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Educational Degrees

- **Pol. Dr** (Ph. D), Philosophy, University of Helsinki (1996). Dissertation: *The Postmodern and Political Agency*. Eximia magna cum laude.
- **Pol. lic.**, Philosophy, University of Helsinki (1988).
- **Pol. cand.** (MA), Political History, Philosophy. University of Helsinki (1982).

Docentships

- **Docent** of Practical Philosophy and Political History, University of Turku (2002).
- **Docent** of Philosophy, Women's Studies and Political Science, University of Jyväskylä (2002).
- **Docent** of Practical Philosophy, University of Helsinki (1998).

Most Important Scientific Acknowledgements

- **Invited Member** of the Finnish Academy of Science and Letters, 15.4.2011–.

Present Employment Relationship

- **Professor and the Chair of Gender Studies**, Department of Philosophy, History, Culture and Art Studies, University of Helsinki, 1.8.2008–.

Most Important Previous Employment Relationships

- **Academy Professor**, Academy of Finland. Director in the Academy Professor's Project *Philosophy and Politics in Feminist Theory*, 2011–2015.
- **Academy of Finland Senior Research Fellow**, 1.8.2007–31.7.2009.
- **Professor of Political Science**, University of Jyväskylä, 1.5.2004–31.7.2008 (permanent position, leave of absence 1.5.2004–31.7.2008).
- **Professor of Women's Studies**, University of Jyväskylä, 1.8.2003–31.7.2008 (leave of absence 1.8.2007–31.7.2008).
- **Senior Research Fellow**, Academy of Finland. Vice-director in the Project *Polity, Contingency and Conceptual Change*, 1.8.1998–31.7.2003.
- **Visiting Professor**, (Gastdozentin), University of Greifswald, Germany, 1.1.1998–31.7.1998.
- **Research Fellow**, Academy of Finland. Project *Gender, Power, and Agency*, 1.1.1996–31.12.1997.
- **PhD Research Fellow**, Academy of Finland, 1.9.1990–31.7.1991 and 1.8.1992–31.7.1995.
- **Editor of J.V. Snellman's Complete Works (Samlade arbeten)**, Prime Minister's Office (in 1990 as acting director of the editing project). 1.1.1983–30.6.1990.

Most Important Visits Abroad (research and teaching)

- **Visiting Scholar**, University of Paris 8. Centre d'Etudes féminines et Etudes de Genre, 1.1.–30.4.2012.
- **Honorary Senior Research Fellow**, University of Manchester. School of Social Sciences (ESRC Centre for Socio-Cultural Change (CRESC), Faculty of Humanities, 1.8.2007–31.7.2009.
- **Visiting Scholar**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, U.S.A. Advanced Feminist Studies Institute, 15.3.–15.6.2002.
- **Visiting Professor and Research Associate**, Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald, Germany. Institut für Philosophie, 1.2.1998–30.1.1999.
- **Visiting Scholar**, University of California, Santa Cruz, U.S.A. Feminist Studies Focused Research Activity, 1.1.1991–31.3.1994.
- Free participation in seminars at Freie Universität, West-Berlin, spring and summer term 1986.

Most Important Academic Administrative Positions

- **Founding director**, SKY doctoral programme 1.1.2014; **Head of the discipline and director of MA programme**, Gender Studies, University of Helsinki, 1.1.2009–31.1.2010 and 2016; **Director** of The Christina Institute, 1.1.2009–31.12.2009; **Head of the discipline, founding director of MA and PhD programmes** in Women's Studies, Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, 1.8.2003–31.7.2007.
- **Vice-head** of the Multidisciplinary Department (School) of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, 1.8.2004–31.7.2007.
- **Member** of Research Council, Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki, 2010–14; **Vice-member** of the Multidisciplinary Department (School) Council, Dept. of Philosophy, History, Culture and Art Studies, University of Helsinki, 2010–12; **Vice-member**, Faculty Council, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Jyväskylä, 2006–07; **Vice-member**, Faculty Council, Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki, 2001–03.

Research Funding and Leadership

Current projects

- **Responsible PI**, Marie Curie Individual Fellowship, Dr. Katja Kahlina, postdoctoral research project *ANTI LGBT*, University of Helsinki, 2016–18.
- **Director**, Doctoral Programme *Gender, Culture and Society* (SKY), University of Helsinki, 2014–16.

