-reviewed journal articles

**2023:** (co-authored with N. Goodman) *Intellectual Property, Complex Externalities, and the Knowledge Commons*. Public Choice. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-023-01110-8>

**2023:** *Institutional Trust, the Open Society, and the Welfare State*. Cosmos + Taxis, 11(9+10), pp. 14-29. [https://cosmosandtaxis.files.wordpress.com/2023/09/lehto\\_ct\\_vol11\\_iss9\\_10-1.pdf](https://cosmosandtaxis.files.wordpress.com/2023/09/lehto_ct_vol11_iss9_10-1.pdf)

**2021:** *Permanent Crisis Management, the Rule of Law, and Universal Basic Income: A Polycentric Approach*. Cosmos + Taxis, 9(5+6), pp. 122-136. [https://cosmosandtaxis.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/lehto\\_ct\\_vol9\\_iss\\_5\\_6.pdf](https://cosmosandtaxis.files.wordpress.com/2021/05/lehto_ct_vol9_iss_5_6.pdf)

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

#### B) Book chapters, encyclopedias, journal articles, etc.

**2025:** (forthcoming) *Power to the powerless: freedom, knowledge, and emancipation*. In: "Liberal Emancipation: Explorations in Political and Social Economy." (Ed. Mikayla Novak) Springer.

**2024:** (forthcoming) *The Many Faces of C.S. Peirce: Scientist, Philosopher, Semiotician*. In: "Open Semiotics, Vol. IV." Paris: L'Harmattan.

- 2024:** (forthcoming) *Contemporary Welfare Policies*. In: "Routledge Handbook on Classical Liberalism" (Eds. R. Epstein, M. Rizzo, & L. Palagashvili) New York: Routledge.
- 2024:** (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.
- 2024:** (forthcoming) *Liberal Neutrality and the Paradox of the Open Future*. In: "Basic Income and Narrative Economics." (tentative title) (Ed. S. Kauffmann.) FRIBIS, Germany.
- 2023:** (co-authored with M.P. Fleischer): *Libertarian Perspectives on Basic Income. (Revised version.)* In: "The Palgrave International Handbook of Basic Income. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition." (Ed. Malcolm Torry.) London: Palgrave MacMillan.
- 2023:** *Hillel Steiner on Territorial Justice*. In: "Global Encyclopedia on Territorial Rights." (Ed. Kevin W. Gray.) Springer.
- 2023:** *Poverty Relief as a Rule-Based Discovery Procedure: Is Universal Basic Income Compatible with a Hayekian Welfare State?* In: "Transition Economies in Central and Eastern Europe: Austrian Perspectives", Chapter 12. (Ed. Alicja Sielska) London: Routledge.
- 2023:** *Cosmologies of Life after Peirce, Heidegger, and Darwin*. In: "Transcending Signs." (Eds. Eero Tarasti & Aleksi Haukka.) Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 2023:** *Markkinat, mieli, ja merkitys: kyberneettisiä ja semioottisia unelmia Chilessä*. In: Synteesi, 1/2023. (Trans. "Markets, mind, and meaning: cybernetic and semiotic dreams in Chile.")
- 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: "Oikeus sananvapauteen: onko haitallisen puheen sallimisesta jotain hyötyä?" (Eds. Maija Aalto-Heinilä & Visa Kurki), pp. 189-203. Helsinki: Gaudeamus. ("The right to free speech: is there any value in tolerating harmful 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" (Eds. Amy Downes & Stewart Lansley), pp. 165-170. Bristol: Policy Press.
- 2014:** *Performing Culture and Breaking Rules. "Philosophies of Performance."* (Eds. D. Martinelli, E. Tarasti, & J. Torvinen.) Acta Semiotica Fennica XLIII. Helsinki: Suomen Semiotiikan Seura.
- 2010:** *Vapauden illuusion loppu: Spinoza & radikaali determinismi*. In: Synteesi 2/2010, pp. 2-6.
- 2009:** *Studying the Cognitive States of Animals: Epistemology, Ethology and Ethics*. 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." (Eds. D. Compagno & P. Coppock.) Italian Association of Semiotic Studies.

### C) Book reviews

**2023:** 'The Problem of Property: Taking the Freedom of Nonowners Seriously.' By Karl Widerquist. In: The Independent Review 28(2), Fall 2023, online edition. <https://www.independent.org/publications/tir/article.asp?id=1898>

**2023:** 'The Last Man Takes LSD: Foucault and the End of the Revolution.' By Daniel Zamora and Mitchell Dean. KCL Centre for the Study of Governance and Society book reviews. <https://csgs.kcl.ac.uk/book-review/dean-mitchell-zamora-daniel-the-last-man-takes-lsd-foucault-and-the-end-of-the-revolution-verso-2021/>

**2023:** 'Neoliberalism, Strong State and Democracy.' By Hubert Gabrisch. (Open article review.) In: Qeios. <https://doi.org/10.32388/MZOW0M>

