

## **Kathrin Komp-Leukkunen (02.02.2023)**

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### **IN BRIEF**

Experienced researcher specialized in studies of work and retirement, welfare policies, social sustainability, population ageing, and research methods. Uses advanced quantitative and qualitative methods. Leadership positions in international associations. Experienced teacher. Certified project manager.

### **EDUCATION**

2021 **Habilitation** in sociology, Technical University of Dortmund, Germany  
2014 **Docentship** in social gerontology, Helsinki University, Finland  
2010 PhD in sociology, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Supervisors: Prof. T.G. van Tilburg, Prof. M. Broese van Groenou  
2006 Master in political science & sociology, University of Giessen, Germany  
2001 Master in nutritional science & home economics, University of Giessen, Germany  
2018 Bachelor in economics & business administration, Fern University Hagen, Germany  
Continued education in management, pedagogics, and research methods (35 courses). **Certified project manager. Basic pedagogical skills certificate.**

### **CURRENT POSITION(S)**

2023– Professor, Social Sciences, LUT University, Finland  
2021– Private docent, Sociology, Technical University of Dortmund, Germany

### **PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

2018–22 Associate professor, Social Policy, University of Helsinki, Finland  
2015–17 Assistant professor, Sociology, University of Helsinki, Finland  
2014 Associate senior lecturer, Demography, Umeå University, Sweden  
2014 Adjunct professor, Social Research, University of Helsinki, Finland  
2013–14 External lecturer, Sociology, University of Bremen, Germany  
2011–13 Postdoctoral researcher, Sociology, Umeå University, Sweden  
2010–11 Postdoctoral researcher, Demography & Economics, University of Lethbridge, Canada  
2006–10 PhD student, Sociology, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
19 visiting appointments, e.g., at **Yale University** (USA), the **University of Oxford** (UK), the **London School of Economics and Political Science** (UK), the European University Institute (Italy).

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- Funding as **co-applicant: 6.4 million Euros**, from funding agencies in Finland and Germany
- Funding as **principal investigator: 750 000 Euros**, e.g., for
  - 2020 Nordic Research Councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences: “Older workers and the digitalization of work in the Nordic countries”
  - 2016 University of Helsinki: “Tomorrow’s realized retirement age: When Finns aged 50-65 years will retire”
  - 2015 Marie Skłodowska Curie Grant: “The long-term effects of unemployment on older workers: Studying life-course influences in social context”
  - 2011 Academy of Finland: “The moral economy of the third age: Why policies that encourage productivity in old age are unpopular”
- **Fellowships**: Marie Skłodowska Curie fellow (European Commission, 2016), affiliate fellow of programme “Future Leaders of Ageing Research in Europe” (2011)
- Honorable mention **award**: National Model United Nations Conference, New York, USA (2005)
- Affiliations with 6 institutes in Finland, Sweden, the UK, Australia, and Canada

### **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

- Taught 45 courses for bachelor’s, master’s and PhD students
- Teaching in: Finland (University of Helsinki), Sweden (Umea University), Germany (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich, University of Bremen, Justus Liebig University Giessen, Ruhr University Bochum, Technical University of Dortmund), Netherlands (VU University Amsterdam), the USA (Miami University, Ohio), and Poland (Jagiellonian University)
- Supervised: 2 senior researcher, 7 doctoral thesis (2 thereof to completion), 9 master’s theses

## ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

- Organization of 4 conferences, 8 symposia and workshops, and sessions at 15 conferences, e.g., for the **European Sociological Association**, the **International Sociological Association**, and the **Network for European Social Policy Analysis**
- Introduced a series of mid-term conferences for the Research Network on Ageing in Europe in 2012, which is continued to this day

## INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2023– Head of doctoral programme, research field of social sciences, LUT University, Finland
  - 2023– Head of research group on social sustainability and welfare policies, LUT University, Finland
  - 2015–22 Head of research group on population ageing, University of Helsinki, Finland
  - 2022 Selection committee member, teacher’s academy, University of Helsinki, Finland
  - 2022 Steering group member, doctoral programme in gender, culture, and society, University of Helsinki, Finland
  - 2021–22 Member, teaching skills assessment committee, University of Helsinki, Finland
  - 2020–22 Deputy member, faculty council for social sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland
  - 2018–21 Steering group member & evaluator, master’s programme in contemporary societies, University of Helsinki, Finland
  - 2018–19 Member, student selection committee, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Member of 6 further committees at universities in Germany, the Netherlands, and Finland

## REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

- Reviewer for: 28 journals in sociology, social policy, ageing research, research methods, and economics; 3 publishing houses; 1 award; 8 funding agencies, e.g., the national funding agencies of Romania and the Czech Republic and the **prestigious Marie Curie grants of the European Commission**
- External evaluator for universities in the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway, and Poland

## MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

- Social sciences panel of Finnish Publication Forum, which evaluates scientific publication channels to **determine how much funding Finnish universities receive: chair** since 2022, member 2018–21
- **Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE)**: steering group for the Finnish survey since 2017; member of the Swedish country team 2011–13
- **European Sociological Association**: Executive Committee 2015–19, Treasurer 2015–18
- Research Network on Ageing in Europe: Advisory board since 2015; **Chair** 2013–15; Vice-chair 2011–13; Board member 2007–11
- Research Network on Quantitative Methods: Vice-coordinator, since 2019
- Member of Finnish expert groups to international associations: **Horizon Europe** (European Commission, since 2021), **United Nations** external expert on the human rights of older people
- **Romanian Ministry of Education**: Sociology, Political and Administrative Sciences Committee 2016–18
- Further memberships: editorial board of 2 scientific journals (“Work, Employment and Society”, “Journal of Aging and Social Change”), management committees of 3 COST actions, external expert to 4 projects, board member of 5 further associations

## SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT

- **Presentations**: I have given 79 presentations, among them 43 invited presentations, e.g., at the European Council of National Sociological Associations (2019), the Council of Europe (2005), and the European Commission (2007). I have given 6 keynote speeches, e.g., at a conference of UNHABITAT (2020).
- **Datasets**: I was in charge of designing and collecting the NoWork survey, which contains 1 500 life-history interviews of Finns aged 50+. Moreover, I am on the Finnish steering committee for the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), which is the leading high-quality survey of older Europeans with 16 000+ users. Previously, I was on the Swedish country-team for SHARE. Finally, I am on the board of a Polish longitudinal survey of youths.
- **Publications**: To date, I have 86 publications, among them 28 peer-reviewed journal articles (+4 under review); (co-)authored 4 monographs and co-edited 2 special issues (+1 under review) in international peer-reviewed journals; contributed to 11 publications of stakeholders