

CURRICULUM VITAE

Mikko Niemelä, February 2015

1. Personal information

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Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PhD (Social policy) 2005 from University of Turku• MSc (Social policy) 2000 from University of Turku
Theses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctoral thesis: <i>Tulot, kulutus ja toimeentulo. Tutkimuksia pienituloisuuden ja kulutuksen välisistä yhteyksistä</i> [Income, consumption and subsistence. Studies on the relationship between low income and consumption]. Grade: Cum laude approbatur• Master's thesis: <i>Kartta ja kompassi hukassa? Tutkimus työttömien elämänhallinnasta hyvinvoinnin resurssinäkökulmasta</i> [Lost your map and compass? A study on the life control of the unemployed from the perspective of welfare resources]. Grade: Eximia cum laude approbatur
Language skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finnish: native speaker• English: fluent• Swedish: good• German: basics
Current positions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Professor of Sociology</i> at the Department of Social Research, University of Turku, February 2015–present.• <i>Research Professor</i> at the Research Department of the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela). April 2014–present.• <i>Adjunct Professor</i> in Economic Sociology at the Department of Social

Sciences, University of Turku. August 2011–present.

- *Adjunct Professor* in Sociology of Well-Being at the Department of Social Sciences, University of Eastern Finland. March 2010–present.

2. Professional experience

Main positions

- UNIVERSITY OF TURKU; Department of Social Research
Professor of Sociology, 1 February 2015–present
- THE SOCIAL INSURANCE INSTITUTION OF FINLAND; Research Department
Research Professor, 8 April 2014–present (part-time, 10 % from 1 October 2014)
Senior Researcher, 1 January 2011–7 April 2014
Research Doctor (Academy of Finland), 1 January–31 December 2010
Senior Researcher, 15 August 2007–31 December 2007
- UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE; School of Health Sciences
Associate Professor of Social and Health Policy, 1 October 2014–31 January 2015
Professor of Social and Health Policy, 1 August 2011–31 July 2012 (part-time, 50 %)
- UNIVERSITY OF TURKU; Department of Social Policy
Senior Research Fellow, 3 May 2006–14 August 2007
Research Fellow, 1 August 2005–2 May 2006
Researcher (Emil Aaltonen Foundation), 1 August 2002–31 July 2006
Research Fellow, 1 August 2001–31 July 2002
Research Assistant, 10 April 2000–31 July 2001

Visits and other international positions

- UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM; Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm, Sweden
Visiting scholar, 1 August 2008–31 January 2009
- UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES; Social Policy Research Centre, Sydney, Australia
Visiting scholar, 12 November 2003–2 May 2004
- INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, Socio-Economic Security Programme
External Collaborator, 15 March–15 May 2001

Memberships in scientific societies

- Finnish Social Policy Association, 2002 –
- Westermarck Society, 2002 –
- Nordic Sociological Association, 2002 –
- The League of Extraordinary Academic Gentlemen, 2005 –
- European Social Policy Analysis Network, 2006 –
- International Sociological Association (RC 19), 2006 –
- European Sociological Association, 2013 –

University administration

- Chair of the Research Group of Health Policy and Health Economics (HESPE) at the School of Health Sciences, University of Tampere, 2014.
- Member of the Scientific Boarding Committee (Tieteellinen neuvosto) at the School of Health Sciences, University of Tampere, 2011–2012, 2014.
- Vice-member of the Board of Department (Laitosneuvosto) at the Department of Social Policy, University of Turku, 2007.
- Member of the Working Group for Post-Graduate Studies (Jatkokoulutustyöryhmä) at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, 2007.
- Member of the Board for Quality Issues (Laatutyön ohjausryhmä) at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, 2006–2007.
- Contact person for quality issues (Laatuyhdyshenkilö) at the Department of Social Policy, University of Turku, 2006–2007.
- Member of the Examination Committee at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, 1998–2001.

