

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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DATE OF BIRTH: 15/09/43 HELSINKI

### EDUCATION:

1962 Matriculation examination, Helsingin Suomalainen Yhteiskoulu  
1965 Primary school teacher qualification, Helsinki Teacher Education College  
1965 – 85 Extension studies at the University of Helsinki (Sociology, Social Psychology, Education, Special Education, examination in English as a part of the BA qualification)

### LANGUAGE SKILLS:

German, second native language used at home during childhood  
English, Swedish and French in matriculation examination, grade *cum laude*  
1984 official qualification in Swedish (good knowledge)  
Proficiency in English (good knowledge)  
2004 Helsinki *Centre Culturel Francais*, evaluation of French skills, level B2 (good independent language user skills)

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1965 – 78 Teacher at Vartiokylä Primary School and Vesala Junior School, Helsinki  
1977 – 78 Vice-principal of Vesala Junior School, Helsinki  
1978 – 2000 Principal of Vesala Junior School, Helsinki  
Leave of absence from Principal's duties 1 February – 31 July 1984:  
Division head responsible for extension studies of teachers and principals at the City of Helsinki School Authority  
Leave of absence from Principal's duties 1 January 1995 – 28 February 2000:  
1 Jan – 31 Mar 1995 Counsellor of Education, Finnish National Board of Education  
1 Apr 1995 – 28 Feb 2000 Project Manager, responsible for international affairs, Basic Education Division of the City of Helsinki Education Department  
Mar 2000 – Feb 2011 Head of International Affairs at the City of Helsinki Education Department  
Jan 2011 – present: T:mi EpEduc, self-employed international consultant in the field of education

### ACTIVITIES RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1979 – 83 Instructor, Association of Finnish Cities (pupil welfare, principal training, internationalisation)  
1983 – 84 Instructor of principals at the school legislation reform phase (deregulation, lesson-hour quota) in Helsinki and the Helsinki Metropolitan Region  
1984 – 89 Member of the City of Helsinki Teacher and Principal Extension Study Committee

- 1984 – 89 Member of the Uusimaa Province Teacher and Principal Extension Study Committee
- 1985 – 86 Member of the Preparation of Municipal Curriculum working group for the Association of Finnish Cities
- 1985 – 87 Deputy Chair of the City of Helsinki Comprehensive School Curriculum Committee
- 1985 – 89 Representative of the City of Helsinki in the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health project “Sundhetspedagogik i Norden” (health-care education in Nordic countries)
- 1986 – 89 Member of the Health Education Committee of the National Board of General Education
- 1986 Speaker at the UN International Year of Peace event (14 Oct 1986 “Peace education in schools”)
- 1987 – 88 Member of the Expanded Management Group of the City of Helsinki School Authority
- 1987 – 90 Member of the working group on integration of the City of Helsinki Department and the City of Helsinki School Authority
- 1987 – 93 Visiting lecturer at the University of Helsinki
- 1988 – 89 Member of the Teacher Training Development Committee appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture
- 1988 – 01 Instructor and lecturer at Opeko, National Centre for Professional Development in Education, Heinola
- 1989 – 91 Member of the principal training working group at the National Board of General Education
- 1991 – 92 Member of a working group preparing the principles required for piloting the new lesson-hour distribution and development of curricula in comprehensive and general upper secondary schools appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture
- 1989 – 92 Instructor of principals in Kuopio Province
- 1993 – 94 Instructor, University of Joensuu
- 1993 Rapporteur of bullying in schools, appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture
- 1995 – 96 Member of the development working group on verbal evaluation in comprehensive schools appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture
- 1997 – 00 Evaluator of EU education projects recommended by the Finnish Minister of Education
- 2006 – 09 Chair of a working group mapping and developing the educational opportunities (comprehensive school, general upper secondary school, vocational education) of international families' children and young people appointed by the mayors of the cities in the Helsinki Metropolitan Region (Espoo, Helsinki, Kauniainen, Vantaa)
- 2007 – 08 Chair of the working group preparing for the teaching of Chinese and in Chinese appointed by Sitra, the Finnish Innovation Fund
- 2012 – 14 Consultant as Education Expert in Namibia, General Education (Institutional Cooperation to Strengthen the Capacities of the Namibian Ministry of Education MoE)

## ACTIVITIES IN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

- 1984 – 86 Member of the Board of the Finnish Association of Principals
- 1986 – 95 Organisation secretary and an expert member of the working committee (international affairs) of the Finnish Association of Principals
- 1986 – 95 Instructor of principals for the Finnish Association of Principals
- 1987 – 89 Member of the principal committee of the HOAY (Trade Union of Education in Helsinki)
- 1987 – 90 Member of the Board of the Socio-Pedagogical Society
- 1990 – 92 Member of the Board and vice-chair of the Petöfi association
- 1990 – 95 Member of the Education Division of the Estonia Foundation
- 1990 – 92 Instructor for the Estonian Association of Principals
- 1995 Person responsible for organising the ESHA (NGO-EU)/European School Heads' Association's conference
- 1995 – 96 ESHA President Elect
- 1996 – 98 ESHA President and Member of the Board of ICP /International Confederation of Principals
- 1998 – 99 ESHA Past President
- 1999 Person responsible for organising the ICP World Conference

## POSITIONS OF TRUST:

- 1971 – 78 Member of the missionary work committee, Kulosaari Parish Council
- 1978 – 82 Member of Kulosaari Parish Council
- 2006 – 09 Member of the board of the English School as a representative of the City of Helsinki
- 2009 – 12 Member of the board of the English School appointed by the Bishop of Helsinki of the Catholic Church

## LITERARY ACTIVITIES

- From 1980 on, numerous articles on publications related to education (Opettaja magazine, REXI, Rihveli, Suomen Kunnat and the journal of the National Board of Education)
- 1988 – until the abolition of the newspaper  
Regular columnist for the Uusi Suomi newspaper (at first under the pseudonym Koulukas, later under my own name)
  - 2001 – 2003 Columnist at Kymen Sanomat newspaper
  - 1994 *Turvallinen koulu* ('a safe school') (a tool for teachers to prevent bullying) in WSOY's *OPETUS 2000* ('Teaching 2000') book series.

## STUDY TRIPS

- since 1987: Soviet Union, later Russia (several trips)
  - since 1988: most European countries, all EU Member States since 1995 (several trips)
  - 1989 Hong Kong
  - since 1989: Japan, China (several trips)
  - since 1990: Canada, USA, Brazil (several trips)
- On most trips, I function both as the organiser of the group trip and the tour leader.

When working as the President of ESHA, I lived predominantly in Brussels and cooperated in my role as president of the NGO with various parties and decision-makers related to various fields of education.

#### AWARDS.

- 1987 Silver medal of the Association of Finnish Cities
- 1989 Medal of the Trade Union of Education in Finland (OAJ)
- 1998 Gold Helsinki Medal of the Helsinki City Council
- 2000 Honorary Chair appointed by the ESHA board
- 2003 St. Petersburg Tercentenary Medal, awarded by the Mayor of St. Petersburg
- 2009 Honorary title of Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques, awarded by the French Minister of Education
- 2010 Cross of Merit of the White Rose of Finland, awarded by the President of the Republic of Finland