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Personal Information

Name Olli-Pekka Vainio
Place and Date of Birth 1976, Finland

Academic Degrees

Dr. habil, [Finn. Dosentti] of Ecumenical Theology, Univ. of Helsinki, 2007
Doctor of Theology, Univ. of Helsinki, 2004
Dissertation: *eximia cum laude approbatur*
Exams (ecumenical theology): *excellent*
Master of Theology, Univ. of Helsinki, 2000

Language skills

Finnish: native language; English: excellent, written and oral, Swedish: basic knowledge, good reading comprehension; German: basic knowledge, good reading comprehension; Latin, Greek: basic grammar and comprehension

Current Position

University Lecturer of Systematic Theology (Dogmatics), University of Helsinki (tenured)
Since 1.8.2015

Previous Positions

Resident Member, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ
1.8.2016-30.6.2017

Acting University Lecturer of Systematic Theology (Ecumenics), University of Helsinki
1.2.2014-31.7.2015

University Researcher, Philosophical Psychology, Morality and Politics -Research Unit (The Centre of Excellence of the Academy of Finland), Dept. of Systematic Theology, University of Helsinki 18.9.2012–31.12.2013

Most Important Scientific Positions of Trust

Board Member, *Kerygma und Dogma*
Member, Lutheran-Catholic dialogue group (on Eucharist and Ministry)
Member, Int. Luther-Orthodox Theological Fellowship
Member, The Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, 2008–present
Vice Member of the Department Board, 2007–2008
Chairman of the Board, Sören Kierkegaard's Works Translation Group, 2007–2014
Secretary, Beyond Fideism: Negotiable Religious Identities [A project funded by University of Helsinki three-year-grants], 2005–2007
Secretary, Luther-Agricola-Gesellschaft, 2002–2005
Member of the Board, Luther-Agricola-Gesellschaft, 2002–2005

Other Positions of Trust

External Member, Church and Homosexuality Task Force (Ev. -Luth. Ch. of Finland),
2006–2007

Member, Church Strategy 2015 Task Force (Ev. -Luth. Ch. of Finland), 2006–2007

Secretary, A Task Force of the Bishops' Conference (Ev. -Luth. Ch. of Finland), 2005

Chairman of Student Council, Non-Commissioned Officer School (The Finnish Defence
Forces), 1995

Previous Academic Positions

Visiting Research Fellow and Member of the Senior Common Room, Kellogg

College/Faculty of Theology and Religions, University of Oxford, 1.8.2011–31.9.2012

Post-Doc Researcher, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 1.1.2007-17.9.2012

Resident Member, Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, 1.1.2008-31.7.2008

Acting University Lecturer of Ecumenical Theology, Dept. of Syst. Theology, University of
Helsinki 1.9.2004-31.12.2004

Part-time lecturer & seminary assistant, Dep. of Syst. Theology, University of Helsinki 2003

Graduate school member, Univ. of Helsinki, 1.9.2002-28.2.2003

Visiting Scholar, University of Erlangen/University of Munich, 1.6.2001–30.9.2001

Memberships in Academic Societies

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

British Society of Philosophy of Religion (BSPR)

European Society of Philosophy of Religion (ESPR)

Some Recent Plenary Presentations and Other Invited Talks¹

Cognitive Science of Religion and Religious Diversity

ESPR Conference, Prague 2018

Analytic Theology in Nordic Countries

Future of Analytic Theology, Fuller 2018

Artificial Intelligence and the Image of God

IRC Conference, Oxford 2018

What's wrong with relational ontology?

REF500 meeting, Villa Lante, Rome, Italy, 2017

Why bother with participation?

Symposium on Theological Interpretation, North Park Seminary, Chicago, 2017

Argument from Scale

BSPR biannual meeting, Oriel College, Oxford, 2017

¹ For the full list, see <https://tuhat.halvi.helsinki.fi/portal/en/>

Planetary Protection, Ethics and Planetary Sustainability
NASA consultation, CTI, Princeton, NJ, 2017

Three (or more) lessons on Science and Religion
Seminar, Murray-Dodge Hall, Princeton University, 2017

Tolerance or Recognition: What can we hope for?
AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta 2015

What has theology to do with religion? Dual process –theory, cognitive science of religion
and a curious problem in contemporary theorization
Nordic Society of Philosophy of Religion Conference, Helsinki 2015

Disputatio Argentoratensis: On Lutheran Theology and Postmodern Philosophy
International Lutheran-Orthodox Theological Fellowship, Strasbourg 2015

How to misunderstand Luther's view of *theosis*?
Lutero e la Theosis, Milano 2014

St. Edith Stein's Mystical Theology and Philosophy of Language
The Spirit and the church workshop, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

Analogia entis, ecumenism and political theology
Auf dem Weg zur Ökumene der Morgen, Strasbourg 2014

Tolerance and having (possibly) false beliefs
Virtues of Tolerance, Eranos Tagung, Romania 2013.