Most important past projects

- **Academy Professorship**, Academy of Finland and **Director** of Academy Professor's Research Project *Philosophy and Politics in Feminist Theory*. 5-year research project included 1 senior researcher, 3 post-doctoral researchers and several PhD students (1 904 800 €). Academy of Finland, 2012–15.
- Centre of Excellence **Vice-director**, Academy of Finland CoE in *Political Thought and Conceptual Change* and within it the **Leader** of *Politics, Philosophy and Gender (PPhiG)* research team (3 340 000 €). CoE included in average 32 researchers in three research teams; the PPhiG team comprised 12–15 senior, post-doctoral scholars, and doctoral students. Academy of Finland, 2006–11.
- **Senior Research Fellow**, Academy of Finland, 2008–09.
- **Member of the Management Committee**, *COST action Remaking of Eastern Borders in Europe* – a network exploring the social, moral and material relocations or Europe's Eastern peripheries, 2008–12.
- **Vice-chair** and **Member of the Coordinating Committee**, European Science Foundation (ESF) Network *Politics and History of European Democratization (PHED)*, 2003–05.
- **Vice-director** and **Senior Research Fellow**, Academy of Finland Project *Polity, Contingency and Conceptual Change*, 1998–2003.
- **Research Fellow**, Academy of Finland Project *Gender, Power, and Agency*, 1996–97.
- **PhD Research Fellow**, Academy of Finland, 1990–91 and 1992–95.

Leadership in doctoral programmes

- **Founding Director**, Doctoral Programme *Gender, Culture and Society* (SKY), University of Helsinki. (PhD students and advisors from Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Law, Theology, and Behavioural Sciences), 2014–.
- **Director**, National Gender Studies Doctoral Programme, (794 000 €). Ministry of Culture and Academy of Finland, 2012–15. Funded doctoral studies and supervision for PhD students in gender studies at six Finnish universities. **Executive Board Member**, National Gender Studies Doctoral Programmes, 2001–11.
- **Founding Board Member**, *InterGender. Consortium and Research School in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies* (Nordic, North-European), 2015–; **Board Member**, *InterGender. Research School in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies*. (Swedish-International, funded by Swedish Research Council), 2010–14; **Member of the Supervising Pool**, Nordic Research School of Multidisciplinary Gender studies (*NorFa*), 2004–09.
- **Advisory Committee Member**, Doctoral School at the University of Malaga (coordinates 21 PhD programmes of the University of Malaga), 2015–.

Doctoral Supervision

Supervised doctoral dissertations

14 completed dissertations:

- **First supervisor: Julian Honkasalo** (2016), University of Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Sisterhood, Natality and Queer. Feminist Interpretations of Hannah Arendt*. // **Jacek Kornak** (2015), University of Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Queer as a Political Concept*. // **Anna Elomäki** (2012), University of Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Feminist Political Togetherness. Rethinking the Collective Dimension of Feminist Politics*. // **Mervi Patosalmi** (2011), University of

Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Politics and Policies of Reproductive Agency*. // **Laura Werner** (2007), University of Helsinki, Social and Moral Philosophy. *The Restless Love of Thinking – The Concept Liebe in G.W.F.Hegel's Philosophy*. // **Tuula Juvonen** (2002), University of Tampere, Social Policy/Women's Studies. *Varjoelämää ja julkisia salaisuuksia. Suomalaisen homoseksuaalisuuden rakentuminen toisen maailmansodan jälkeen*. [Private Lives, Public Secrets. The Construction of Finnish Homosexuality after the Second World War.]

- **Co-supervisor: Pekka Niskanen** (2014), Finnish Academy of Fine Arts. *Taide identiteettien rakentajana*. [Art in the Construction of Identity Politics.] // **Sari Irni (Charpentier)** (2009), Åbo Akademi, Women's Studies. *Aging Apparatuses at Work. Transdisciplinary Negotiations of Sex, Age and Materiality*. // **Iivi Masso** (2006), University of Helsinki, Social and Moral Philosophy. *Democratic Legitimacy and the Politics of Rights. A comparative analysis of the conceptual relationship between democracy and rights in the contemporary political theory*. // **Katja Kurri** (2005), University of Jyväskylä, Psychology. *Construction of Morality in the Context of Social Work*. // **Eira Juntti** (2004), SUNY, Binghamton, Sociology. *Women and Nationalism in Finland in the Early 19th Century*. // **Katriina Honkanen** (2004), University of Utrecht, Gender Studies. *Gender and Temporality in Theories of Political Agency*. // **Tuija Virkki** (2004), University of Jyväskylä, Sociology. *Vihan voimalla, vihan tainnuttamana. Toimijuus ja sen muutokset vihakertomuksissa*. [Acting through Hatred. Changing Agency in Narratives on Hate.] // **Åsa Karlsson** (2001), University of Stockholm, Philosophy. *Kön, kropp och konstruktion. En undersökning av den filosofiska grunden för distinktionen mellan kön och genus*. [A Study of Philosophical Grounds for Distinction between Sex and Gender.]

