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## Curriculum vitae

I submitted my doctoral dissertation *Toward a Non-Hierarchical Expression of Difference in Political Thought* in November 2019 in Political Science at the University of Helsinki. In this dissertation, I discuss contributions by three authors: Luce Irigaray, Adriana Cavarero and Fanny Söderbäck. I have, furthermore, developed new patterns of thinking related to near futurity and ethics in the field of deliberative democracy in dialogue with dance artist Vivianne Budsko-Lommi. The thesis has been funded by Victoriastiftelsen, the Finnish Cultural Foundation, Emil Aaltonen Foundation, Ella ja Georg Ehrnrooth Foundation, Waldemar von Frenckell Foundation and Oskar Öflund Foundation.

I have been teaching courses in Gender Studies and Political Sciences in Helsinki since 2009. During 2006-2010 I was a member of several research projects related to trade unions funded by The European Commission, Syndex in France and The Finnish Work Environment Fund. From previous years, I also have a long experience of working as a temporary journalist at the national news agency STT. In the spring 2019, I worked as a planner at the University of the Arts in Helsinki.

### **Areas of specialization:**

Political thought, feminist philosophy, gender & intersectionality, creative writing & dance as a form of expression.

**Prizes:** Karen Burke Memorial Prize by Luce Irigaray Circle in 2018.