**2022:** 'Brief History of Equality' by Thomas Piketty. In: Basic Income Studies 17(2), pp. 239-242. <https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/bis-2022-0009/html>

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

**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 10(1), pp. 157-160. <https://doi.org/10.1515/bis-2015-0007>

### 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. Available online: [https://kclpure.kcl.ac.uk/portal/en/theses/complex-adaptation-and-permissionless-innovation\(08e1634f-a827-4608-8aa0-449f51e161dd\).html](https://kclpure.kcl.ac.uk/portal/en/theses/complex-adaptation-and-permissionless-innovation(08e1634f-a827-4608-8aa0-449f51e161dd).html)

**2015:** *The Three Principles of Classical Liberalism (from John Locke to John Tomasi): A Consequentialist Defence of the Limited Welfare State*. Master's Thesis. University of Helsinki, Department of Social and Moral Philosophy. <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.

### **E) Current works-in-progress (2023-2024)**

- Book manuscript “The Adaptive Welfare State: Evolutionary Freedom and Basic Income” (based on my PhD thesis, intended for an academic publisher)
- (co-authored with Kaveh Pourvand, Uni. of Arizona) “Real Utopian Experimentalism and Interstitial Transformation in a Complex Society”
- (co-authored with Alexander Schaefer, SUNY Buffalo) “When Less Is More: A Defence of Narrow Humean Justice” (targeting political philosophy journals)
- “Beyond the Disciplinary Welfare State: Foucault, Neoliberalism, and Basic Income” (solo article intended for a history of ideas, political theory, or governmentality studies journal)
- (Co-authored with Pablo Paniagua, KCL) “Cybernetic dreams in Chile: Allende, Pinochet, and the twin experiments in cybersocialism and neoliberalism.”
- “Do Poor People Have the Right to Enhance Themselves (at Government Expense)?” (solo article intended for a bioethics journal)
- (co-authored with Lida Kuang and Bernhard Neumärker, Uni. of Freiburg) “Experimenting with James Buchanan: Testing Constitutional UBI in the Laboratory”
- “The Digital Library of Everything: The Duty to Maintain the New Knowledge Commons” (solo paper intended for a moral philosophy / PPE journal)

### **2) EDUCATION & UNIVERSITY AFFILIATIONS:**

**2022-2024 (ongoing):** Postdoctoral Researcher, NYU School of Law. New York City, USA.

**2021-2024:** Affiliated Junior Researcher, FRIBIS Institute. University of Freiburg, Germany.

**2020:** (Jan-Feb) Visiting Lecturer. Dept. of Philosophy, University of Arizona, USA.

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

**2015:** MA Degree (Social and Moral Philosophy). University of Helsinki, Finland.

**2013:** BA Degree (English Philology). University of Helsinki, Finland.

### **3) SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS:**

**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.

**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.

#### **4) ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE:**

##### **A) Teaching experience:**

**2023:** Course instructor (with Mario Rizzo): a graduate seminar course on “Classical Liberalism: History, Theory, and Contemporary Jurisprudence.” NYU, School of Law.

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

**2018:** Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA): 1) “Ethics II: The History of Ethical Thought.” Department of Philosophy, King's College London. (Prof. Thomas Pink) 2) “Political Philosophy I.” Department of Philosophy, King's College London. (Dr. Sarah Fine)

**2017:** Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA): 1) “Political Philosophy I.” Department of Philosophy, King's College London. (Dr. Sarah Fine) 2) “Ethics, Economics and Environmental Protection.” Department of Political Economy, King's College London. (Prof. Mark Pennington)

**Teaching award:** KCL Graduate Teaching Assistant Award 2018-19 (Honourable Mention).

##### **B) Academic job experience:**

**2024:** Project editor, journal Social Philosophy & Policy, issue on “Wealth of Nations.”

**2024 (Feb):** Co-organizer (with M. Rizzo and R. Epstein) of the “Universal Basic Income (UBI), Freedom, and the Future of Work” seminar at NYU School of Law.

**2021 (May):** Co-organizer (with D. Popescu and E. Panzaru) of the “Ethics of Basic Income in a Changing Economy” conference. King's College London, U.K. (online).

**2019-2020:** Research Assistant to Dr. John Meadowcroft. King's College London, U.K.

**2016-2018:** Member of the local organizing committee (LOC) of the 18th BIEN (Basic Income Earth Network) World Congress. Tampere, Finland.

**2009:** Co-editor (with Dr. Dario Martinelli) of Sign Systems Studies, Vol. 37(3/4). (Special Issue on Zoosemiotics.) Tartu: Tartu University Press.

##### **C) Academic service:**

**2012-2014:** Elected representative of the student assembly (HYY) of the University of Helsinki.

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

**2008-2010:** 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.

**Peer review experience:** Public Choice, Philosophical Quarterly, Basic Income Studies, Journal of Social Policy, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Ethics, Politics, & Society, Ethical Theory & Moral Practice, Journal of Responsible Innovation, Sign Systems Studies, etc.