Other committee memberships

- Vice-chair of the Expert Committee of Adequacy of Basic Income Security, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, 2014–present.
- Member of the Committee of Poverty for the EU 2020 Strategy, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, 2010–present.
- Member of the Expert Panel of the Working Group for Reference Budgets, National Consumer Research Centre, 2009.
- Member of the Board of Co-Operation of Statistics on Income Distribution, Statistics Finland, 2008–2010.
- Member of the Scientific Boarding Committee of Turku Center for Welfare Research (TCWR), 2002–2007.

3. Research experience

Selected larger research projects

- 2010–2014: Public opinion towards the Social Insurance Institution of Finland and the implementation of social security
Role: PI
Organisation: Kela
- 2010–2014: European living conditions
Role: PI
Organisations: Kela, University of Helsinki, University of Turku, Labour Institute for Economic Research, National Institute for Health and Welfare
- 2010–2013: Growing Inequalities' Impacts (GINI)
Role: Researcher
PI: Wiemer Salverda
Main organisations: Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Studies (AIAS), London School of Economics / CASE, University College Dublin, University of

Milan, TÁRKI, University of Antwerp
Funding: EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7)

- 2009–2012: Back to the Basics: Basic Social Security and Consumption
Role: Researcher
PI: Olli Kangas
Organisations: Kela and National Consumer Research Centre
Funding: Academy of Finland
- 2008–2013: HUMvib: Welfare Attitudes in a Changing Europe
Role: Researcher
PI: Stefan Svallfors
Organisations: Umeå University, University of Helsinki, Kela, Indiana University, University of Bremen, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Tilburg University, University of Lausanne
Funding: European Science Foundation
- 2008–2012: Social Policy Attitudes and Social Capital in Europe
Role: Researcher
PI: Heikki Ervasti, Jørgen Goul Andersen, Torben Fridberg and Kristen Ringdal
Organisations: Aalborg University, Danish National Centre for Social Research (SFI), University of Jyväskylä, University of Kent, Kela, University of Leuven, Norwegian Social Research (NOVA), Norwegian University of Science and Technology, University of Oslo, University of Tartu, Tilburg University, University of Turku, Umeå University
- 2006–2008: Welfare Service Reforms in Finland from the Nordic Perspective: Discourses, Institutions and Politics
Role: Researcher and vice-chair of the project
PI: Pauli Forma
Organisation: University of Turku
Funding: The Foundation for Municipal Development
- 2005–2008: Working Poor in Europe
Role: Researcher
PI: Hans-Jürgen Andreß and Henning Lohmann
Organisation: Chair for Empirical Social and Economic Research, University of Cologne
Funding: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

Grants, principal investigator

- 2007: The Academy of Finland, a three-year individual grant of 189 000 € for the postdoctoral research project “Own Fault, Bad Luck or Structural Reasons?”
- 2005: The Foundation for Municipal Development, a one-year individual grant of 17 500 € for the postdoctoral research project “The Multidimensionality of Regional Well-Being”
- 2004: Emil Aaltonen Foundation, a one-year individual grant of 16 700 € for the PhD study “Income, Consumption and Subsistence”

