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Degrees

- 9.11.2012 Title of Docent, demography, Univ of Helsinki (**UH**).
- 19.6.2012 Title of Docent, economic sociology, Univ of Turku (**UTU**).
- 7.11.2007 PhD, Social Sciences, UH; 14.5.1997 Master of Social Sciences, UH.

Current employment

- 1.7.2022– (permanent position), Professor of Sociology, Field of Specialisation: Demography. **INVEST** Research Flagship Centre (Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State), University of Turku.
- 1.10.2021–31.9.2027 PI, Consortium Director, Family Formation in Flux – Causes, Consequences and Possible Futures, funded by the Strategic Research Council (**SRC**) established within the Research Council of Finland (**RCF**), previously Academy of Finland (**AoF**).
- 1.11.2019– PI and Research Area Director (Thematic area: Demographic Changes and Family Dynamics) in INVEST Research Flagship Centre. funded by AoF.

Previous work experience

- 1.9.2019–31.8.2023 PI, Academy Project 'Falling Fertility and the Inequalities Involved' (NEFER), funded by the AoF. Dept of Social Research, UTU.
- 1.11.2019–30.6.2022 Senior Research Fellow, INVEST Research Flagship Centre, UTU.
- 1.8.2017– (permanent position, resigned 30.6.2022) Senior Lecturer, sociology, Department of Social Research, UTU.
- 1.9.2014–31.10.2019 Academy Research Fellow, AoF. Dept of Social Research, UTU.
- 1.5.2015–31.3.2021 Leader of Work Package 2.2 'Families, family policies and social inequalities', TITA research consortium, funded by Strategic Research Council (SRC).
- 1.1.2016–31.12.2017 Senior researcher, SUDA, Stockholm University.
- 1.5.2014–31.1.2017 Senior advisor, European Research Council -funded project 'FamiliesAndSocieties'. Secondary position, Population Research Institute, Family Federation of Finland.
- 1.6.2014–31.8.2014 Collegium Researcher, Turku Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS).
- 1.10.2013–31.5.2014 Professor, acting, Dept of Social Research (Sociology), UTU.
- 1.4.2013–30.9.2013 University Lecturer, Dept of Social Research (Sociology), UTU.
- 1.1.2012–31.3.2013 Senior Researcher, Dept of Social Research, UTU.
- 1.1.2009–31.12.2011 Post-doctoral Researcher, funded by the AoF. Dept of Sociology, UH.
- 1.8.2008–31.12.2008 Senior Researcher, Rehabilitation Foundation.
- 6.9.2004–31.7.2008 Senior Lecturer, Demography, Dept of Sociology, UH.
- 1.9.2001–31.12.2003 University lecturer, Sociology/Demography, UH.
- 1.6.1999–31.8.2001 Project researcher, Dept of Sociology, UH (more details: full CV).

Career breaks

Parental leaves 8/1998–4/1999, 9/2003–9/2004. 50 % child-care leave 9/2004–12/2004.

Research funding and grants (recent, selected, role: the Principal Investigator)

- 1.10.2021–30.9.2027 Family Formation in Flux – Causes, Consequences and Possible Futures, funded by the Strategic Research Council (SRC), established within the Research Council of Finland. 7.2 million €. SRC Programme: Demographic Changes – Causes, Consequences and Solutions (DEMOGRAPHY, 2021–2027).
- 1.9.2019–31.8.2023 Academy Project call for younger generation of researchers, AoF. 'Falling Fertility and the Inequalities Involved', NEFER (480,000 €).
- 1.9.2014–31.10.2019 Academy Research Fellow, AoF. (502,770 €).
- 1.1.2014–31.12.2016 Collegium Researcher, Turku Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS).
- 1.1.2009–31.12.2011 Postdoctoral Researcher, AoF, 2009–2011. (195,450 €).

Research supervision and leadership experience

- Mentor, University of Turku mentoring programme for students. Spring 2025.
- Supervisor and leadership training, UTU, Nov 2019–Jan 2020.
- Work experience as Consortium Director in FLUX (1.10.2021–).
- WP leader in TITA SRC Consortium, and WP leader in UTU-FLUX sub-project.
- PI in NEFER and other AoF funded projects.
- Professor's work experience (2013, 2014, 2022–).
- INVEST Research Flagship Centre co-PI and Research Area Director 2019–, board member 2022–2025.
- Supervisor (YPJ esihenkilö) to currently 8 persons in INVEST.
- President of the Finnish Demographic Society: 2014–2023.
- President of the Nordic Demographic Society 2014–2017.
- PhD Supervision: PhD student Elina Mäenpää, UH. Primary supervisor, thesis defence 22.5.2015; PhD student Anneli Miettinen, UTU. Primary supervisor, thesis defence 9.6.2023; PhD student Alice Rees, UCLouvain (and UTU 2022–), graduation est. 2026, Michelle Larva, UTU, graduation est. 2026.
- Supervision in sociology PhD thesis seminar 2013–2016, UTU, 7 terms.

