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EDUCATION

- 2013–2020 PhD Student, Department of Sociology, **Rutgers, State University of New Jersey**.
Precarious Intimacies: Commercial Sex and Migration in the Nordic Model
Supervisor: Arlene Stein
Committee members: Zaire Dinsey-Flores (Rutgers University), Catherine Lee (Rutgers University), Carole Vance (Columbia University)
- 2019–2020 Visiting Student Research Collaborator, Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, **Princeton University**.
- 2017–2018 Visiting Researcher, Department of Anthropology, **Stockholm University**, Sweden.
- 2017 Visiting Researcher, Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, **Oslo University**, Norway.
- 2016 Master of Arts, Sociology, **Rutgers University**, the United States of America.
- 2011–2013 PhD Student, Social Policy, **University of Eastern Finland**, Finland.
- 2010 Master of Social Sciences, Sociology, **University of Helsinki**, Finland.
Thesis: *Dishonorable Daughters of the Nation? –The Meaning of Race and Nation in White Finnish Women’s Interracial Relationships* (in Finnish). Grade: Eximia cum laude.
*Minor in *Gender Studies* (110 ECTS/ 55 CH)
- 2010 Bachelor of Social Sciences, Sociology, **University of Helsinki**, Finland.
Thesis: *Postcolonial Theory at the Age of Globalization*. Grade 5/5.
* Minor in *Philosophy* (80 ECTS/ 40 CH)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender and sexuality, migration and border regimes, law and policy, carceral studies, race and ethnicity, postcolonialism, critical trafficking studies and sex work, informal labor, the welfare state, and ethnographic methodologies

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2019). “Governing in the Name of Caring – The Nordic Model of Prostitution and its Punitive Consequences for Migrants”, *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 16(2), 151–165.

*Winner of the *American Sociological Association Sexualities Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award 2019*.

* Translated into Swedish in Annelie De Cabo, Charlotta Holmström & Jari Kuosmanen (eds.): *Anthology of Swedish Research on Sex for Sale*, Lund: Studentlitteratur (forthcoming 2020).

Crowhurst, Isabel, Vuolajärvi, Niina and Hausbeck Korgan, Kate (2019). "Sexual Commerce: Troubling Meanings, Policies, and Practices." *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 16(2), 135–137.

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2018). "Precarious Intimacies: Europeanized Border Regime and Migrant Sex Work", *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 45(97), 1090–1107.

Könönen, Jukka and Vuolajärvi, Niina (2016). "European Deportation Machine and Interrupted Lives." Epilogue in book *Deported. What Happens to Them?* Helsinki: Schildts & Söderström (in Finnish, equal authorship).

*Abridged version, "About racism and its borders", published on the *Raster (Anti-racist researcher network)* blog, in 2017.

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2016). "Human Trafficking Narratives and the Reality of Sex Work" *Sosiologia - Sociology - journal*, 3/2016, 318–324 (in Finnish).

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2015). "Precarious Intimacies: The European Border Regime and Migrant Sex Work", *Viewpoint magazine*, 5/2015.

*Translated into Finnish:

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2017). "Prekaarit Intiimisuhteet: Euroopan rajajärjestelmä ja siirtolaisten seksityö." by Elina Halttunen-Riikonen. In Veera Nuutinen (ed.): *Uusi työväki: Työ ja yrittäjyys prekarisoituvan palkkatyön yhteiskunnassa*, Helsinki: Vasemmistofoorumi.

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2013). "When Ideology Becomes Practice – On the Politics of Prostitution, Knowledge, and Research." *Naistutkimus – Women's Studies journal*, 1/2013, 33–40 (in Finnish).

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2012). "Dishonorable Daughters of the Nation? – White Finnish Women in Interracial Relationships: Experiences of Racism and Prejudices." *Kulttuurintutkimus – Cultural Studies - journal*, 4/2012, 17–30 (in Finnish).

Könönen, Jukka and Vuolajärvi, Niina (2012). "Migration Research Without Borders – Balancing Between Testimony and Critique." An interview by Erik Hallstensson, *Ikaros – Journal on humans and science*, 4/2012, 18–21 (in Swedish).