#### **5) SELECTED CONFERENCE ENGAGEMENTS (2018-today):**

**2023: MARCH:** Speaker on “Intellectual Property and the Knowledge Commons” at the 60<sup>th</sup> Public Choice Society Conference (with Dr. Nathan Goodman). Seattle, USA.

**MAY:** Speaker on “Humean Justice” at the NYU Market Process Colloquium (with Dr. Alex Schaefer). NYU, New York, USA.

**JUNE:** Speaker on “Thinking Beer with Hayek: Cybernetic Dreams in Chile” at the NASS XIII Conference. Helsinki, Finland.

**JUNE:** Speaker on a) “Foucault and Neoliberalism” and b) “UBI and Human Enhancement” at the 13th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy. Braga, Portugal.

**JUNE:** Guest lecturer on “UBI and Human Enhancement” at the FRIBIS Institute, University of Freiburg, Germany.

**JULY:** Speaker on “Intellectual Property and the Knowledge Commons” at the Open and User Innovation Conference (with Dr. Nathan Goodman). KLU, Hamburg, Germany.

**JULY:** Speaker on “Humean Justice” (with Dr. Alex Schaefer) at the Smith, Ferguson, and Witherspoon at 300 Conference. St. Andrews University, Scotland.

**AUGUST:** Speaker (virtual) at the 22<sup>nd</sup> BIEN World Congress. Seoul, Korea.

**SEPTEMBER:** Speaker (virtual) at the FRIBIS Annual Conference 2023. University of Freiburg, Germany.

**OCTOBER:** Speaker at the MIT workshop “Complexity Theory, Social Ontology, and Social Change.” Cambridge, MA, USA.

**OCTOBER:** Speaker at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Markets & Society Conference. Falls Church, VA, USA.

**NOVEMBER:** Speaker at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual PPE Society Meeting. New Orleans, LA, USA.

DECEMBER: Speaker at the “Future of Work and Income” capstone conference at the St. Andrews University. St. Andrews, Scotland.

**2022:** FEBRUARY: Speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual PPE Society Meeting. New Orleans, LA, USA.

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

JUNE: Speaker at the Power and Market: Three Decades of Economic Reforms in Central and Eastern Europe workshop organized by the Wirth Institute. Wroclaw, Poland.

JUNE: Speaker at the 12th Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy. Braga, Portugal.

AUGUST: Lecturer (virtual) on “Permissionless Innovation, Freedom, and Basic Income.” (Basic Income Workshop Series.) University of Freiburg, Germany.

AUGUST: Invited lecturer on “Perustulo, vapaus, & innovaatio.” (*Korona yhteiskunnan marginaaleissa* lecture series.) University of Tampere, Finland.

SEPTEMBER: Speaker at the Beyond Work for Pay? workshop at the German Historical Institute Washington. Washington, D.C., USA.

SEPTEMBER: Speaker (virtual) at the BIEN 2020: Crisis & Transformation Congress. Brisbane: Australia.

SEPTEMBER: Speaker (virtual) at the FRIBIS Annual Conference 2022: Basic Income and Development. University of Freiburg, Germany.

OCTOBER: Speaker at the Markets & Society Conference. George Mason University. Falls Church, VA, USA.

NOVEMBER: Speaker at the 6th Annual PPE Society Meeting. New Orleans, LA, USA.

NOVEMBER: Speaker at SEA 92nd Annual Meeting. Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA.

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

JUNE: Speaker (virtual) at the FRIBIS Conference 2021. Freiburg, Germany.

AUGUST: Speaker (virtual) 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: Invited lecturer at Uni. of Arizona, Freedom Center. Tucson, AZ, USA.

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

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

JUNE: Speaker at the Reading Ethics and Political Philosophy (REAPP) Graduate & Early Career Conference 2019. 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.” Lucerne, Switzerland.

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER: Speaker at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference, “The Austrian School of Economics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” 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. Chatham University, United States.

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

## 6) LIST OF REFERENCES:

1. **Allen Buchanan**, James. B. Duke Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Duke/Arizona/Oxford: [allenb@duke.edu](mailto:allenb@duke.edu)
2. **Mario Rizzo**, Professor of Economics, New York University: [mario.rizzo@nyu.edu](mailto:mario.rizzo@nyu.edu)
3. **Mark Pennington**, Professor of Political Economy and Public Policy, King’s College London: [mark.pennington@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:mark.pennington@kcl.ac.uk)
4. **Richard Epstein**, Laurence A. Tisch Professor of Law, NYU/University of Chicago: [richard.epstein@nyu.edu](mailto:richard.epstein@nyu.edu) / [repstein@uchicago.edu](mailto:repstein@uchicago.edu)
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6. **John Meadowcroft**, Reader in Public Policy, King’s College London: [john.meadowcroft@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:john.meadowcroft@kcl.ac.uk)
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