

Curriculum Vitae – Riikka Taavetti

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Education and degrees completed

- 30.08.2023 Title of Docent in Social Science History, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 30.10.2018, Doctor of Social Sciences. Political History / Doctoral Programme Gender, Culture and Society, University of Helsinki
- 04.09.2013, Master of Arts. Master Programme in Archival Science, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- 15.12.2010, Master of Social Sciences. Political History, University of Helsinki

Other education and expertise

- 20 ECTS study module in science communication, 2017, University of Helsinki

Language skills

- Native language: Finnish
- English: C1 (self-assessed)
- Estonian: B2 (Estonian national language examination 28.02.2020)
- Swedish: B2 (self-assessed)

Current employment

- From 01.08.2022, University Lecturer, Gender Studies, University of Turku, Finland
- Stage of academic research career: III, University Lecturer

Previous work experience

- 01.08.2021–31.07.2022, University Lecturer, Political History, University of Helsinki
- 01.01.2021–31.08.2021, Postdoctoral Grant Researcher, Kone Foundation / University of Helsinki
- 01.01.2019–31.12.2020, Postdoctoral Grant Researcher, Kone Foundation / University of Helsinki
- 01.09.-31.12.2019, Visiting Researcher, Södertörn University, Sweden, School of Historical and Contemporary Studies
- 01.01.-28.02.2019, Visiting Researcher, University of Tartu, Estonia, Institute of Cultural Research
- 01.01.2017–31.12.2018, Doctoral Candidate, political history and doctoral programme Gender, Culture, and Society, University of Helsinki
- 01.10.2015–31.12.2016, Doctoral Candidate, ERA.Net RUS Plus project Living together with difficult memories and diverse identities (LIVINGMEMORIES), University of Helsinki
- 01.09.2014–31.08.2015. Researcher, Project on youth activism and membership in youth organizations, Finnish Youth Cooperation Allianssi, Finland

- 01.01.2014–31.08.2014 Researcher, Well-being of LGBTIQ Youth research project, Finnish Youth Research Society, Finland

Research funding and grants

- Work Package leader in Strategic Research Council funded consortium project Overcoming Barriers to Democratic Participation with Minoritized and Marginalized Groups (OBAMA), consortium PI Meri Kulmala, University of Helsinki, 2025–2030
- Team member in The Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies funded project Cruising the Baltic Sea: Nation, Gender and Sexuality in pleasure-based ferry traffic between Finland, Åland and Sweden, Södertörn University, PI Katarina Mattsson, 2023–2025)
- Team member in Kone Foundation funded project Sexuality and democracy: Exploring the links and re-thinking the concepts for feminist politics (SEXDEM), University of Helsinki, PI Katja Kahlina, 2019–2022
- Team member in Kone Foundation funded project Politics of reproduction, sexual health professionals and individual experiences in post-war Finland, University of Helsinki, PI Hanna Kuusi, 2018–2020
- Team member in Ministry of Education and Culture, Development Programme for Child and Youth Policy funded project Sateenkaarinuoret päihde- ja mielenterveyspalveluissa, Finnish Youth Research Society, PI Mikko Salasuo, 2015–2017
- Team member in ERA.Net RUS Plus programme funded project LIVINGMEMORIES, University of Helsinki, PI Kirsti Salmi-Niklander, 2015–2017

Research output

- Total number of publications: 70, of which peer-reviewed articles or book chapters: 30.

Research supervision and leadership experience

- Second supervisor of one finished doctoral dissertation (Political History, University of Helsinki) and two on-going doctoral dissertations (Folklore Studies, University of Helsinki; Gender Studies, University of Turku)
- Primary supervisor for three finished Master's Thesis (Political History), second supervisor of six finished Master's Thesis (International Masters in Economics, State and Society: 2, European and Nordic Studies: 1, Economic and Social History: 2, Political History: 1)
- Thesis Committee member for two doctoral candidates (Doctoral Programme in Political, Societal, and Regional Change; Gender, Culture and Society Doctoral Programme)
- Steering group member for the Finnish subproject of Promoting Youth Involvement and Social Engagement (PROMISE, 2016–2019) research project