Teaching merits

- Training in university pedagogy, 4 courses, 5 ECTS credits/course. UH.
- UTU, Dept of Sociology: MSc thesis seminar (6 terms), Introduction to STATA (5 times). In charge of internships and internship seminar (1 year). INVEST Demography – an introductory course intended for Master's and PhD students (5 times).
- UH, Dept of Sociology: Statistical Methods in Social Research (7 times), Practical research course (3 times), Family dynamics course, Methods in demography, MSc thesis seminar.

Awards and honours

- 9.6.2001 The Günther Beyer Award for the best paper by a young scholar.

Other key academic merits

- 116 reviews for 37 different books and journals, e.g. *Demography*, *Population Studies*, *European Journal of Population*, *Demographic Research*, *Journal of Marriage & Family*, *European Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *British Journal of Sociology*.
- Evaluation: research funding, recruitments, dissertations, professorships, titles of docent.
- Board member, Turku Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS). 2025–.
- DPlInvest doctoral programme: board member 2024–, vice director 2025–.

- 2020–2021 Journal of Marriage and Family (journal), Member of the Editorial Board.
- 2011–2017 Yhteiskuntapolitiikka (journal), Member of the Editorial Council. Finland
- 2011–. Yearbook of Population Research in Finland, Advisory Board Member.

Scientific and societal impact

- Nationally and internationally recognized expert on family & fertility dynamics. A go-to person for media and decision makers in my field in Finland. Much societal impact especially during TITA, NEFER, and FLUX projects.
- *Media*: Over 200 appearances as an expert in family dynamics in newspapers, TV, and radio. Often consulted about the ongoing fertility decline, e.g., Yle, Helsingin Sanomat, MTV, Suomen Kuvalehti, STT, MustRead, Talouselämä, The Economist, The Nikkei.
- An active contributor on social media in own research areas.
- A large number of invited talks, including large scientific conferences and events aimed at the general public, several Finnish parliamentary groups and ministries, at Sitra etc. (see link 'Recent invited talks, and publications' below).
- Consultations for ministry information requests.
- Co-organised several discussion events and co-creation workshops for ministry officials.
- Published several policy briefs, blogs, press releases and newspaper commentaries.
- PI and director of strategic research consortium FLUX, where both the scope and quality of scientific research and societal impact and interaction are outstanding.
- Co-PI and Research Area Director (Demography and Life Course) in INVEST Research Flagship Centre, which combines research excellence and societal impact.

Examples of activities

- Review of the Development of the Family Leave System (2026). Reports and Memorandums of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health 2026:21. Commissioned by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. Chair of the working group.
- Member, Expert Group advising on reforms to Finland's child benefit system, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Nov 2025–Apr 2026.
- Member, Scientific Panel on Population Policy, appointed by the Prime Minister's Office, 2020–2021.
- Member of the expert group on population and family statistics, Statistics Finland.
- Expert consultation for the working group on the Population Policy Program, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, 2024
- INVEST PIs' visit to the European Parliament and European Commission, 2023.
- Key Cooperation Developer and a founding member, Heideken Academic Liaison. (Collaboration between UTU and VSLJ, Child Welfare Organisations of Southwest Finland.)
- Participated in research communication and impact trainings, including those by Invest.
- Actively involved in planning and implementing collaborative engagement work within the Strategic Research Council's (STN) DEMOGRAPHY program: e.g., information packages for political parties and ministries in 2023 and 2026, and the Demography Academy.

Full CV: <https://users.utu.fi/paijalz/fullcv/>

Recent invited talks, and publications: <https://users.utu.fi/paijalz/publications/>

Recent media appearances: <https://users.utu.fi/paijalz/media/>

FLUX consortium project (Jalovaara is PI and director): <https://fluxconsortium.fi>

INVEST Research Flagship Centre (Jalovaara is co-PI and research area director): <https://invest.utu.fi>