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2011). "The Materiality and Realness of Race." *Naistutkimus – Women's Studies - journal*, 2/2011, 54–60 (in Finnish).

Vuolajärvi, Niina and Peltonen, Salla (2010). "Taking the Question of Sex Work Seriously: A Commentary on Gender, Work, and Migration." *Ikaros – Journal on humans and science*, 4/2010, 9–12 (in Swedish).

Vuolajärvi, Niina and Peltonen, Salla (2010). "Civilized Finns and Dangerous Foreigners – Violence and Cultural Agency in the Finnish Immigration Debate." *Ikaros – Journal on humans and science*, 3/2010, 29–31 (in Swedish).

Book chapters

Vuolajärvi, Niina, Marttila, Anne-Maria, Viuhko, Minna & Kantola, Johanna (2018). "Finland." In Jahnsen, Synnove and Wagenaar, Hendrik (eds.) *Assessing Prostitution Policies in Europe*, Milton Park, UK: Routledge.

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2014). "The Problem of Race in Ethnic and Migration Studies." In Sari Irni, Mianna Meskus & Venla Oikkonen (eds.): *Technoscience, Gender and Society*, Helsinki: Vastapaino, 264–301 (in Finnish).

Special issues edited

Crowhurst, Isabel, Vuolajärvi, Niina and Hausbeck Korgan, Kate (2019). *Sexual Commerce: Troubling Meanings, Policies, and Practices*, special issue in *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*.

Books

Vuolajärvi, Niina and Pietarinen, Kati (2021). “*Seeking Arrangement – Stories from the World of Commercial Sex*”. Atena Publishing (forthcoming).

Research reports

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2013). *The Effects of the Sex Purchase Act in Sweden*. A research report commissioned by the Finnish National Association for Women’s Studies, Centre for Gender Equality Information in Finland (in Finnish).

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2011). *Thai Massage Parlor Workers’ Access to Public Health Services and Language Training in Finland*. Pro Centre Finland, (in Finnish).

Book reviews

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2019). “Unruly Marginal History.” A book review on Kirsi Vainio-Korhonen *Musta-Maija ja Kirppu-Kaisa: Seksityöläiset 1800-luvun alun Suomessa [Sex Workers’ in the 19th Century Finland]*. *Niin & Näin* 2/2019, 143–145 (in Finnish).

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2018). A book review on Julie Ham’s *Sex Work, Immigration and Social Difference*. *Gender & Society*, 32:02, 739–741.

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2015). “Unfinished Lessons from Sweden: The Importance of Paying Attention to the Unintended Consequences of the Sex Purchase Act.” A book review on Jay Levy’s *Criminalising the Purchase of Sex: Lessons from Sweden*. *NORA – Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*, 23:2, 144–147.

Vuolajärvi, Niina (2011). "Migration, Sex Work, and Agency: Deconstructing the Trafficking Discourse." A book review on Rutvica Andrijasevic’s *Migration, Agency and Citizenship in Sex Trafficking*. *Naistutkimus – Women’s Studies -journal*, 4/2011, 68–70 (in Finnish).

Lyytinen, Suvi, Mankki, Laura, Repo, Helka, Vuolajärvi, Niina (2011). "A Handbook on Diversity, a Handbook on Gender." A book review on Tuija Saresma, Leena-Maija Rossi and Tuula Juvonen (eds.): *Handbook on Gender*. *Naistutkimus – Women’s Studies -journal*, 1/2011, 83–86 (equal authorship, in Finnish).