Teaching merits

- 35 ECTS of university pedagogical training (University of Helsinki and HILMA network for gender studies)
- steering group member for Hilma national network for gender studies teaching, 2022 onwards

- steering group member for Society and Change bachelor programme, 2021–2022
- teaching on bachelor, master, and doctoral level at the Universities of Turku and Helsinki: 22 courses either as a responsible teacher or grading co-teacher, in addition visiting lectures and small-group instruction, visiting lectures also at the University of Tartu

Awards and honours

- Award for the best dissertation at University of Helsinki in 2018 for a study focusing on women's studies, feminism and the meaning of the female gender (Naistutkimuksen tuki -säätiö, Hilikka Pietilä memorial fund)
- Prometheus award 2016, together with Katarina Alanko and Lotte Heikkinen, for Well-being of LGBTIQ Youth research project
- Queer Studies Award (*Vuoden pervotutkimusteko*) 2014, for a distinguished queer studies contribution by Finnish Queer Studies Society
- Article of the year award for the best article of 2012 published in *Naistutkimus – Kvinnoforskning*, Finnish gender studies journal

Other key academic merits

- pre-examiner and opponent of Pauliina Lukinmaa's doctoral dissertation (Doctoral Programme in Social and Cultural Encounters, University of Eastern Finland, 2022)
- pre-examiner and opponent for Varpu Alasuutari's doctoral dissertation (gender studies, University of Turku, 2020)
- 2021 onwards, Editorial Board member, Finnish History Journal (*Historiallinen Aikakauskirja*)
- 2021 onwards, Editorial Board member, Politics and Society in the Baltic Sea Region series (Tartu University Press)
- peer-reviewer of one book and 16 articles: *Vastapaino*, 1 book (2022); *J@rgonia*, 2 articles (2023); *NORA – Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*, 1 article (2023); *Journal of the Institute of Latvian History*, 1 article (2023); *Ethnologia Europaea*, 1 article (2023); *Folklore*, 1 article (2022); *Kulttuurintutkimus*, 1 article (2021); *Memory Studies*, 1 article (2020); *Niin & näin*, 1 article (2020); *Nuorisotutkimus*, 1 article (2020); *YOUNG*, 1 article (2019); *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies – Journal of Gender Studies*, 1 article (2019); *Ethnos*, 1 article (2019); *Sukupuolentutkimus – Genusforskning*, 2 articles (2016 and 2018); *Elore*, 1 article (2018)
- theme issue editor of history of sexuality issue for *Historiallinen Aikakauskirja*, Finnish history journal 2024, one of three editors of *SQS*, Finnish queer studies journal in 2019, theme issue editor of *Elore*, together with Ulla Savolainen, 2018
- from 2023 onwards, Finnish Society for Gender Studies, vice board member
- from 2018 onwards, Finnish Oral History Network FOHN, board member
- from 2018 onwards, Finnish Queer Studies Society SQS, board member
- 2017–2020, Finnish Youth Research Society, board member

- 31 October – 1 November 2024, BASEES Baltic States Study Group virtual conference Baltic Sexualities in Global Perspective: keynote lecture
- 20 April 2024, Queering Nordic Borders – The second conference of the Nordic Network for Queer History Archives and Activities, Bergen, Norway, invited presentation
- 26–27 November 2020, Power, Authority, and Voice: Critical Reflections in/on Oral History: The seventh international symposium of the Finnish Oral History Network FOHN: keynote lecture
- 23–25 November 2017, Sukupuolentutkimuksen päivät (Finnish Gender Studies Conference), invited speaker in a plenary panel on generations of feminism
- 25–26 October 2021, Histories of Sexualities, Gender Diversity and Queer in the Nordic and Baltic Region Conference, chair of the organizing committee
- 18–21 June 2018, IOHA FINLAND conference, Jyväskylä, member of the organizing committee

Scientific and societal impact

- research data (group interviews and survey data) publicized via Finnish Social Science Data Archives from research project at Finnish Youth Cooperation Allianssi, 2014–2015
- from 2010 onwards, Social Archives Foundation, board member and vice chairperson (2017 onwards)