Belief formation in the desert of the real: How cognitive biases affect our beliefs?
Ian Ramsey Center Seminar, Oxford University 2013

Natural explanation of religion and religious diversity
The Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life Research Seminar, Oxford University 2012

Human Rationality and Irrationality: Theological, Philosophical and Cognitive Perspectives
Human Evolution and Imago Dei. Philosophical and Theological Perspectives. Oxford University, 2012.

When I am right, you must be wrong?: On commitment, disagreement and conviviality
Global and Ecumenical Perspectives on Theology in Service to the Church (Williamson Conference for Distinguished Scholars), Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Austin, Texas, 2012

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Martin-Luther-Bund, Erlangen & Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche in Bayern, 3 months
(2001)

Graduate School of Theology, University of Helsinki, 6 months (2001)

Church Research Center, Finland 3000 EUR (2002)

Finnish Cultural Fund 7000 EUR (2002)

Theological Institute of Finland, 12 months (2002)
Finnish Cultural Fund 3500 EUR (2003)
University of Helsinki Research Funds, 2 years (2005)
Church Research Center, Finland 12000 EUR (2005)
Junior Fellow, University of Helsinki, 3 years (2008)
The Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ (2008)
The Academy of Finland, 3 years (2010)
The Finnish Society of Non-Fiction Writers 10000 EUR (2013)
NASA/CTI 70 000 USD (2016-2017)

Project Grants (Kierkegaard's Works)

WSOY Literary Fund 20000 EUR (2008)
Finnish Cultural Fund 20000 EUR (2009)
Alfred Kordelin Fund 3500 EUR (2008)

Project Grants (Areiopagi Web-Project)

Kirkon mediasäätiö 5000€
John Templeton Foundation ca. 130 000€

REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF PUBLICATIONS²

A PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

A1 Original scientific article

In English

“Boethian Themes in Lewis”, *Sehnsucht* (forthcoming)

“The God problem: Secularization, liberalism and cognitive science of religion”, *Kerygma und Dogma* (2017)

“Natural Theology: A recent history”, *European Journal of Philosophy of Religion* (2017): 1–20

“On Faith, Merit and Eternal Life”, *Dialog* (2016): 8–90.

“Dark Light: St. Edith Stein and the language of mystical experience”, *Journal of Analytic Theology* (2016): 45–55.

“Salvation and religious diversity: Christian responses”, *Religion Compass* (2016): 27–34

“What does Theology Have to Do With Religion? Dual-process Accounts, Cognitive Science of Religion and a Curious Blind Spot on Contemporary Theorizing”, *Open Theology* (2016): 106–112.

“The curious case of *analogia entis*: Does metaphysics affect ecumenism?”, *Studia Theologica* (2015): 171–189.

“Varieties of Unbelief: A Taxonomy of Atheistic Positions”, *Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie and Religionsphilosophie* (2015): 483–500.

“Luther and Theosis: A response to the critics of the Finnish Luther Research”, *Pro Ecclesia* (2015): 459–474.

“Martin Luther on Perception and Theological Knowledge”, *Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie and Religionsphilosophie* (2015): 87–109.

“Objective morality after Darwin?”, *Heythrop Journal* (2015): 584–592

² Book reviews, some translations and popular articles are not included in this list. For the full list visit: <https://tubat.helsinki.fi/portal/en/>

- “The re-emergence of practice in modern theology”, *Perichoresis* (2011): 183–200.
- “Searching for non-toxic religion”, *International Journal of Public Theology* (2011): 1–12.
- “Believing and acting fallibly,” *Studia Theologica* (2010): 97–109.
- “Sören Kierkegaard’s eucharistic spirituality”, *Theology Today* (2010): 15–23.
- “The doctrine of justification in the Book of Concord”, *Dialog* (2009): 380–389.
- “Conversion in postmodern culture. A mediaeval contribution”, *Cultural Encounters* (2008): 122–132.
- “Sören Kierkegaard, mission, and postmodernism”, *Swedish Missiological Themes* (2008): 405–414.
- “The aporia of using love as an argument. A meditation on C.S. Lewis’s Four Loves”, *Chronicle of the Oxford University C.S. Lewis Society* (2007): 21–30.