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2016–2017 Scandinavian Research Council for Criminology Research Grant, 28,050 EUR (Principal investigator).
- 2015 Kone Foundation Bold Initiatives for the Karkotetut – Deported project, 54,000 EUR (Principal investigator of an artistic-journalistic research project with journalist Kaisa Viitanen, theater director Elina Izarra and photographer Katja Tähjä).
- *Visual Journalism of the Year Award 2016 10,000 EUR (donated to migrants' rights organizations).*
- * Shortlisted for the Best Science Communication Award of the Year 2016.*

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019 National Women's Studies Association Travel Grant and Conference Registration Scholarship.
- 2019 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
- 2019 Finlandia Foundation New York Metropolitan Chapter Fellowship.
- 2019 Scandinavian Research Council for Criminology Research Grant.
- 2019 Finnish Cultural Foundation Fellowship.
- 2019 Center for Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship Finalist (withdrawn).
- 2017 Kone Foundation Bold Initiatives Fellowship for 2018.
- 2016–2019 Rutgers Graduate School Conference and Research Grants.
- 2016 COST ProsPol Short-Term-Scientific-Mission Grant to Oslo University.
- 2016 Nordic Administrative Foundation Travel Grant.
- 2016 Finnish Cultural Foundation Fellowship.
- 2014–2015 Fulbright Renewal Grant.
- 2015 American-Scandinavian Foundation Award, Martha and Jack McFall Fund.
- 2015 National Gender Studies Doctoral Program in Finland, Travel Grant.
- 2014 National Gender Studies Doctoral Program in Finland, Research Grant.
- 2014 Finlandia Foundation New York Metropolitan Chapter Award.
- 2014 Bologna-Duke Summer School in Critical and Global Studies Full Participation and Accommodation Grant.
- 2014 Lettertedska Foundation Travel Grant.
- 2013 ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant.
- 2013 Kone Foundation Research Grant.
- 2012–2015 National Gender Studies Doctoral Programme in Finland Fellowship 28 000 EUR/ year.
- 2011 Oskar Öflund Foundation Research Grant.

- 2011 Waldemar von Frenckell Foundation Research Grant.
- 2011 InterGender Research School Workshop Travel and Participation Grant to Linnköping, Sweden.
- 2011 Noise Summer School Participation Grant to Utrecht, The Netherlands.
- 2010 University of Helsinki, Department of Sociology, Internship Grant.
- 2009 Noise Summer School Travel and Participation Grant to Utrecht, The Netherlands.

TEACHING

Rutgers University, Department of Sociology

Development of Sociological Theory, Spring 2019. Teaching Assistant.
 Contemporary Sociological Theory, Spring 2018. Teaching Assistant.
 Development of Sociological Theory, Fall 2018. Teaching Assistant.
 Development of Sociological Theory, Spring 2016. Teaching Assistant.
 Introduction to Social Research Methods, Fall 2015. Teaching Assistant.

University of Helsinki

Aleksanteri Institute

Postcolonial Theory and Intersecting Differences in Europe. Spring 2011. Instructor of record.

Department of Gender studies

Introduction to Gender Studies. Spring 2009 | Spring 2010 | Spring 2011. Teaching Assistant.

Department of Sociology

Regulating Lifestyles in the Welfare State: The Intimate Sphere. Fall 2010. Course coordinator and Teaching Assistant.

Anthony Giddens' "Sociology". Spring 2007 | Spring 2008 | Spring 2009 | Spring 2010. Teaching Assistant.
 Regulating Lifestyles in the Welfare State: Youth. Fall 2009. Teaching Assistant.

Utrecht University

Noise Summer School: Moving Boundaries in Feminist Theory: Postcoloniality and Posthumanity. Summer 2009. Tutor.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013–2018 ***Dissertation Research "Precarious Intimacies – Commercial Sex and Migration in the Nordic Model"***
 *53 months of fieldwork in three countries, Sweden, Norway and Finland in relevant languages.
 * 210 interviews with migrant and national sex workers (N=125), policymakers, social and health-care workers, activists, and the police (N=85).
- 2015–2017 ***Lead researcher in "Deported – The Politics of Migration in Europe"***
 * An interdisciplinary project that combined research, art, journalism, and advocacy, see <http://www.karkotetut.com/>.

