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Degrees

- Doctor of Philosophy, political science, University of London (LSE), UK, December 1997
- Master in Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, October 1992
- Title of Docent, Political Science, University of Tampere, 2005

Current employment

- 1 Sept 2012–, Professor, University of Turku, Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science
- Career stage IV

Previous work experience

- Åbo Akademi, Senior Research Fellow, 1 Aug 2011 – 31 August 2012
- University of Turku, Senior Lecturer (permanent appointment), 1 Jan 2012 – 31 Aug 2012
- Academy of Finland, University of Turku, Academy Research Fellow, 1 Aug 2006 – 31 July 2011
- Åbo Akademi, Senior Research Fellow, 1 Jan 2006 – 31 July 2006
- University of Turku, Senior Assistant, 1 Sept 2004 – 31 Dec 2005
- University of Turku, Assistant, 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2003, 1 Feb – 31 May 2004
- Åbo Akademi, Post-Doctoral Researcher, 1 Aug – 31 Dec 2002; 1 – 31 Jan, 1 June – 31 Aug 2004
- Academy of Finland, Post-Doctoral Researcher, 1 Aug 1999 – 31 July 2002
- University of Turku, Assistant, 15 Sept 1998 – 31 July 1999
- University of Turku, Researcher, 1 Aug 1997 – Sept 1998

Research funding and grants

- Advancing Digital Democratic Innovation (ADDI), ERC Synergy (co-PI, UTU budget €2 200 000, 1 May 2025 – 30 April 2031)
- Intersectional Inclusion in Deliberation and Participation with Youth (Sincrony), HORIZON, (WP leader, UTU budget €337 044, Jan 2024 – June 2027)
- Solutions for Transition: Fair, flexible and socially resilient energy systems (FLAIRE), SRC, Research Council of Finland, (WP leader, UTU budget €432 425, Oct 2023 – Sept 2026)
- Foresight and Future Generations in Law-Making (FORGE), Government of Finland (PI, €200 000, Jan – Nov 2022)
- Facing Systemic Change Together (FACTOR), Academy of Finland Special Funding (PI, €1 610 013, Feb 2021 – Nov 2024)
- Preparing for the next waves: towards cooperative and legitimate pandemic governance in Europe, Academy of Finland Covid-19 Special Funding (PI, €200 000, 2023 – 2022)
- Participation in Long-Term Decision-Making (PALO), SCR, Academy of Finland (PI, €4 448 064, Sept 2017 – Jan 2022)
- New Forms of Democracy in Finland, Government of Finland (PI, €181 708, Jan 2015 – Dec 2016)
- Democratic Reasoning: Deliberation, Accountability and Trust in Representative Democracies, Academy of Finland (PI, €780 636, Sept 2014 – 31 Aug 2018)

- Deliberative Challenges and Challenges of Deliberative Democracy, Academy Research Fellowship, Academy of Finland (Aug 2006 – Dec 2011)
- Rational Choice, Political Competition and Democracy, Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Academy of Finland (Aug 1999 – Dec 2002)

Research output

- Airos Maija, Ahlqvist Toni, Knudsen Mikkel, Mutanen Anu, Rapeli Lauri, Schauman Jonas, Setälä Maija, Taylor Amos (2022): Ennakointi ja tulevat sukupolvet lainvalmistelun prosesseissa, instituutioissa ja käytännöissä (Final report of the project 'Foresight and Future Generations in Law-Making'. 201 pp). Valtioneuvoston selvitys- ja tutkimustoiminnan julkaisusarja 2022:66. <https://julkaisut.valtioneuvosto.fi/handle/10024/164450>
- A guide on organising deliberative mini-publics based on the results of the PALO project (2022): <https://sites.utu.fi/kansalaiskeskusteluopas/>
- Farrell, D. M., Curato, N., Dryzek, J. S., Geißel, B., Grönlund, K., Marien, S., Niemeyer, S., Pilet, J.-B., Renwick, A., Rose, J., Setälä, M., Suiter, J. (2019): Deliberative Mini-Publics: Core Design Features. Centre for Deliberative Democracy & Global Governance, University Canberra. Working Paper Series No. 2019/5