In Finnish

- “Argumentti ja intuitio. Huomioita kosmologisesta argumentista”, *Teologinen aikakauskirja* (forthcoming) [Intuitions and the cosmological argument]
- “C. S. Lewis and Elisabeth Anscombe Oxfordin Sokraattisella klubilla”, *Teologinen Aikakauskirja*. (with Aku Visala) (2015): 248–257. [Lewis’s and Anscombe’s Debate on Naturalism]
- “Luonteella on väliä. Johdatus hyvätietoteoriaan”, *Niin & Näin*. (2014), 29–36 [Introduction to Virtue Epistemology]
- “Järjen jäljillä. Alasdair MacIntyren käsitys järjen traditiosidonnaisuudesta”, *Teologinen Aikakauskirja*. (2014), 443–453. [On MacIntyre’s Notion of Reason]
- “Mitä ateismi on? Katsaus nykyaikaisen ateismin muotoihin”, *Teologinen Aikakauskirja* (2013): 401–415. (with Aku Visala) [On the Varieties of Atheism]
- “Erimielisyyden merkitys”, *Teologinen Aikakauskirja* (2012): 265–273. [On the Epistemology of Disagreement]
- “Postmoderni filosofia ja mystiikka”, *Niin & Näin* (2009): 85–90. [Postmodern Philosophy and Mysticism]
- “Wentzel van Hyussteenin postfoundationalistinen teologia”, *Teologinen Aikakauskirja* (2009): 21–28. [On van Hyussteen’s postfoundational theology]

“Luonnontieteiden ja teologian liitto? Alister E. McGrathin A Scientific Theology –projekti”, *Teologinen Aikakauskirja* (2006): 478–489. [On McGrath’s Scientific Theology –Project]

“Fides qua, fides quae? Sören Kierkegaard ja uskon propositionaalinen sisältö”, *Teologinen aikakauskirja* (2003): 215–224. [On Kierkegaard’s Notion of Faith]

“Kaste – Kääntymys – Pyhitys. Luterilaisen vanhurskauttamisopin kipupisteet”, *Teologinen aikakauskirja* (2002): 359–367. (with Sammeli Juntunen) [On the Problems of Lutheran Spirituality]

A2 Review article, Literature review, Systematic review

“Reviews of *Atheism. A Guide for the Perplexed* and *Divine Evil*”, *The European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (2013), 176–179.

“Review of *Theology in Search of Foundations*”, in *Ars Disputandi* (2010): 89–93.

A3 Contribution to book/other compilations

”Uskonnolliset erimielisyydet ja tiedollisen tasavertaisuuden tunnustaminen”, *Kamppailu tunnustamisesta*, STKSJ (forthcoming) [On Recognition of Peer Disagreement]

“Postliberalismi”, in *Modernin teologian suuntauksia*. Toim. O-P. Vainio & L. Kempainen. (Helsinki: Kirjapaja 2013), 7–24. [On Postliberalism]

“Tosi valheita? Uskonnollinen kieli, fikcionalismi ja ateismin haste”, in *Opin poluilla. Festschrift of Prof. Miikka Ruokanen*. (Helsinki: STKSJ 275), 197–214. [A Critique of Theological Fictionalism]

“Faith”, in *Engaging Luther*, Ed. Olli-Pekka Vainio (Eugene, OR: Cascade 2009), 138–154.

“Christ for us and Christ in us. Two aspects of salvation from the viewpoint of certainty of salvation”, in *Luther between Present and Past. Studies on Luther and Lutheranism*. Eds. Ulrik Nissen, Anna Vind, Bo Holm and Olli-Pekka Vainio. (Helsinki: SLAG 2004), 89–106.

A4 Article in conference publication

“Reason and Imagination in the Thought of C. S. Lewis”, *Origins of Religion*, SLAG (2018), 154–162.

