

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### 1. Full name and date

Sakaranaho, Tuula Helena

Date of writing the CV: January 2019

### 2. Date and place of birth, nationality, current residence

Date and place of birth: 13.4.1955, Oulu, Finland

Citizenship and current residence: Finnish, Finland

### 3. Education and degrees awarded

- Docent, Study of religions, Faculty of Humanities, University of Helsinki, 19.5.1999.
- Ph.D., Study of Religions, Faculty of Humanities, University of Helsinki, 2.6.1998.
- Ph.Lic., Study of Religions, Faculty of Humanities, University of Helsinki, 26.4.1994.
- M.A., Study of Religions, Faculty of Humanities, University of Helsinki, 31.5.1983.
- B.A., Study of Religions, Faculty of Humanities, University of Helsinki, 26.4.1983.

### 4. Other education and training, qualifications and skills

- Teacher training: Aineenopettajan kasvatustieteelliset opinnot (40 ov), University of Helsinki 15.6.1987.

### 5. Linguistic skills

Finnish (mother tongue), English (excellent), Gaelic / Irish (every-day language spoken at home), Swedish (Statens språkexamination 21.4 1989), German (fair reading skill)

### 6. Current position

Professor, Study of Religions, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 1.12. 2009 onwards.

Vice Dean (Teaching), Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 2018-2021.

### 7. Previous work experience

- Vice Dean (Research), Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 1.1.-31.12.2017.
- Acting Director of the Doctoral Program in Theology and Religious Studies, 1.1.-31.7.2017.
- Vice Director of the Doctoral Program in Theology and Religious Studies, 1.8.2013 – 31.12.2017.
- Acting Professor, Study of Religions, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 1.11.– 30.11.2009.
- Head of Department, Department of Comparative Religion, Faculty of Theology and Humanities, University of Helsinki, 2007-2009.
- Deputy Head of Department, Department of Comparative Religion, Faculty of Theology and Humanities, University of Helsinki, 2004-2006.
- Senior Lecturer, Department of Comparative Religion, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 1.1.2004-30.11.2009.
- Project Researcher, Academy of Finland, 1.8.2002–31.12.2003.
- Post doc researcher, Academy of Finland, 1.8.1999–31.7.2002.

### 8. Research funding as well as leadership and supervision

*Research projects:*

- PI: Governance of Transnational Islam: The Case of Finland, Ireland and Canada, Academy of Finland, 1.1.2010 – 31.12. 2013.
- PI: Teachers, religions and multicultural education, European Studies, University of Helsinki, 2004-2005.
- PI: Muslims and religious equality in Finland, SYREENI, Academy of Finland, 2001-2003.
- Participant: Religion and Society (RELSOC), Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki, 2013 onwards, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki.

- Participant: Inter-religious Dialogue Promoting Cross-cultural Communication (RELDIAL), 2013 onwards; Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki.
- Collaboration: The History of Islam in Ireland. Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Republic of Ireland, 2009 – 2012.
- Collaboration: EURISLAM, Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg, France, 2009-2013.

- Leader of Argumenta –project *Religious literacy in a plural society* (Finnish Cultural Foundation, 2019-2020).
- Member of a steering committee: The Impact of Religious Values on Chinese Social Life, PI Miikka Ruokanen, Academy of Finland, 2018-2022.

*Leadership in research work:* Vice Dean in charge of research, Faculty of Theology, 2017.

#### *Doctoral programs:*

- Doctoral Program of Theology, Deputy Director, Member of the steering committee
- Doctoral subprogram on Cultural and Social Diversities, Social Sciences, University of Helsinki: Member of the steering committee

#### *Supervision of doctoral thesis*

- In progress: 8
- Completed: 13

### **9. Merits in teaching and pedagogical competence**

- Teaching experience since 1988 as fee-paid teacher, senior lecturer and professor, Study of Religions, University of Helsinki.
- Award: Magister Bonus (Best teacher of the year), Student Union of the University of Helsinki, 2005.
- Development of teacher training for teachers of minority languages and religions (esp. Islam and Buddhism); funded by the National Board of Education and Ministry of Education; Faculty of Theology and Faculty of Behavioral Science (teacher training), University of Helsinki, 2001-2007.
- Curriculum planning and implementation: 2004 and 2016-2019, Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki.
- Supervision of Master Thesis in the Study of Religions (Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Arts): in progress 16, completed 61.

### **10. Awards, prizes and honours**

- Magister Bonus (Best teacher of the year), Student Union of the University of Helsinki, 2005.
- Honorary member, Finnish Society for the Study of Religion, 2018.

### **11. Other academic merits**

*Examinations of doctoral dissertations* 20

*International references:* University College Cork (Ireland); Södertörn University (Stockholm); University of Lund; University College London; University of Oslo; Royal Society of Canada; Goldsmiths, University of London; Aga Khan University in United Kingdom (London).

*Reviewer: Bodies of research funding*

Academy of Finland  
Finnish Cultural Foundation

Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Republic of Ireland  
 Estonian Research Council  
 University of Helsinki (Research funding)

*Reviewer: Journals*

Naistutkimus (Women's Studies); Social Compass; Religion; Yearbook of Population Studies, Finland; Elore; Temenos; teologia.fi

*Other*

Organizer and President of EASR (European Association of the Study of Religions) Conference in Helsinki June 2015: <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/easr-2016/>

The Federation of Finnish Learned Societies: Publication forum, 2010-2017

## **12. Scientific and societal impact of research**

List of publications consist of 110 items, of which 51 refereed articles and book chapters:  
<https://tuhat.helsinki.fi>

Planning, organizing and implementing teacher training of minority languages and religions in Finnish schools, as in-service training (2001) and as degree studies, 2007-2017, University of Helsinki, in collaboration with the Finnish National Agency of Education and the Ministry of Education.

Imam training in Finland: planning and publication with FOKUS ry, 2012-2013 (*Imaamit Suomessa*, 2013).

Founder and chief editor of Katsomukset.fi -portal (Perspectives Portal), 2018 onwards.

Leader of Argumenta –project *Religious literacy in a plural society* (Finnish Cultural Foundation, 2019-2020).

## **13. Positions of trust in society and other societal merits**

Finnish Academy of Science and Letters: Member, since 2014.

Finnish Society for the Study of Religion: Chair 2011-2014, Deputy Chair 2009-2011; 2014-2016; Honorary member 2018.