- 2003: Emil Aaltonen Foundation, a one-year individual grant of 16 700 € for the PhD study “Income, Consumption and Subsistence”
 - 2001: Emil Aaltonen Foundation, a one-year individual grant of FIM 100 000 for the PhD study “Income, Consumption and Subsistence”
- Grants, co-investigator**
- 2008: The Academy of Finland, a four-year project grant of 400 000 € for the research project “Back to Basics: Basic Security and Consumption”. PI: Olli Kangas
 - 2005: The Foundation for Municipal Development, a two-year project grant of 105 000 € for the research project “Changes in the Finnish Welfare Services from the Nordic Perspective: Discourses, Institutions and Politics”. PI: Pauli Forma
- Editorships**
- Member of the editorial board, Research on Finnish Society, 2007–present
 - Member of the editorial board, Advances in Applied Sociology, 2011–present
 - Member of the editorial board, Advances in Sociology, 2013–present
 - Member of the editorial board, Research publications of The Social Insurance Institution of Finland, 2013–present
- Reviewer, journals**
- Acta Sociologica
 - Advances in Applied Sociology
 - Advances in Sociology
 - Diakonian Tutkimus
 - European Journal of Social Security
 - European Societies
 - European Political Science Review
 - European Sociological Review
 - Janus
 - Journal of European Social Policy
 - Policy & Politics
 - Politiikka
 - Research on Finnish Society
 - Social Policy & Administration
 - Sosiaalilääketieteellinen aikakauslehti
 - Yhteiskuntapolitiikka
- Reviewer, book manuscripts**
- Research publications of the Social Insurance Institution of Finland
 - Scientific Research Publishing
 - Gaudeamus Publishing
- Reviewer, grants**
- The Foundation for Municipal Development
 - The Social Insurance Institution of Finland
 - Criminal Sanctions Agency
- Faculty opponent, graduate level**
- Lahja Johansen-Lampsijärvi’s licentiate thesis, Social Insurance Expert Training Programme (TOPSOS), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of

Turku, October 23, 2012.

- Turo Vuorenhela's licentiate thesis, Social Insurance Expert Training Programme (TOPSOS), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, November 11, 2010.

Scientific conferences, international

32 presentations in international conferences and seminars

- Stream convenor (with Jani Erola), Annual ESPAnet Conference 2011, Valencia, Spain, 8–10 September, 2011
- Stream convenor (with Jani Erola), Annual ESPAnet Conference 2009, Urbino, Italy, 17–19 September, 2009
- Coordinator of working group (with Jani Erola), Nordic Sociological Conference, Turku, Finland, 18–20 August, 2006

Scientific conferences, national

58 presentations in national conferences and seminars

- Coordinator of working group, Annual Social Policy Meeting 2011, Turku, 27–28 October, 2011
- Coordinator of working group (with Juho Saari), Annual Sociological Meeting 2011, Tampere, 24–25 March, 2011
- Coordinator of working group (with Juho Saari), Annual Social Policy Meeting 2010, Helsinki, 21–22 October, 2010
- Coordinator of working group (with Juho Saari), Annual Sociological Meeting 2010, Jyväskylä, 19–20 March, 2010
- Coordinator of working group (with Juho Saari), Annual Social Policy Meeting 2009, Kuopio, 22–23 October, 2009
- Coordinator of working group (with Maria Vaalavuo), Annual Social Policy Meeting 2006, Jyväskylä, 26–27 October, 2006
- Coordinator of working group, Annual Social Policy Meeting 2005, Turku, 27–28 October, 2005
- Coordinator of working group (with Ilpo Airio), Annual Social Policy Meeting 2003, Joensuu, 24–25 October, 2003

4. Teaching experience

Demonstration lectures given

- University of Turku, Department of Social Sciences (2011). Topic: Ageing people's consumption. Rating: Good.

Undergraduate courses taught

- UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE; School of Health Sciences; International Master's Degree Programme in Health Sciences
Health and Illness in a Global Context, one of the teachers, 2011
Health Systems, one of the teachers, 2012
Elective Studies in Public Health or International Health, one of the teachers, 2012
- UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE; School of Health Sciences; Master's Degree