- 2010 **Researcher** at *The Pro Center Finland* – a non-profit organization providing health and social services for individuals involved in sex work.
* *Conducted independent interview research on Thai massage parlor workers and health service providers in the Helsinki region.*
- 2010 **Research assistant** University of Eastern Finland
* Project “*Welfare in the Porous Society – New constellations of Labor, Care and Education*”, under the supervision of professor Eeva Jokinen.
- 2008 **Statistician at the Tukinainen – Rape crises center in Finland**

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

- 2019 Text reviewer for *Twenty Years of Failing Sex Workers. A Community Report on the Impact of 1999 Swedish Sex Purchase Act* (2019). **Fuckförbundet. A Community for Sex Workers.**
- 2018– **Member of the Advisory Group on Migration and Trafficking, ICRSE International Committee on the Rights of Sex Workers in Europe.**
- 2013–17 **Steering and management group member** of the EU-funded European research network ***COST Action Comparing European Prostitution Policies: Understanding Scales and Cultures of Governance (ProsPol)***.
- 2013–17 **Short-Term Scientific Mission (STSM) Coordinator, COST Action ProsPol.**
- 2017 **The Parliament of Finland, Committee for the Future, Transformation of Work**, consultation on migrants’ working conditions (with Jukka Könönen).
- 2017 Scientific advisor and commentator on Elina Izarra’s theater play ***Deported – a play about Borders and Borderless Love, Rakastajat –theater Pori*** (in Finnish), **Tampere International Theater Festival** (in English).
- 2016 **European Network Against Racism**, consultation on the situation in Finland for the ***ENAR Shadow Report on anti-migrant racism.***
- 2014 **The Parliament of Finland, Employment and Equality Committee**, consultation on the Finnish National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings Report 2014.
- 2014 **Finnish Ministry of Justice**, consultation on a legislative bill on Sex Purchase Act (Criminal code, Chapter 20, section 8).
- 2014 **Amnesty International Finland**, consultation on Amnesty’s stance on the decriminalization of sex work.
- 2013 **The Left Alliance Women Finland**, consultation of the political program from gender and migration perspective.
- 2011 **Member of a selection committee for an assistant professor for the Gender Studies Department, University of Helsinki.**

2011 Board member, *The Finnish Researcher's Association, Tutkijaliitto*.

Reviewer for: *Sociological Research Online, Sexuality Research and Social Policy, European Journal of Social Work, Global Public Health*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Keynotes

“The Nordic Model as a Form of Immigration Control.” *Bridge 2019: Changing Story. The 5th European Freedom Network Conference*, Pescara, Italy, 2019.

“The Effects of Client Criminalization on Sex Workers’ Situation and Health – Experiences from the Nordic Region.” *Swiss Forum HIV Sex Work* organized by the Swiss Ministry of Health, Biel/Bienne, Switzerland, 2019.

“Commercial sex and its regulation in the Nordic Region.” *Pegasus –conference* organized by RFSL, Swedish Federation for LGBTQ Rights, Stockholm, Sweden, 2017.

“Human Trafficking Narratives and the Reality of Sex Work.” *Hailuoto Theater Festival*, Hailuoto, Finland, 2015.

Invited speaker

“Governing in the Name of Caring – The Nordic Model of Prostitution and Its Punitive Consequences for Migrants Who Sell Sex.” *Gender & Transformation Workshop*, New York University, 2019.

"Myths and Realities of the Swedish Sex Purchase Act." *DiversiFIKation seminar by RFSL Swedish Federation for LGBTQ Rights*, Uppsala, Sweden, 2019.

"Commercial Sex and Its Governance in Sweden." *RFSL Swedish Federation for LGBTQ Rights Stockholm*, Sweden, 2019.

“Governing in the Name of Caring – The Nordic Model of Prostitution and Its Punitive Consequences for Migrants Who Sell Sex.” *The Center for Sexology and Sexuality Studies*, Malmö University, Sweden, 2018.

“Governing in the Name of Caring – The Nordic Model of Prostitution and Its Punitive Consequences for Migrants Who Sell Sex.” *The Centre for Research in International Migration and Ethnic Relations*, Stockholm University, Department of Anthropology, Sweden, 2018.

“What Counts as Evidence? Evidence-based Policies and Historical Knowledge.” Invited discussant on Judith R. Walkowitz’s and Magaly Rodríguez García’s keynotes, *COST ProsPol Action meeting*, University of Salamanca, Spain, 2014.

