

Curriculum Vitae



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Research Interests and aspirations

I am a social scientist and a historian interested especially in visual communication, international relations, media studies, global politics and politics of life. I work as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Helsinki faculty of Social Sciences, Political History, in an Academy of Finland project “Multilayered Borders of Global Security”, GLASE (<http://glase.fi/in-english/>). In the project, I specialize in public discourse and media representations of refugeeness and migration in the context of global borders and security. I am also involved in the Academy of Finland Project “Hybrid Terrorizing”, HYTE that looks at global media events of terrorist violence.

My research interests include visual representations of conflict, crisis and violence, visual communication in relation to humanitarianism, global mobility, refugeeness as well as terrorism. I am interested in compassion as a political force, (global) hierarchies of valuable life, inclusion and exclusions, humanism, posthumanism, feminism and animal studies. Photography, its history and political utilization fascinate me. I wish to produce innovative and aspiring, multidisciplinary research at the intersections of international relations, visual studies, communication, social science history and politics of life.

My PhD dissertation *Visual Theaters of Suffering: Constituting the Western Spectator in the Age of Humanitarian World Politics* (2016) deals with the history, alterations and utilization of visual representations of suffering, conflict and war within the frame of humanitarian sentiments, world politics, humanitarianism and human rights.

In addition to producing academic and theoretical analysis on issues within my interests, I also enjoy high-quality popularization of research as well as engaging in societal discussion on topical issues. I am the producer and a member of the editorial board of the Finnish Political Science Association online journal *Politiikasta* (<http://politiikasta.fi/>)

Education

Doctor of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, Political history, 2016

Master of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, Major in Political History, 2008

Language skills

Finnish: Native

English: Fluent

Swedish: Intermediate

French: Basics

Work History

Researcher, Academy of Finland Project: Hybrid Terrorizing. Developing a New Model for the Study of Global Media Events of Terrorist Violence, HYTE

Post-Doctoral fellow, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Political and social sciences, Political History. (1.1.2017→) In Academy of Finland project "Multilayered Borders of Global Security" GLASE.

Producer and member of the editorial board "Politiikasta" -FPSA online journal (Politiikasta verkkolehti, 2014--)

Visiting Fellow, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs Global Security research program 1. Dec. 2011 – 1. March. 2016 (Partly working on a Kone Foundation grant)

Family Leave (1. March 2012 - 30. August 2013)

Researcher in Academy of Finland Research Project "Ethics, Politics and Emergencies – Humanitarian Frame for Co-option and Collaboration in World Politics" 2008-2012.

Project Researcher, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, 20.9 – 31.12.2010

Researcher, University of Tampere, department of international relations and political science 14.5.2010 – 14.8.2010

Visiting Researcher, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Transformation of the World Order research program 14.5.2010 – 14.8.2010

Research Assistant, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Transformation of the World Order research program, 11.4.2009 – 30.4.2010

Intern, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Transformation of the World Order research program, 13.10.2008 – 10.4.2009