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Degrees.

- Dr.Soc.Sc. (Economic Sociology), UTU 4/2019;
- M.Soc.Sc. (Economic Sociology) UTU, 8/2014;
- Title of Docent in Political Science, TAU, 12/2025
- Title of Docent in Economic Sociology, UTU, 6/2020

Current employment

- Senior Researcher, INVEST Research Flagship Center, UTU, 1/2023-

Previous work experience

- 4/2025-5/2025: Visiting Scholar, Political Science, Goethe University Frankfurt;
- 1/2020-12/2022: University Lecturer, Department of Social Research UTU;
- 1/2020-12/2021: Head of Unit, Economic Sociology, UTU;
- 7-12/2019; Postdoctoral grant researcher, Social Psychology, TAU;
- 1-6/2019 University Teacher, Economic Sociology, UTU;
- 9/2014-12/2018 Doctoral Candidate, Economic Sociology, UTU;
- 5-8/2014 Intern, Economic Sociology, UTU

Career breaks

- Parental leaves (a total of 10 months): 3/2022 – 7/2022, 8/2024-12/2024

Research funding and grants

- Principal investigator (a total of funding 260,00€): **1.** *Segregated Trust and Low-Turnout Neighborhoods: Intra-Urban Inequalities in Political Participation*, The Turku Urban Research Program, City of Turku (150,000€), 12/2025- **2.** *Impact of Crisis Communication on Political Trust in a Hybrid Media Environment*, The Helsingin Sanomat Foundation (100,000€), 11/2021-8/2023; **3.** *Social Impacts of COVID-19*, the Department of Social Research UTU (10,000€ seed funding), 7-12/2020
- Contributed as co-applicant to the planning, grant writing and implementation of the four funded projects; (a total of 1,297,400€): **1.** *DISCO* funded by the Kone Foundation (337,400€), PI: Elina Kestilä-Kekkonen (TAU), 2024-. **2.** *LEGITREL* funded by The Academy of Finland (480,000€), PI: Titus Hjelm (University of Helsinki), 2020-2024, **3.** *SOMA* funded by The Academy of Finland (480,000 €), PI: Outi Sarpila (UTU), 2019-2023; **4.** *Political Bubbles* funded by the Helsingin Sanomat Foundation (100,000€) PI: Arttu Saarinen (UTU), 2017-2020;
- A postdoc scholarship from the Finnish Foundation for Alcohol Studies (13,500€), 7/2019-12/2019; Fully salaried doctoral researcher position at the University of Turku Graduate School, 2016-2019; 2019; Support funding from the TOP-Foundation (4,000€) and Kauha-joki Culture Foundation (2000€), 2016-2017; Travel grants (4300€), 2015-2019

Research output

- A total number of publications: 142 (from which 82 peer-reviewed and 24 first authored peer-reviewed articles)
- Developed a unique data infrastructure combining longitudinal surveys and full population administrative registers: INVEST- Longitudinal study on well-being [2023–],
- Leading researcher in multiple survey data collections including experimental, cross-country and longitudinal designs

- Open science: Published five survey datasets through Finnish Social Science Data Archive

Research supervision and leadership experience

- Supervised two post-doc researchers: Ilkka Koiranen, UTU (2022-2023), Sanna Malinen, UTU (2022-2023)
- Supervised three completed doctoral theses: Rita Latikka, TAU (2024), Eetu Marttila, UTU (2024), Meiting Liu, UTU (2025); Currently supervising nine (9) doctoral students at UTU and TAU: Sami Ahonen UTU [expected defense in fall 2026], Anna Grahn UTU [spring/2027], Moona Heiskari TAU [fall/2027], Emmi Lehtinen UTU [spring/2028], Maria Kekkonen TAU [spring/2029], Davit Toadteze UTU [spring/2029], Rugaiia Bairamova UTU [fall/2029], Teijo Osma TAU [fall/2029], Olivia Maisalmi UTU [fall/2029]
- Research project manager of *INVEST longitudinal study on well-being at UTU, 2024-: responsible in budgeting, designing and implementing the combined population-level longitudinal survey and register study*
- Head of unit in Economic Sociology (UTU), 1/2020-12/2021 (24mos): *administrative supervisor for 10-15 researchers, responsible for the unit's budget, human resource development, teaching planning, and research outputs.*
- Research group leader at UTU, 2020-2023: *responsible researcher supervising (2) post-doc researchers and (4) doctoral researchers in the projects related to Covid-19.*
- A leader of the Finnish team in the international many labs project *Trust in Science and Science-related populism, 2022-2024* (led by Harvard and Zürich Universities)

Teaching merits

- A total of 42 months in teaching positions; A responsible teacher in 27 lecture courses and seminars at bachelor and master levels; Dozens of visiting lectures in UTU and TAU.
- Teaching demonstrations: UTU, 2023, grade: *excellent*; UTU, 2020, grade: *good*
- Supervised a total of 18 Master's theses and 6 Bachelor's theses at UTU.
- Completed basics in university pedagogies (10 ECTS) at the University of Turku

Awards and honours

- National Data Award (Finland 1999–2014 survey), Finnish Social Science Data Archive, 2018

Other key academic merits, such as

- Co-Editor-in-chief in *Finnish Journal of Social Research* (2023-); Editorial board member in *Kriminologia* (2020-2023)
- Executive Board Member: **1)** *The Department of Social Research (UTU) (1/2020-12/2021)*; **2)** *The Doctoral Program of Social and Behavioral Sciences (UTU) (1/2020-2/2022)*; **3)** *The Thematic Collaboration in Digital Futures Research (UTU) (2021-2023)*, **4)** *Turku Center for Welfare Research (UTU) (2020–2022)*
- Evaluation of academic/scientific competence in grant application etc: 1) Reviewer of project grant proposal: Linz Institute of Technology, seed funding, 2025 2) Reviewer of university teacher applicants of Social Work in UTU: 3) Reviewer for docentship: University of Jyväskylä, 2021, 4) Member in the grading committee of doctoral dissertation in UTU, 2020
- Served more than 50 times as a referee for academic journals and publishers.

Scientific and societal impact

- Planned, consulted, lectured, and conducted quantitative data collection and analysis for public sector organisations: *Survey workshops for the Turku City Hall (2017-2019)*; *Survey design for the Turku City administration (2016)*; *Survey design for the SITRA foundation (2019)*; *Planning and analyzing the data for the Finnish Wildlife Agency (2023-24)*
- Organized public seminars popularizing the findings of research project in a collaboration with Helsingin Sanomat Foundation and University of Helsinki
- Presentations at multiple seminars beyond academia, including Ministry of Finance