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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born in 1953, male.

Citizen of Finland, residence in Helsinki.

EDUCATION AND DEGREES

Docent of contemporary history in 1995, University of Helsinki.

Doctor of Social Sciences in 1994, University of Helsinki; diss. *Kenen joukoissa seisot: Suomalainen kommunismi ja sota 1937-1945*, excellent marks.

Master of Political Science in 1980, contemporary history, University of Helsinki.

CURRENT POSITION

Professor of Political History (poliittisen historian professori), University of Helsinki, since 1 Jan 2015.

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Jan 2006 to Dec 2014, Professor of Contemporary History (poliittisen historian professori), University of Turku.

Simultaneously, Aug 2012 to Dec 2014, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku; from 2010 to 2012, Vice Dean of the Faculty and Director of the Department of Political Science and Contemporary History.

Jan 2004 to July 2006, special researcher (erikoistutkija), Finnish Security Intelligence Service (Suojelupoliisi, Supo).

1999 to 2003, senior lecturer (yliassistentti), Dept. of Social Science History, University of Helsinki; interrupted by research periods in the Cold War project funded by the Academy of Finland, and as Academy scholar (akatematutkija).

1998 to 1999, Acting Director (vs. johtaja), Renvall Institute for Area and Cultural Studies, University of Helsinki.

1995 to 1997, post-doc researcher (tutkija), Rector project (University of Helsinki) on Finnish Communism, Finland and the Soviet Union, the last year as project director (projektinjohtaja).

1994 child care at home.

1990 to 1993, research on Finnish Communism in the World War II, financed from private and public funds, working in Moscow and in Helsinki; some months as a stand-in assistant for contemporary history, University of Helsinki.

1986 to 1989, historian (historiankirjoittaja) for a small industrial town, Karkkila.

1984 to 1986, book translations for Otava Publishers; free lance journalism.

1983 to 1984, editor, Otava Publishing House.

1982 to 1983, scholarship of Italian Foreign Ministry, research in Milan, Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli.

During and after student years: translations, journalism, research and teaching assistant, military service.

MAJOR RESEARCH FUNDING AND ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Consortium director, REIMAG, Reimagining Futures in the European North at the End of the Cold War, funded by the Academy of Finland for 2013-17, 1.05m€, divided between Universities of Turku, Helsinki and Tampere.

Member of direction, NORCENCOWAR, Nordic and Central European Cold War History Project, funded by NOS-H, led by Prof. Poul Villaume (Copenhagen).

Member of direction, NORCOM, Nordic Communism History Project, funded by NOS-H, led by Prof. Åsmund Egge (Oslo).

Director, research project funded by Kone Foundation on the interaction between Europe, Turkey and the Middle East.

Member of direction, Finnish-Russian research project on intelligence and security during the Second World War, funded by Finnish Cultural Foundation, led by Prof. Timo Vihavainen (Helsinki) and Academician Andrei Sakharov (RAN, Moscow).

Leading applicant and member of direction, Academy of Finland Project on Cold War History, led by Prof. Seppo Hentilä (Helsinki).

Applicant and then director, Helsinki University Rector Project on Finnish Communism, first led by Prof. Osmo Jussila.

Smaller research and project grants from Finnish Academy of Sciences and Letters, Finnish Cultural Foundation, Finnish-Swedish Cultural Foundation and others.

MAJOR TEACHING DUTIES

Yearly graduate and post-graduate seminars; supervisor for several doctoral and master students in Turku since 2006 and in Helsinki since 2015.

Yearly planning of the study programs.

Lectures, yearly a full special series on the basis of own research. Four times Lecturer of the year award of the Turku students' club, once Lecturer of the year of the faculty students' association.

SCHOLARLY AWARDS AND HONOURS

For the 2005 book: the Academic Book of the Year Award (Vuoden tiedekirja), selected by the Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (Tieteellisten seurain valtuuskunta) and the Finnish Association for Scholarly Publishing (Suomen tiedekustantajien liitto).

For the 1994 book: the Yrjö Koskinen Prize for the best history book of the year awarded by the Society of Friends of History (Historian ystävien liitto).

For the 1994 book: the Urho Kekkonen Prize for excellent research in international relations, awarded by the Foundation of Foreign Policy Research (Ulkopolitiikan tutkimuksen säätiö).

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Expert for professor appointments: General History (University of Jyväskylä); Finnish History, particularly Social History (University of Tampere); Russian History and Politics (University of Joensuu); Russian History (University of Helsinki). Expert for several docent appointments in Finnish universities.

Member of the expert committee for dissertation, Universities of Copenhagen and Oslo, and numerous similar theses assessments for Finnish universities.