“Nordic State Feminism and Its Impact on Contemporary Nordic Prostitution Policies.” *Sex Work Internationally: Three Contexts in Comparison –panel*, *The Left Forum*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, The City University of New York, 2014.

"Decriminalization as a Solution?" *Amnesty International, General Annual Meeting*, Helsinki, 2014.

"Migration, Commercial Sex, and the Law." *Prostitution, Trafficking and the Law* - event, Parliament House, Finland, 2012.

"Illegal Immigrants or Vulnerable Victims? – Gendered Forms of Migration and Border Practices." *What is the Price of a Woman?* University of Helsinki Think Corner, Finland, 2012.

Guest Lectures

"Governing in the Name of Caring – The Nordic Model of Prostitution and Its Punitive Consequences for Migrants Who Sell Sex."

*Graduate course *Sexualities*, Rutgers University, Department of Sociology, Fall 2018.

*Undergraduate course *Gender and Sexuality in Anthropology*, Stockholm University, Department of Anthropology, Sweden, Spring 2018.

"The Swedish Law on Prostitution." Graduate course *Theoretical Paradigms in Feminist Scholarship: Sex Work and Trafficking*, Columbia University, Spring 2016.

"Race, Ethnicity, and Gender – Rethinking Sex Work." *Introduction to Gender Studies course*, University of Tampere, Finland, Fall 2014 (video lecture part of a recurring online course).

"Prostitution as a Feminist Question." *Department of Gender Studies*, University of Turku, Spring 2013.

Conferences organized

Main organizer of a two-day international "*Deported -The Politics of Migration in Europe*" together with the *Society for the Study of Ethnic Relations and International Migration*, the House of Sciences in Helsinki, Finland, September 2016.

Session organizer

Workshop (with Jukka Könönen): "Differential Inclusions in the Nordic Societies? Feminist Postcolonial and Critical Migration Studies Perspectives on Immigration." *Immigrants and Civil Society, 16th Nordic Migration Research Conference & 9th ETMU Days*, University of Turku, Finland, 2012.

Workshop (with Ere Itkonen): "Intersecting Differences and Empirical Data – How to Approach Intersections of Gender, Class, Sexuality and Ethnicity?" *Sociology of Surprises, Annual Conference of the Finnish Sociological Association, The Westermarck Society*, University of Tampere, Finland, 2011.

Panels

Panel chair "Legal Status and Vulnerability," *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting 2019 "Dignity"*, Washington DC, United States, 2019.

Professionalization workshop "How to Develop Research Proposals," Rutgers University, Department of Sociology, 2019.

"Experiences of the Sex Purchase Act in Sweden." *How Does a Feminist Prostitution Policy Look Like?* – panel, Feminist Association Unioni, Helsinki, Finland, 2013.

Paper presentations

“Governing in the Name of Caring – The Nordic Model of Prostitution and Its Punitive Consequences for Migrants Who Sell Sex.”

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting 2019 “Dignity”, Washington DC, United States.
19th Nordic Migration Research Conference 2018 (NMR-Conference): New (Im)mobilities: Migration and Race in the Era of Authoritarianism, Norrköping, Sweden.
FOSME-meeting 2018, Malmö University, Sweden.

“Precarious Intimacies – European Border Regime and Migrant Sex Work.”

Intimate Matters Workshop, Karlstad University, Sweden, 2017.
The 18th Nordic Migration Studies Conference: Migration and social inequality: Global perspectives – new boundaries, University of Oslo, Norway, 2016.
Precarity, National Women's Studies Association's 36th Annual Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2015.
Ethnography of Movement and Mobility Workshop, The New School of Social Research, New York, 2015.
Troubling Prostitution - Exploring Intersections of Intimacy, Commerce and Labour Conference, Vienna, Austria, 2015.
Feminist Transgressions -National Women's Studies Association's Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 2014.
Bi-Annual Postgraduate Sex Work Conference, University of Leeds, United Kingdom, 2014.
Intimate Migrations. A Conference about Marriage, Sex Work and Kinship in Transnational Migrations, Roskilde University and the Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2013.