“Human Rationality and Irrationality: Theological, Philosophical and Cognitive Perspectives”, in *Zygon. Journal of Religion and Science* (2014), 121–134.

“Understanding religious disagreement”, in *Theology in the Service of the Church*. Ed. Allan Cole (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2014).

“Belief Formation and Biased Minds”, in *God, Mind and Knowledge*. Ed. Andrew Moore (Farnham: Ashgate, 2014), 89–102. (with Aku Visala)

“Virtues and Vices of Tolerance”, in *Religion in the Public Sphere*, ed. N. Brunsveld & R. Trigg (Utrecht: Ars Disputandi 2011), 273–284.

B NON-PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC WRITINGS

B1 Writings in scientific journals

Book reviews 15+ (For the sake of brevity, not listed here)

“Uskonnonfilosofisia www-sivustoja”, *Perusta* (forthcoming) [Philosophy of Religion and Internet]

“Love and the Logic of The Gift”, *Lutheran Forum* (2011).

“Postmodernismi ja tiede”, *Perusta* 6/2005. [On Postmodernism and Natural Sciences]

“Mitä on radikaali ortodoksia?”, *Perusta* 6/2005. [On Radical Orthodoxy movement]

“Unio cum Christo – ratkaisu vai ongelma?”, *Perusta* 3/2004. [On Mystical Union] Based on *Lectio Precursoria*

“Philomythus Misomythukselle”, *Perusta* 3/2003. [C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien on Imagination]

“Kaikki rakkauden tähden. C.S. Lewisin käsitys rakkauden käytöstä argumenttina”, *Perusta* 1/2003. [On the use of love as an argument]

B2 Contribution to book/other compilations

“Luterilainen teologia ja homoseksuaalisuus. Reunahuomioita kirkolliseen homokeskusteluun,” in *Kirkko ja homoseksuaalisuus*. Toim. Antti Saarelma. (Tampere: Kirkon tutkimuskeskus, 2007). [On Church and Homosexuality]

“Puhtaan hengen etiikka,” in *Kadonnut horisontti. Näkökulmia uskoon, valtaan ja totuuteen* (Helsinki: Arkki, 2006). [On the State of Modern Lutheran Ethics]

“Epävarmuuden sietäminen. Kriittisen realismin mahdollisuuksista,” in *Kadonnut horisontti. Näkökulmia uskoon, valtaan ja totuuteen* (Helsinki: Arkki, 2006). [On Critical Realism and Theology]

“Luterilaisen spiritualiteetin ongelmakohtia,” in *Johdatus luterilaisen spiritualiteetin teologiaan*. Toim. Olli-Pekka Vainio (Helsinki: Kirjapaja, 2003) [On the Problems of Lutheran Spirituality]

C SCIENTIFIC BOOKS (MONOGRAPHS)

C1 Book

Religious Language (Cambridge University Press 2019, forthcoming)

Cosmology in Theological Perspective (Baker Academic 2018)

Disagreeing Virtuously. Religious Conflict in Interdisciplinary Perspective (Eerdmans 2017)

Virtue. Introduction to Theory and Practice (Cascade 2017)

Luther (Kirjapaja 2017) [Comprehensive overview of Luther's theology]

Postmoderni filosofia, kulttuuri ja kristillinen teologia. (Helsinki: STKSJ 276, 2013). [A study on the trends of contemporary theology]

Beyond Fideism: Negotiable Religious Identities, Transcending the Boundaries in Philosophy and Theology 7 (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2010).

Justification and Participation in Christ. The Development of the Lutheran Doctrine of Justification from Luther to the Formula of Concord, Studies in Medieval and Reformation Traditions: History, Culture, Religion, Ideas 113 (Leiden: Brill, 2007).

Kolminaisuudesta osallinen. Piirteitä Martin Chemnitzin teologiasta (Helsinki: Iustitia 19, 2005). [A Sharer of Triune Life. Theology of Martin Chemnitz]

Luterilaisen vanhurskauttamisopin kehitys Lutherista Yksimielisyyden Ohjeeseen. Diss. (STKSJ 240, 2004). [The Development of the Lutheran Doctrine of Justification from Luther to the Formula of Concord]

C2 Edited books

Engaging Luther, Ed. Olli-Pekka Vainio (Eugene, OR: Cascade 2010).

