

Education and academic and other qualifications

2016 Title of Docent in Cultural Anthropology, esp. Cultural Encountering, University of Eastern Finland

2008 Title of Docent /Habilitation in Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki.

4/2000 Doctor in Philosophy (PhD) Degree at the Department for European Ethnology, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

6/1995 Licentiate in Philosophy Degree, University of Helsinki.

5/1994 Masters in Philosophy Degree, University of Helsinki.

6/1989 Qualification of a Youth Worker at Finns Folkhögskola (Swedish speaking), Espoo, Finland

6/1988 Matriculation Examination, Martinlaakson lukio (Gymnasium), Vantaa, Finland.

Professional activities

(a) Current professional activity

- 15.3.2018 Full Professor of Sustainability Science (esp Indigenous sustainabilities), HELSUS & Department of Cultures, University of Helsinki
- Vice-Director of the Centre of Excellence in Law, Identity and the European Narratives 2018-2025 (Academy of Finland)
- PI of the subproject 3: Migration and the narratives of Europe as an “Area of freedom, security and justice”.

(b) Work at national/local level & (c) Work at international level

01/2018-12/2020 PI and director of the research consortium ALL-YOUTH (Strategic Research Council, Finland).

09/16-02/2018 University Lecturer in Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Helsinki.

08/10-08/2016 PI and leader of “On Glocal Governance: on the meaning and consequences of the vernacularization of human rights”, Academy of Finland.

09/2010-12/2013 PI and project leader for 7th Framework project European Diversity for All (ELDIA) (media analysis)

09/09-07/10 Senior Researcher, Centre of Excellence in Global Governance Research, University of Helsinki

08/07-08/09 Senior researcher in the research project “Challenging Power: Equality, Diversity and the Integration of Ethnic and National Minorities in Finland”, Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations and Nationalism, University of Helsinki, (Finnish Academy Program “Power in Finland 2007-2010”)

11/2003-07/07 Project leader and PI of the interdisciplinary “Teaching Human Rights”- project at the Humboldt University in Berlin.

08/2001-11/03 Senior Researcher of the project “Rethinking Legal Strategies and Ethnic Discrimination, Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University, Finland

08/00-07/01 visiting Senior Scholar, Minda de Gunzburg Centre for European Studies, Harvard University, USA .

10/95-07/00 Doctoral student at the Graduate School “Comparing Societies”, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Language skills

Finnish: mother tongue

German and English: Fluent

Swedish: Proficient

Russian, French, and Catalan: Intermediate - Basic

Publications and other works

1. *Reproducing inequality through ambivalence, ignorance, and innocence - Revisiting practices of equality and human rights in Finnish teacher education. Educational Review. with T. Kasa & K. Brunila. (2023).*
2. *Legal Anthropology. In M. Lindroth, H. Sinevaara-Niskanen, & M. Tennberg (Eds.), Critical Studies of the Arctic: Unravelling the North (Pp. 143-162). Palgrave Macmillan. (2023)*
3. *Protecting Indigenous identities? An example of cultural expertise on Sámi identity. Legal pluralism and critical social analysis, 54(2-3), 210-230. (2022)*
4. *Narratives on 'refugee knowledge' in the institutions of Europe (with B. Bergholm). In M. Kmak, & H. Björklund (Eds.), Refugees and Knowledge Production: Europe's Past and Present (Pp. 53-69). (Studies in Migration and Diaspora; Vol. 5). Routledge.)*
5. *Human Rights (with Dorothee Cambou), in P. Krieg & R. Toivanen (eds). Situating Sustainability: A Handbook on Concepts and Contexts, Helsinki University Press (2021)*
6. *Discrimination and Inequality (with Magdalena Kmak) P. Krieg & R. Toivanen (eds). Situating Sustainability: A Handbook on Concepts and Contexts, Helsinki University Press (2021).*
7. *Towards a sustainable future of the Indigenous Youth: Arctic negotiations on (im)mobility, in F. Stammeler & R. Toivanen (eds.) Young People, Wellbeing and Placemaking in the Arctic; the Routledge Research in Polar Regions Series, 2021.*
8. *'Arctic youth transcending notions of 'culture' and 'nature': Emancipative discourses of place for cultural sustainability' (with Nora Fabritius), Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability, vol. 43, pp. 58-64.*
9. *Beyond Legal Categories of Indigeneity and Minority-ness: The case of Roma and Falling in-between, in: Roberta Medda-Windischer, Caitlin Boulter & Tove H. Malloy (eds.) Extending the Protection to Migrant Populations in Europe – Old and new minorities. New York: Routledge Research on the Global Politics of Migration, 2020, 65-88.*
10. *European Fantasy of the Arctic Region and the Rise of Indigenous Sámi Voices in the Global Arena, in: Nikola Sellheim, Ylia V. Zaika & Ilan Kelman (eds.) Arctic Triumph – Norther Innovation and Persistence. Cham: Springer Polar Sciences, 2019, 23-40.*

Other relevant information

Member of the Finnish Expert Panel for Sustainable Development 2023-2025

Appointed to the Finnish Society of Science and Letter in 2021.