"Towards ‘Respectable Clienthoods’ – Managing the Borders of Intimacy and Commerce on an Online Sex Forum."

Troubling Prostitution - Exploring Intersections of Intimacy, Commerce and Labour Conference, Vienna, Austria, 2015.
The American Men’s Studies Association’s Annual Conference 2015, Stony Brook University, New York, 2015.

“‘The world’s first’ educating the others: The Nordic model of prostitution as a gender equality brand and a form of new humanitarianism.” *Gender Equality as Branding: Moving Beyond Nordic Exceptionalism – workshop, University of Oslo, Norway, 2018.*

"Concepts for Contemporary Sex Work Research." *COST ProsPol Action meeting, Panteion University, Athens, Greece, 2014.*

"Matters of Race - Questions of Matter and Materiality in Feminist and Postcolonial Theory." *The Politics of Location Revisited: Gender. 8th European Feminist Research Conference, Budapest, Hungary (with Salla Peltonen), 2012.*

"Sex, Sexuality, and Migration - Perspectives on Migrant Sex Work." *Noise Summer School "The miraculous (dis)appearing Act of Sexuality: Mapping the Study of Sexuality in Europe, 1960-2011, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, 2011.*

"Materiality and the Interconnections of Sex Work, Migration and Precarious Labor." *Introducing Feminist Materialisms, InterGender Research school in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, Linköping University, Sweden, 2011.*

"Sex, Sexuality, and Migration - Perspectives on Migrant Sex Work." *Noise Summer School "The miraculous (dis-)appearing Act of Sexuality: Mapping the Study of Sexuality in Europe, 1960-2011"*, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, 2011.

"Sex Work as a Gendered Form of Migration and Precarious Labor." *Welfare in Porous Society, New Constellations of Labour, Care and Education*, University of Eastern Finland, Finland, 2011.

"Stained Maidens of Finland in the Closet? White Finnish Heterosexual Women Negotiating Sexual Citizenship". *Law, gender and sexuality, Annual Conference of Finnish Women's Studies*, University of Helsinki, Finland, 2010.

"Shame or Good Genes? – Young Finnish Women's Experiences on Prejudices Against their Transnational Relationship. *Luokat, luokitukset ja liikkeet, Annual Conference of the Finnish Sociological Association*, University of Helsinki, Finland, 2009.

"Civilized Finns and Dangerous Foreigners: Gender Equality as a Way of Constructing Cultural Hierarchies in Finland". *ETMU days, The Society for the Study of Ethnic Relations and International Migration*, University of Joensuu, Finland, 2009.

"Critical or Paranoid? Reflections on the Challenges of Postcolonial Theory". *Teorian käytäntö – IV Kulttuurintutkimuksen päivät – Annual Conference of the Finnish Cultural Studies Association*, University of Jyväskylä, Finland. 2009.

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

2011–13 Board member, *The Rights Without Borders Association, Oikeutta ilman rajoja ry.*

2013 Board member, *The Feminist Association Unioni, Finland.*

2012 **Co-Founder of the Free Movement network's Legal Advice Center for Migrants**
The first low-threshold center offering free legal advice on residence permits and asylum issues in Finland.

2012 **Founder of the Feminist Initiative Finland, Feministinen Aloite**
A network promoting human rights-based prostitution policies.

2005–2013 **Lead Organizer of the Free movement -network in Finland, Vapaa liikkuvuus -verkosto**
A network promoting migrants' rights and offering legal advice.

2009–2011 **Organizer in the Romanian and Bulgarian Romani traveler housing project**
A project working to enhance the housing and human rights of the EU Romani travelers. From 2009-2011, it organized a non-profit camping space in Helsinki for the Romani travelers.

2005–2010 **Co-Founder of the Feminist Girl's Empowerment Association, Tyttöjen Ella ry,**
An association promoting girls' sexual rights and sex education.

2006–2008 **Secretary of the Feminist Association Unioni, Finland**
The largest feminist organization in Finland, established in 1892.

