

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### 1. NAME AND DATE

Sirpa, Liisa Tenhunen  
21.1. 2018

### 2. EDUCATION AND DEGREES AWARDED

- Doctor of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, Social Anthropology, 29.10. 1997
- Title of docent: Social Anthropology, University of Tampere, 24.11. 2011
- Title of docent: Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki, 10.12. 2008

### 3. CURRENT POSITION

1 Aug 2017– 30 Aug 2021 **Professor**, Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki

### 4. PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

- 1 Sep 2014–31 Feb 2017 **Professor** (interim), Ethnology, Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä
- 1 Aug 2014– **Senior lecturer**, Ethnology, Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä, on leave 1 Sep 2014–31 Feb 2017 and 1 Aug 2017– 30 Aug 2021
- 1 Sep 2013–30 Jul 2014 **Director** of the Nordic Centre in India (Nordic University network which develops academic co-operation with Indian universities). 50 % appointment.
- 1 Jul 2012–31 Dec 2013 **Researcher** in the Academy of Finland funded project led by Laura Stark (University of Jyväskylä): Mobile technology, gender and development in Africa, India and Bangladesh. (50 % appointment during 1 Sep 2013–31 Dec 2013)
- Feb 2011–June 2012 **Professor** (interim) of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki
- 1 Aug 2006–30 Jan 2011 **Senior Research Fellow** in the Academy of Finland Project “Culture, development and ICTs”
- 1 Mar 2006–30 Jul 2006 **Researcher**, Finnish Cultural Foundation
- 1 Jan 2005–30 Sep 2005 **Researcher**, Helsinki Institute of Science and Technology Studies, University of Helsinki
- 1 Aug 2002–31 Dec 2004 **Research fellow**
- 1 Jan 2002–30 Sep 2005 **Head of the project in the Academy of Finland**, (Project *Exchange and Identities: Modern Reciprocity in India*)
- 1 Aug 2001–30 Dec 2001 **Researcher**, Finnish Cultural Foundation (Project *Women’s Movement and Local Hierarchies in India*)
- 1 Aug 1998–30 Jul 2001 **Research Fellow** in the Academy of Finland (Project: *Women’s Movement and Local Hierarchies in India*)
- 1996 Nov–1998 July **Lecturer** (interim) of Social Anthropology, Department of Sociology, University of Helsinki
- 1 Jun–30 Dec 1996 **Doctoral student** Finnish Cultural Foundation (Dissertation project)
- 1995 spring term **Visiting Researcher** at Brown University (Academy of Finland funding)
- 1 Nov–30 Dec 1995 **Doctoral student** The doctoral program of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences

- 1994, spring term, **Visiting Researcher** at Brown University (Academy of Finland funding)
- 1 Nov 1992–30 Oct 1995 **Doctoral student**, University of Helsinki, grant from Kamarineuvos Herman Rosenberg Foundation

## 5. PUBLICATIONS

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### Scientific and societal impact of research

- Total number of publications: 48. Refereed articles: 31. Citations in Goole Scholar: 255. h-index in Google Scholar: 8 (Jan. 2018)

## 6. RESEARCH SUPERVISION

### PhD dissertations supervised

- Nika Potinkara (Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä). *Museum representations of the Sami people*. First supervisor Laura Stark. 2015.
- Mohammad Jasim Uddin. Sociology, University of Helsinki. *Microcredit, Gender and Neoliberal Development in Bangladesh*. 2013.
- Saana Teppo. Department of World Cultures, University of Helsinki. *Power and Women in the Neo-Assyrian Palaces*. 2012. Co-supervision with Simo Parpola and Jaakko Hämeen-Anttila.
- Päivi Mattila. Development Studies, University of Helsinki. *Domestic Labour Relations In India: Vulnerability and gendered life courses in Jaipur*. 2011. Co-supervision with Anna Rotkirch.