Luther between Present and Past. Studies on Luther and Lutheranism. Edited by Ulrik Nissen, Anna Vind, Bo Holm and Olli-Pekka Vainio. (Helsinki: SLAG 55, 2004).

Jobdatus luterilaisen spiritualiteetin teologiaan. Toim. Olli-Pekka Vainio. (Helsinki: Kirjapaja, 2003). [Introduction to the Lutheran Theology of Spirituality]

D PUBLICATIONS DIRECTED AT SOCIETIES OF EXPERTISE

D1 Article in a trade journal and translations

“Älä usko asiantuntijaa”, *Fakta* (1/2014) [Why you should distrust the experts?]

“Ne toiset ovat väärässä ja moraalisesti arveluttavia”, *Kanava* 2/2012. [On Disagreement and Politics]

“Uskonnot katoavat, vai katoavatko?”, *Kanava* 3/2010. [On secularism]

Dortin kaanonit (Canons of Dort, Translation from Latin to Finnish), in *Reformaation Tunnustukset*, Ed. Risto Saarinen.

Anja Ghiselli: “Virgin Mary” (Translation from Finnish to English), in *Engaging Luther*.

Tuomo Mannermaa: “Luther as a Reader of the Holy Scripture” (Translation from Finnish to English), in *Engaging Luther*.

D2 Article in a professional manual or guide or professional information system, textbook material (refereed)

“Virtue: Christianity, Medieval Times and Reformation Era”, *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (forthcoming, De Gruyter)

“Reason: Christianity, Medieval Times and Reformation Era”, *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (forthcoming, De Gruyter)

“Justification: Christianity, Medieval Times and Reformation Era”, *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (forthcoming, De Gruyter)

“Love: Christianity, Medieval Times and Reformation Era”, *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (forthcoming, De Gruyter)

“Self”, in *Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions*. Ed. A. Runehov, L. Oviedo & N. Azari (Springer Verlag, 2013).

“Virtue”, in *Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions*. Ed. A. Runehov, L. Oviedo & N. Azari. (Springer Verlag, 2013).

“Alister E. McGrath”, in *Moderne Teologi. Tradisjon og nytenkning. Det 20. århundrets fremtredende teologer*, eds. S. Kristiansen & S. Rise (Norwegian Academic Press 2008) (English edition *Key Theological Thinkers* (Ashgate 2013))

“Robert W. Jenson”, in *Moderne Teologi. Tradisjon og nytenkning. Det 20. århundrets fremtredende teologer*, eds. S. Kristiansen & S. Rise (Norwegian Academic Press 2008) (English edition *Key Theological Thinkers* (Ashgate 2013))

D5 Textbook, professional manual or guide, dictionary

Modernin teologian suuntauksia. Toim. O-P Vainio & L. Kempainen. (Helsinki: Kirjapaja, 2013). [Companion to Modern Theology]

Johdatus uskonnonfilosofiaan. (Helsinki: Kirjapaja, 2011). [Introduction to Philosophy of Religion, with Aku Visala; entries on “Problem of Evil and Anti-Theistic Arguments”, “Faith and Reason”, “Religious Language” and “Religion and Morality”]

Martti Luther, Kristinuskon Vaikuttajat-Sarja (Helsinki: WSOY, 2008) [A Popular Introduction to Luther’s Theology]

Ihmiseksi tuleminen. Sören Kierkegaardin teologia (Helsinki: Kirjapaja, 2004). [An Introduction to the Theology of Sören Kierkegaard]

E PUBLICATIONS INTENDED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, LINKED TO THE APPLICANT’S RESEARCH

E1 Popularised article, newspaper article

(For the sake of brevity, not listed here)

E2 Popularised monograph

Diktaattorin käsikirja, with Katleena Korteso (Helsinki: Talentum, 2013) [Dictator’s Handbook]

Hitaan järjen kritiikki (Helsinki: Perussanoma, 2011). [A study on the history of rationality with the emphasis on the epistemology of disagreement and virtues]

G THESES

G3 Doctoral dissertation (monograph)

Luterilaisen vanhurskauttamisopin kehitys Lutherista Yksimielisyyden Ohjeeseen. Diss. (Helsinki: STKSJ 240, 2004). [The Development of the Lutheran Doctrine of Justification from Luther to the Formula of Concord]