2002—2008 **Support line worker at the *Women's Line, Naisten linja***

Organization offering support services for women who have experienced violence in their intimate relations.

SELECTED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND THE MEDIA

“Our Conceptions of Sex Workers Demonstrates Where We Draw the Limits of 'a Good Woman' – And That Affects All of Us.” A commentary essay accompanying Katriina Haikala’s photographic work. *Mänttä Art Festival XIVV: The Human Era*, Mänttä, Finland, 2019.

Interviewed for “The new puritans. The idea of criminalising prostitutes’ clients is spreading”, *The Economist*, 2019.

Interview "These Themes Were Raised at the Nordic Sex Work Meeting - A Researcher Responds" at *Pro-Tukipiste blog*, 2018.

Researcher feature profile “Selling Sex is Still a Ground for Deportation” at *Pro-Tukipiste web platform*, 2018.

Panelist at “Fuckförbundet. Sex Workers Organizing for Their Rights” at *Stockholm Pride, Sweden*, 2018.

Featured guest on “Popula,” *SVT the Swedish National Radio*, 2018.

Interviewed for a piece on male asylum seekers and undocumented people selling sex in Finland, “Irakilaismiehiä vei HS:n toimittajan seksiluolaan, jossa suomalaiset miehet maksavat palveluista – moni turvapaikanhakija ja paperiton on päätyneet seksityöhön”, *Helsingin Sanomat*, 2017.

“Purity and Danger”, a researcher feature profile in *Trendi* by Jenni Holma, 2017.

“Media Images on Human Trafficking are Misleading”, in *Feminists’ turn (Feministien vuoro)* blog (with Elina Halttunen-Riikonen), 2016.

Finnish co-translator of the “Feminist Manifesto in Support of Sex Workers’ Rights” and the coordinator of the *International Committee for the Rights of Sex Worker’s (ICRSE) International Women’s Day 8th of March campaign* in Finland (see <http://feministsforsexworkers.com>), 2016.

“The Right to the Family Life Does Not Only Belong to the Wealthy.” An opinion piece on the new family reunification bill in Finland in *Helsingin Sanomat* (with researchers Johanna Hiitola and Hanna Repo), 2016.

"Has Sweden’s Prostitution Law Lived Up to Its Promise?" A letter to the editor in *New York Times* with Professor Carole Vance, 2016.

“Prostitution Policies Should Be Based on Protecting and Enhancing the Rights of People Who Sell Sex.” Op-Ed in *Helsingin Sanomat*, 2014.

“No Scientific Evidence on the Success of the Sex Purchase Act in Sweden.” An expert commentary, *Voimamagazine*, 2013.

“A Comprehensive Account of the Prostitution Field in Finland Needed.” An opinion piece, newspaper *Helsingin sanomat*, with Member of Parliament Anna Kontula, 2013.

“Why the Sex Purchase Act Does Not Work?” An expert commentary, newspaper *Kansan uutiset* with researcher Laura Mankki, 2012.

“Feminism = Criminal Policy or Solidarity? Sex Work Activists Demand Rights Instead of Compassion.” Article, Feminist magazine *Tulva*, 10-year anniversary issue, 3/2012.

“State is Not Every Woman’s Friend: The Undocumented Women’s Rights.” Article, Feminist magazine *Tulva*, 2/2012.

Interviews and mentions in the following media: Helsingin Sanomat, Suomen Kuvalehti, Kansan Uutiset, Turun Sanomat, Iltasanomat, MTV3 News (TV), MeNaiset, Trendi, Helsinki University Magazine, Libero, Ny Tid, Kulttuuritoimitus, Evangelical Focus.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Professional Associations: *American Sociological Association, Law and Society Association, National Women’s Studies Association, Sociologist for Women in Society.*

Professional networks: *The Carceral Studies Working Group, The Sex Work Research Hub, The FOSME - Research Network on Sex for Sale in Sweden (Forskning om sex mot ersättning).*

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Finnish (*native*), English (*fluent*), Swedish (*fluent*), French (*proficient*), Norwegian (*proficient*)