Currently supervising 7 dissertations:

- **First supervisor, 5 dissertations: Sanna Karhu**, University of Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Judith Butler on Subject and Norms*. // **Heini Kinnunen**, University of Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Politics of Feminism and the Concept of Public Sphere in the Works of Iris Marion Young, Nancy Fraser and Seyla Benhabib*. // **Soili Petäjäniemi-Brown**, University of Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Judith Butler's Critical Encounter with Existential Phenomenology*. // **Eeva Urrio**, University of Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Deleuze and Sexual Difference Feminism in the Work of Elizabeth Grosz*. // **Alisa Zhabenko: Lesbian motherhood in Russia from the 1970s to the present.**
- **Co-supervisor, 2 dissertations: Heta Rundgren**, University of Helsinki/University of Paris 8 (Cotutelle), Gender Studies. *Des liens entre le féminin et le queer. Genre et subjectivité dans le roman contemporain européen*. // **Vuokko Viljanen**, University of Helsinki, Gender Studies. *Sukulaisuus queer-yhteisöjen keskiössä – Judith Butlerin ajattelun politiikkaa*. [Kinship in Queer communities – Politics of Judith Butler's Thought.]
- **Examiner for 13 PhD or licentiate theses, 1997–2013**
- For the universities of Helsinki, Turku, Kuopio, Jyväskylä, and Malaga in the disciplines of philosophy, political science, history, theology, sociology, and theatre research.

Other Scientific Expert Positions

Since 2003 on several occasions

- **Member of research application evaluation panels** for the Academy of Finland; Swedish Research Council; Tromsø Research Foundation; Czech Science Foundation; Newton International Scholarship, Royal Society, UK; Finnish Cultural Foundation; University of Helsinki Research Funds; University of Turku Advanced Studies Institute; National graduate schools; University of Helsinki PhD Funding.
- **Member of appointment committees and evaluations** for candidates for *professorships* (Universities of Helsinki, Turku, Lancaster), *adjunct professorships* (Universities of Tampere, Helsinki, Stockholm), *lecture- and readerships* (Universities of Helsinki, Stockholm, and Lancaster) in philosophy, in history, and in gender studies.

Positions of trust in scientific communities

- **President** of The Association for Gender Studies in Finland (SUNS), 2010–2016.
- **Board Member**, International Association of Women in Philosophy (IAPh), 2010–2018.
- **Board Member** of Institut for Queer Theory, Berlin, 2006–.
- **Member of the International Reference Group** of GEXcel – International Collegium for Advanced Transdisciplinary Gender Studies (Linköping Univ., Unit of Gender Studies (Tema Genus); Karlstad Univ., Centre for Gender Research (CGF); Örebro Univ., Centre for Feminist Social Studies (CFS), 2013–.

International journals and book series

- **Co-Editor in Chief: Redescriptions. Political Thought, Conceptual History and Feminist Theory**, 2014–.

- **Member of the Advisory Board:** *Politiikka*, 2015– // *Comment S'en Sortir? Revue d'études féministes et queer*, 2012– // *NORA, Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*, 2007– // *CALÍOPE, Collection of feminist theory and gender studies*, Spain, 2011–.
- **Member of the Editorial Board:** *Redescriptions*, 2003– // *Finnish Yearbook of Political Thought*, 1997–2003 // *Tiede & Edistys*, 1986–.
- **Referee for:** *Hypatia // Theory, Culture and Society // Redescriptions // Theory & Event // Body and Society // Subjectivity // European Cultural Studies // Contributions to the History of Concepts // Ajatus // NORA // Naistutkimus/Sukupuolentutkimus // Oikeus // Tiede & Edistys*
- **Chair of the Editorial Board:** *SoPhi Series*, Minerva Publications, 2005–2008.
- **Member of the Editorial Board:** Book series *Rethinking Borders*, Manchester University Press, 2014–.

