

## Hannele Niemi - Biography

Hannele Niemi, Ph.D, Professor, Research Director (2017-2021) at the Faculty of Educational Sciences, University of Helsinki. She is also UNESCO Chair on Educational Ecosystems for Equity and Quality of Learning 2018-2021.

Hannele Niemi has been Professor of Education (1998-2016) and Vice Rector for academic affairs at the University of Helsinki (2003–2009), Dean of the Faculty of Education (2001–2003), Head of the Department of Education and Vice-Dean at the University of Helsinki (1998–2000). She has been Professor in Teacher Education Departments of Oulu, Turku and Tampere Universities in Finland (1987–1998) and a Visiting Professor at Michigan State University (1989, 6 months) and a Visiting Scholar at Stanford University 2010, 2013, and 2015 (total 7 months).

Professor Niemi has been a scientific leader of big national research projects in Finland e.g. Finnable 2020 ([www.finnable.fi](http://www.finnable.fi)) for advancing educational technology and 21st century skills in schools (2012-2015) and a Director of the national research program "Life as Learning", Academy of Finland (2002–2006). She has been a member of the Steering Committee of the British national research programme (TLRP), Teaching and Learning Research Programme (2003-2008). She is an advisor or a reviewer in many research council and scientific journals.

Hannele Niemi has been invited as a Doctor or Professor Honoris Causa: University of Bucharest, Romania, 2010; J.C. Koh Professorship Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2010, University of Lapland, 2012; National Defense University, Finland 2013. She has been selected as the most influential person in education in 2013 by the Finnish Teacher Union and invited as a member on Finnish Academy of Science and Letters in Academia Scientiarum Fennica 2004.

Niemi has contributed to many European Union [EU] and The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development [OECD] projects as an expert or researcher and served as a keynote lecturer at several international forums in Singapore, Thailand, China, Malaysia, the USA, Saudi Arabia, Hungary, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Portugal, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, England, France, and Estonia. Her main research interest areas are teachers' professional development, quality of teacher education, moral education, and technology-based learning environments. She has published several articles and books on education in Finland on Finnish teacher education (Finnish Innovations and Technologies in Schools: Towards New Ecosystems of Learning, 2014; The Miracle of Education: The Principles and Practices of Teaching and Learning in Finnish Schools, 2016 (2nd ed.); Research-Based Teacher Education in Finland, 2006; and Education as a Societal Contributor, 2007).

Professor Niemi graduated as a Master of Philosophy 1974, a Master of Theology in 1977, and finally as a Doctor of Philosophy in 1978 at the University of Helsinki.

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