Programme in Public Health

Public Health I, one of the teachers, 2011, 2014

Health in Politics, Economy and Institutions, principal teacher, 2012, 2015

Health and Public Policy, one of the teachers, 2015

- UNIVERSITY OF TURKU; Department of Social Policy; Social policy and social work
Society's change, social problems and social policy, book examinations, 2001–02, 2005–06
Economy and Social Policy, principal teacher, 2002, 2005
National and International Challenges for Social Policy, principal teacher, 2005–06
Introduction to Social Research, lectures, principal teacher, 2006
Social Statistics, principal teacher, 2006
Introduction to Social Research, supervisor in seminars, 2001, 2005
Qualitative Research Methods, supervisor in seminars, 2005
Quantitative Research Methods, one of the teachers, 2001, 2002
Classics in Social Policy, principal teacher, 2007
- UNIVERSITY OF TURKU; The Institute for Extension Studies
Society's change, social problems and social policy, book examinations, 2001–02, 2005–06
Economy and Social Policy, principal teacher, 2005, 2006, 2007

**Supervisor,
undergraduate**

- UNIVERSITY OF TURKU; Department of Social Policy; Social policy and social work
Bachelor's theses, principal supervisor, 2006–07
Proseminars, principal supervisor, 2002, 2005, 2006
- UNIVERSITY OF TURKU; Faculty of Education
Teaching practice, principal supervisor, 2006

Graduate studies

- UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE; School of Health Sciences; Specialising physicians' multidisciplinary management studies (MoJop)
Responsible professor of the programme, autumn 2014
Responsible professor of the studies on social and health policy, autumn 2014
Lecturer (25 October 2011; 7 February 2012; 4 October 2012; 23 April 2013; 4 March 2014; 21 October 2014; 11 February 2015)
- UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE; School of Health Sciences; Professional development programme in social and health management
Examiner for final thesis, 2014
Supervisor for final thesis, 2012–present
Lecturer (14 October 2011; 4 April 2014)
- UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE; School of Health Sciences; MBA programme in social and health management (SoTeMBA)
Lecturer (22 March 2012)

- TOPSOS: Social Insurance Expert Training Programme
Supervisor for licentiate thesis, 2008-2014
Lecture *Cross-national welfare attitudes surveys* (12 September 2009)
Course *Quantitative research methods* (15–16 September 2005)
- SOSNET: Finnish National University Network for Social Work
Lecture *Reforms of welfare services* (26 November 2010)
Lecture *Cross-national social policy research and databases* (10 June 2013)
- UNIVERSITY OF TURKU: Department of Social Policy
Lecture *Introduction to social research* in the PhD course (29 September 2005)

Supervisor, graduate

- Henrik Jussila's licentiate thesis, Social Insurance Expert Training Programme (TOPSOS), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, 2008–2012
- Tarja Härkönen's licentiate thesis, Social Insurance Expert Training Programme (TOPSOS), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, 2008–2013
- Tiina Karjalainen's licentiate thesis, Social Insurance Expert Training Programme (TOPSOS), Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Turku, 2008–2014
- Maria Ohisalo's PhD thesis, Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies, University of Eastern Finland, 2010–present (with Juho Saari)
- Majdy Ashour's PhD thesis, School of Health Sciences, University of Tampere, 2014–present
- Miisa Alastalo's PhD thesis, School of Health Sciences, University of Tampere, 2014–present (with Liina-Kaisa Tynkkynen)
- Rebecca Brückner's PhD thesis, Department of Social Sciences, University of Turku, 2014–present (with Pekka Räsänen)

Visiting lecturer

- UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND; Department of Social Sciences; Sociology
Lecture *Trends in and determinants of income and wealth inequalities* (17 March 2014)
- UNIVERSITY OF TAMPERE; School of Management; International Insurance and risk management
Lecture *The history of Finnish social security* (2 March 2010)
Lecture *Social insurance and economic well-being* (16 March 2011; 21 March 2012; 12 March 2013; 11 March 2014)
- UNIVERSITY OF TURKU; Department of Social Sciences; Economic Sociology
Lecture *Income and consumption* (16 April 2011; 10 April 2012; 28 January 2013; 3 February 2014).
- UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ; Methodology Centre for Human Sciences

Lecture *Poverty research with quantitative data* (10 September 2009)

- TURKU UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES; Social services programme
Course *Quantitative research methods* (1 March–31 May 2002)