Research supervision and leadership experience

- Co-supervisor of Staffan Himmelroos's PhD thesis, Åbo Akademi (defended 2012).
- Supervisor of Juha Ylisalo's PhD thesis, University of Turku (defended in December 2017)
- Supervisor of Maija Jäske's PhD thesis, University of Turku (defended January 2019)
- Supervisor of Mikko Leino's PhD thesis, University of Turku (defended in December 2021)
- Supervisor of Jenni Sipilä's PhD thesis, University of Turku (defended in August 2025)
- Currently supervisor of four active PhD students in political science at University of Turku.
- Supervisor of Master's theses in political science at University of Turku since 2012 (about 120 finished Masters' theses)
- Leader of multi-disciplinary research projects PALO (2017-2022) and FACTOR (2021-2024)
- Leader of the Research Group for Innovating Democracy RIDE (2026–)

Teaching merits

- Teaching positions at University of Turku (lectures, seminars 1999 –); courses given at Universities of Tampere (lectures 2008, 2009), Helsinki (lectures 2015, 2016, 2019) and Darmstadt (2010); teaching assistant at the LSE (1995–1997)
- Organizer of the doctoral course "Arguments and Advances in Democratic Theory" at ÅAU, December 2010
- Co-organizer of III Deliberative Democracy Summer School (together with ÅAU), about 60 participants June 2018; Teacher at IV Deliberative Democracy Summer School, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance, University of Canberra

Awards and honours

- Medal of the White Rose of Finland 2020
- Winner of the The Impact Initiative of the Year Award of the University of Turku 2025
- Member of Finnish Academy of Science and Letters 2026–

Other key academic merits

- Pre-examiner and opponent of a PhD thesis, University of Tampere (2010); opponent of a PhD thesis, University of Tampere (2011); opponent of a licenciate thesis, Åbo Akademi University (2012); pre-examiner of a PhD thesis, Åbo Akademi University (2015); opponent of a PhD

thesis, University of Tampere (2017); member of PhD thesis committees, University of Zürich (2019), University of London (KCL) (2021), University of Geneva (2023)

- Evaluation of applications for docentships, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki (2007, 2016, 2025), Åbo Akademi (2026)
- Evaluation of applicants for a position of førsteamanuensis, University of Bergen (2006), lecturer, Stockholms Universitet (2014), Nasjonal Opprykk in political science, Norway (2015), promotion for a professor, Uppsala University (2018)
- Evaluations on funding applications: Academy of Finland, Research Council of Humanities and Social Sciences (2007, 2010), evaluation of applications for NOP-HS (2009), Research Foundation, Flanders (2011 and 2014), Swiss National Science Foundation (2014, 2021), Dutch National Research Agenda (NWA) (2020)
- Invited keynote speeches: Direct Democracy v. Populism, University of Geneva, May 2019; Democratic Renewal, University of Leuven, September 2019; Workshop on participatory democracy and citizen participation, The House of Representatives of the Kingdom of Morocco and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Rabat, February 2023; Empowering Futures, University of Turku, May 2023; Finnish Society of Arts and Letters 2025

Scientific and societal impact

- Member of the Board of the Finnish Political Science Association, 2001–07, Vice Chair of the Finnish Political Science Association, 2003–06, Chair of the Finnish Political Science Association, 2006–07
- Editor of journal *Politiikka* 2003–2004
- Co-editor of the journal *Scandinavian Political Studies* 2005–2008
- Member of the steering group of the ECPR Standing Group on Democratic Innovations, 2010–2015
- Deputy Head of Department, Department of Philosophy, Contemporary History and Political Science, 2017–2019
- Member of the steering group of FIRIPO infrastructure (<https://www.firipo.fi/>) and InvestHub platform for experiments and social interventions (<https://invest.utu.fi/fi/tutkimus/investhub/>)
- Member of the editorial board of *International Political Science Review*, 2018–, *Pro et Contra* Book Series by Helsinki University Press 2020–2023, *European Political Science Review*, 2023–
- Frequently interviewed for media on direct democracy (referendums and citizens' initiatives) and several popularizing articles on new forms of democracy.

Other

- Expert member on citizens' initiatives in the committee considering amendments for the Finnish Constitution (2009–10) and the committee preparing the law on the citizens' initiative (2011)