Invited Presentations

A total of **136 papers and lectures**, **76** of them **as a keynote or an invited speaker**. Main topics include Feminist Theory, Transdisciplinarity, Political Theory, Postmodern Thought, German Idealism, Contemporary French Philosophy, Hannah Arendt and Conceptual History.

Keynote addresses include e.g.: “A Practice of Reading: The Politics of Philosophy in Feminist Theory Texts.” in *Feminist Readings 2: Theory, Practice and Politics of Reading Today*. School of Fine Art, History of Art & Cultural Studies, University of Leeds, 15.–16.4.2016. // “Feminism and Philosophy – a Matter of History and Politics” in *Feminist Philosophy: Time and History*. Umeå University, 15.–17.3.2016. // “Thinking Intervention.” in *Modern European Philosophy and its Politics*. Organized by The Society for European Philosophy and Forum for European Philosophy. Kingston University London, 5.–6.9.2013. // “Queer Community – Impossible Community? Indecency and *Sittlichkeit*”. *Communautés Impossibles/Impossible Communities*. Université Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis. 6.–7.12.2012. // “History of Gender Concepts – Contingency, Change and Action” in *Farewell to Heteronormativity*. University of Gothenburg, 23.5.2002. // “Politics in Philosophy in Contemporary Feminist Theory – Three Approaches on Ontology”. *Sex, Politics and Philosophy. Current Debates in Feminist Theory*. IUEM, University of La Laguna, Spain. 29.5.2009. // “Tradition, Repetition, and Beginning Something New” in *16th EGOS Colloquium Organizational Praxis*. Helsinki School of Economics and Business Administration, 2.–4.7.2000. // “Gender and Nation” at the *Crossroads in Cultural Studies. Second International Conference*. Tampere, Finland. 28.6.–1.7.1998.

Invited papers include e.g.: “Turn or no Turn? Rosi Braidotti and Ontology” in symposium *Diversifying philosophy. Recent trends in feminist theory*. VU-University Amsterdam, 11.–12.9.2015. // “Transdisciplinary Gender Studies” *Transdisciplinarity and the Humanities: Problems, Methods, Histories, Concepts*. Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy (CRMEP), Kingston University London, 17.–18.5.2012. // “Gendered Subjects of Representation” Centre for Study of Democracy. Westminster College, University of London, 20.1.2009. // “Identity in Question – Arendt’s Approach to Perplexities of The Concept of Identity.” *Hannah Arendt - Thought and Action*. Conference and Graduate Course at Finland-Institute, Berlin 17.–19.3.1999.

Organized Conferences and Symposia

Organizer in **ca. 100 conferences, symposia and workshops** since 1997; including **15 conferences** of 100–250 participants, including e.g. *The 5th Christina Conference of Gender Studies: Feminist Thought – Politics of Concepts*, University of Helsinki, 2013; *PolCon Politics of Contingency Conference*, University of Helsinki, 2010; *Remaking borders. The First EastBordNet conference*. COST action IS0803. Catania, Sicilia, 2011; *Law, Gender, Sexuality*: Finnish Women’s Studies Association conference 2010. University of Helsinki; *PPhiG Conference: Politics of Decency*, University of Jyväskylä, 2006; *Theory in Action. The Power of Feminist Thought*. Finnish Women’s Studies Association conference 2004. University of Jyväskylä. // **13 middle size conferences and symposia** (30–100 participants), including e.g. *Théorie et politique du genre aujourd’hui*. Institut Finlandais, Paris, 2012; *LAPh Helsinki Summer Symposium on Feminist Philosophy*. University of Helsinki, 2011; *Representative Democracy and the Politics of Gender*, PHED (ESF-network) Workshop. Fondazione Einaudi, Università del Piemonte Orientale, Turin, Italy, 2005; *Hegel and Gender – Hegel und Geschlecht*. PPhiG Symposium. Finland Institut, Berlin, 2007; *New Directions in Democratic Theory*. University of Jyväskylä, 2003. // **ca. 70 smaller workshops** (5–30 participants), including 39 PPhiG workshops (2006–15) on selected topics with top international scholars, such as Anne Berger (2013), Moya Lloyd (2012), Penelope Deutscher (2010) and Dennis Riley (2008).

Organizer and founder of Advanced Christina Research Seminar Series, organized fortnightly since 2009 at Gender Studies, University of Helsinki. See: www.helsinki.fi/genderstudies/about/researchseminar/pastevents.html.