Expert (twice) to assess Academy of Finland funding applications; similar expert for Finnish Cultural Foundation, Kone Foundation and for various smaller ones.

Member of the Finnish Academy of Sciences and Letters (Suomalainen Tiedeakatemia) since 2009. Scholar member of the Historical Society of Finland; member of the general board of the society 2010-13; member of its Russian board.

Member of the editorial board of the leading Finnish journal of the field, *Historiallinen Aikakauskirja*, 2001-05.

Referee for *International History Review*, *Contemporary European History*, *Cold War History*, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, *Scandinavian Journal of History*, *Historisk tidskrift* (Stockholm), *JfGOE* (München) and the two historical journals in Finland, as for scholarly publishing houses, SKS, SHS, SLS and SKHS.

ADVISOR AND EXPERT DUTIES

Since 2015, member of the Foreign Ministry of Finland committee for history.

Advisor for the Foreign Ministries of Finland and Russia for a documentary publication, with scholars from the Institute of General History, Russian Academy of Sciences.

Advisor for the Finnish National Archives project on Russian microfilms.

National defence courses, organized by the General Staff, 2010.

Advisor for the media, publishing houses, film companies, documentary productions, newspapers, magazines.

LINGUISTIC SKILLS

Native Finnish. Swedish "good" in State exam in 1980 and now better; English excellent (several translated books); Italian good (two translated books); German and Russian fair (ability to archival research); some French and Spanish.

TWELVE SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

'Intelligence and Stalin's Two Crucial Decisions in the Winter War, 1939—40.' // *International History Review* 35 (2013): 5, p. 1089-1112. ISSN (print) 0707-5332; ISSN (online) 1949-6540

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/07075332.2013.828637>

'The Year 1968 and the Soviet Communist Party.' // *The Establishment Responds: Power, Politics, and Protest since 1945*. Ed. by K. Fahlenbrach, M. Klimke, J. Scharloth, & L. Wong. (Palgrave Macmillan Transnational History Series.) New York: Palgrave Macmillan 2012. p. 139-156. ISBN 978-0-230-11499-9

'Great Britain and the Soviet Threat in Finland, 1944-1951.' // *Scandinavian Journal of History* 37, no. 2, May 2012. p. 171-184. ISSN 0346-8755 print; ISSN 1502-7716 online
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/03468755.2012.668008>

'Vesna 1948 goda: Kakoi put' vyberet Finljandiya?' // *Severnaya Evropa: Problemy istorii* 4. Ed. O.V. Chernyshev. Transl. M. Korobochkin. Moskva: Nauka 2003. p. 61-89. ISBN 5-02-008878-1

'Kevään 1968 isänmaan toivot.' // *Työväen verkostot*. Ed. Sakari Saaritsa & Kari Teräs. Helsinki: Työväen historian ja perinteen tutkimuksen seura 2003. p. 96-132. ISBN 951-98296-6-0; ISSN 0782-2332

'From half-adversary to half-ally: Finland in the Soviet policy, 1953-58.' // *Cold War History*. Ilford : Frank Cass. 1 (2000): 1. p. 75-102. ISSN 1468-2745

'The Finnish communists and the Winter War.' // *Journal of Contemporary History*. London: SAGE Publications. 33 (1998): 4, p. 591-607. ISSN 0022-0094

Monographs (books)

'Suojelupoliisi kylmässä sodassa 1949-1991.' [The Finnish Security Police in the Cold War, 1949-1991] // *Ratakatu* 12. Ed. Matti Simola. WSOY: Helsinki 2009. p. 9-120, 128-192, 272-295. ISBN 978-951-0-35243-4

Vallankumouksen aave: Vasemmisto, Kekkonen ja Beljakov 1970. [The Scepter of a Revolution: The Left Wing, Kekkonen, Belyakov in 1970] Helsinki: Otava 2005. 528 pp. ISBN 951-1-20173-5

Niin kylmää että polttaa: Kommunistit, Kekkonen ja Kreml 1947—1958. [So Cold It Burns: The Communists, Kekkonen and the Kremlin, 1947-58]. Helsinki: Otava 1997. 672 pp. ISBN 951-1-14497-9

Kenen joukoissa seisot? Suomalainen kommunismi ja sota 1937-1945. [Which side are you on? The Finnish Communism and the War, 1937 to 1945] Helsinki: WSOY, 1994. 691 pp. ISBN 951-0-19201-5

Seppo Aalto & Kimmo Rentola. *Karkkilan eli Högforsin ja Pyhäjärven, entisen Pahajärven ihmisten historia*. [A History of a Small Industrial Town]. Karkkila: Karkkilan kaupunki 1992. Part written by Rentola, p. 247-922. ISBN 951-96541-0-0