### PhD dissertations currently under supervision

- Jelena Kärki (Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä). Urban relocation project and ethnicity in Gujarat India. First supervisor Laura Stark.
- Sanna Tawah (Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä). *The Market in my Hands. Mobile Phones for Social and Financial Connectivity among "Buyam-Sellam" Women in Cameroon*. First supervisor Laura Stark.
- Diana Raitala (Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä): *Property Rights and Gender Relations among the Luos of Kenya*. First supervisor Laura Stark.
- Mowshimkka Renganathan: *Aspirant Tribes: An Ethnographic Study on the Politics of Tribal Identity and the Process of Scheduling in Tamil Nadu, India*. First supervisor Jukka Jouhki.

### Service as a pre-examiner or as an opponent of a doctoral dissertation, as a member in dissertation committees

- 2018 Opponent at Sanni Sivonen's doctoral defense. Anthropology. University of Eastern Finland. Joensuu. 13.1.
- 2016 October– Pre-examination of Sanni Sivonen's doctoral dissertation. "Stone Carving and Tourist arts in Mamallapuram, South India" (ongoing)

- 2014 Opponent at Kenneth Bo Nielsen's doctoral defense. Anthropology. University of Oslo. 21.10.
- 2014 Pre-examination of Kenneth Bo Nielsens's doctoral dissertation, "Saving the farmland: the making of popular anti-land acquisition politics in Singur, West Bengal", University of Oslo, Anthropology
- 2005 Pre-examination of Shri Omkumar Krishna's doctoral dissertation "Sociological Aspects of Rural Markets: A Study of selected electronic durables in Kerala Village" (Humanities section of Institute of Technology Studies, Mumbai, India)

## 6. RESEARCH AWARDS, RESEARCH HONOURS AND MAJOR GRANTS

- Jan 2015- February 2015 University of Western Ontario Fellowship. To write publications and interact with the students and faculty and develop research co-operation within women studies and anthropology at the University of Western Ontario, Canada. 6000 CAD.
- Jul 2012–Dec 2013 Funding from the Academy of Finland as part of the project led by Laura Stark (University of Jyväskylä) "Mobile technology, gender and development in Africa, India and Bangladesh" to do fieldwork and write publications. 112 000 €
- Aug 2006–Jan 2011 Funding to work as a Senior Research Fellow (akatemiutkija) from the Academy of Finland. The project "Culture, development and ICTs" has examined the appropriation of mobile telephony in rural India. 350 000 €.
- Mar 2006– Jul 2006 Funding from the Finnish Cultural Foundation to write a book on contemporary Indian culture and society in Finnish (with Minna Säävälä). 20 000 €.
- Jan 2005– Sep 2005 Funding to do preliminary research on the appropriation of mobile phones in rural India from the Helsinki Institute of Science and Technology Studies. 38 000 €.
- Aug 2002– Dec 2004 Funding for a research fellowship (tohtoritutkija) from the Academy of Finland. 84 800 €.
- Jan 2002– Dec 2004 Funding from the Academy of Finland for a project "Exchange and Identities: Modern Reciprocity in India". This project explored the reinterpretations of and the relationship between tradition and market economies and included five researchers (project head Sirpa Tenhunen, researchers Lina Fruzzetti, Akos Östör, Riikka Uuksulainen and Anna Marttinen-Pont). FIM 1 363 100.
- Aug 2001–Dec 2001 Funding from the Finnish Cultural Foundation to finish writing publications based on the project "Women's Movement and Local Hierarchies in India". FIM 40 000.
- Aug 1998–Jul 2001 Funding from the Academy of Finland for the project "Women's Movement and Local Hierarchies in India". FIM 500 000.
- Jun– Dec 1996 Funding from the Finnish Cultural Foundation to finish writing the doctoral dissertation. FIM 40 000.
- 1995, spring term, funding from the Academy of Finland to work as a Visiting Researcher at Brown University. FIM 56 500.
- Nov– Dec 1995 Funding for doctoral studies from the doctoral program of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. FIM 18 000.
- 1994, spring term, funding from the Academy of Finland to work as a Visiting Researcher at Brown University. FIM 56 500.

- Nov 1992–Oct 1995 Funding for doctoral studies from Kamarineuvos Herman Rosenberg Foundation. FIM 200 000.
- Sep 2016 – Head of the organizing group of the Biennial Conference of the Finnish Anthropological Society in 2017
- Nov 2015–Feb 2016 Evaluation of Candidates for the Professorship in South Asian studies, Aarhus University
- 2015– Head of the discipline of Ethnology
- Dec 2014– Member of an Expert Group with expertise in the area of Social Sciences and Humanities research in relation to India, to assist with tasks defined in a newly created partnership, the “EU-India Platform on Social Sciences and Humanities” (EqUIP) Equip brings together research funding in Europe and India in order to develop a stronger strategic partnership. I have participated in one meeting in 2015 and two meetings in 2016.
- Sep 2014– Member of the Steering group of the department of History and Ethnology in the University of Jyväskylä
- Sep 2014– Member of the Committee to develop teaching at the Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä
- 2014– Member of the Quality committee at the Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä
- Sep 2013–Jul 2014 Director of the Nordic Centre in India.
- 2012– Member of the Board of Directors of research project Agile Inclusive Co-creation of sustainable Business at the Base of the Pyramid (funded by Tekes – the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation)
- 2012–2014 Vice president of the Finnish Anthropological Association
- 2012– Member of a Selection Committee for the appointment of university lecturer in Ethnology, University of Helsinki
- 2012– Member of a Selection Committee for the appointment of tenure track professorship in South Asian Studies, University of Helsinki
- 2011– Member of the Board of Directors of research project Glocal (funded by Tekes – the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation)
- 2011–2013 Member of Coordination Work Group for the Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Helsinki
- 2010– Expert in the consultation meeting for the World Development Report publication at the Unit for Development Financing, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- 2010– Member of European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
- 2010– Member of the Board of Directors in NoFSA (Nordic Forum for South Asia)
- 2009–2010 Expert in two seminars of the project Future prospects for Nordic-Asian cooperation by the Academy of Finland
- 2009– Member of the Board of Directors in the Finnish Anthropological Society
- 2008– Member of the Media Anthropology Network in the European Association of Social Anthropologists
- 2002– Member of the Board of Directors in Nordic Association for South Asian Studies (NASA)
- 1983– Member of the Finnish Anthropological Society

## 10. OTHER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL MERITS AND ACTIVITIES

### Teaching merits

#### Pedagogical training and competence

- 2017 Supervision of writing, two-day workshop, University of Jyväskylä
- 2012 One day workshop on challenging teaching situation, University of Helsinki
- 2006 Course on online discussion and teaching (5 study points), University of Helsinki
- 1998 Pedagogical expertise workshop (6 study weeks)

#### Practical teaching experience

My teaching includes courses on all levels: basic, subject, advanced and postgraduate studies (altogether 40 courses). I have taught courses on anthropological theories, research methods, kinship, anthropology of technology and ethnography of South Asia as well as doctoral and Master's level seminars.

#### Invited lectures abroad funded by the inviting university

- Mobile telephony, gender and kinship. Workshop Media, Technology and Family: Changing Concepts and Practices or Relatedness in India. Humboldt University. Berlin. Jan 2016.
- Feminist anthropological perspectives to studying gender. Women Studies Department. University of Western Ontario, Canada. Jan 2015.
- Smart phone in the village: gender, intersectionality and mediation in rural India. Anthropology Department. University of Western Ontario. Canada. Jan 2015.
- Anthropological take on development. Women Studies Department. University of Western Ontario, Canada. Feb 2015.
- Smart phone in the village: gender, intersectionality and mediation in rural India. South Asian Studies. University of Oslo. Norway. Oct 2014
- Invited discussant in the Conceptual Hackathon workshop on new concepts in studying new media. RMIT University. Barcelona. Spain. Oct 2014.
- Smart phone in the village: gender, intersectionality and mediation in rural India. South Asian studies. Århus University. Denmark. Apr 2014.
- Smart phone in the village: gender, intersectionality and mediation in rural India. Cell and the self conference. University of Michigan. Apr 2013.
- Culture, Conflict and Translocal Communication. University of Yale. USA. Sep 2012
- Culture, Conflict and Translocal Communication. Celling South Asia. The Mobile Phone's Impact on a Region. Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, and Australian National University. Singapore Feb 2011.
- Fieldwork and Ethics in South Asia. The second SASNET conference on South Asian Studies for young Nordic scholars in Höllviken. Sweden. Aug 2010.

#### Other significant academic visits abroad

- University of Western Ontario Fellow at the University of Western Ontario (Canada) in Jan-Feb 2015

- Fieldwork in India affiliated with the Centre for Social Studies in Calcutta (India) Nov 007 – March 2008; Jan-March 2007; Jan 2005 – Feb 2004; Apr 1999–March 2000
- 10 months fieldwork affiliated with Calcutta University (India) 1993–1994
- Visiting researcher at Brown University (USA) 1994 and 1995

#### Lectures and panel discussions to General Audiences (given in Finnish)

- Panel discussion on the public responsibilities of teachers and researchers together with Erkki Tuomioja, Pekka Ruuskanen and Ilkka Nummela. Yliopistopäivät. University of Jyväskylä. 9.10. 2015.
- Panel discussion on José Eduardo Agualusa's first novel translated in Finnish. Kampus Kustannus. University of Jyväskylä, 15.10.2015
- Mobiiliteknologia ja kansalaisyhteiskunta Intiassa (Mobile technology and civil society in India). Intia- seura ja Suomen itämainen seura. 10.10. 2012
- Aasian maailmoja (Asian worlds). Porvoon kansalaisopisto. Ikäihmisten yliopisto. 13.9. 2012.
- The opening speech of the exhibition Akseli's Africa. Museum of Cultures. 27.9. 2011.
- Gender in India. Helsinki Art Museum. 10.4. 2011.
- Overview of Modern India. Helsinki Art Museum. 28.2. 2011.
- Civil society and mobile technology in developing countries. Internet Rotary. 10 May 2011.
- Civil society and mobile technology in developing countries. Human rights issues consultative committee of the Finnish Parliament. 6 May 2011.
- Intian kaupungistuminen (Urbanization in India). Dodo ry (a Finnish ecological society) 15 Sep 2010.
- Yleiskuva modernista Intiasta (transl. An overview on modern India). Seminar for Open Doors to Asia Network. Tampere. 27 Aug 2009.
- Muuttuva Intia: Poliitikka ja kehitys (The Changing India: Politics and Development). Meeting of the India work group of the Academy of Finland. 22 Apr 2009.
- Kehityksmaasta talousmahdiksi: Intian elinkeinoelämä ( From a developing country to a world power: industry and commerce in India) University of the Third Age. Vantaa Adult Education Centre. 28 Jan 2009.
- Intian elinkeinoelämä (Industry and Commerce in India). University of the Third Age. Lahti. 4 Mar 2008.
- Antropologi asiantuntijana (Anthropologist as an Expert). Seminar on ethnography and innovations. Finnish Anthropological Society and consulting agency Gemic Oy. Helsinki.12 Dec 2008.
- Speech in the discussion series "Toisten silmin" on culture, technology and work. Finnish Anthropological Society. Helsinki.11 Dec 2008.
- Mobiiliteknologia, kulttuuri ja sosiaalinen muutos Intian maaseudulla (Mobile technology, culture and social change in rural India). Lecture series on India for development society Pääskyt. Helsinki. 25 Jan 2007.
- Intian elinkeinoelämä (Industry and Commerce in India). University of the Third Age. Imatra. 11 Sep 2007.
- Naisten poliittinen osallistuminen Intian maaseudulla (Women's political participation in rural India). Lecture series on Asia. Open University. Helsinki. 31 May 2006.

- Intia: nouseva suurvalta (India: superpower on the rise). Lecture series "To Asia" for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Vaasa. 22 May 2006.
- Kännykkä kylässä: informaatioteknologia ja sosiaalinen muutos Intiassa (Mobile phone in the village: information technology and social change in India). Lecture at the Museum of Cultures. Helsinki. 18 Mar 2006.
- Naisten poliittinen aktivismi Intian maaseudulla (Women's political activism in rural India). Unifem-meeting. Helsinki. 11 Mar 2004.