

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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*Current position:* Manager of Urban Space and Networks (since June 2017)  
 Urban Environment, City of Helsinki

### Previous positions and mobility

10/08- 5/17 Head of Environmental Office, Helsinki City Planning Department  
 08/14-05/15 Loeb Fellow at Harvard University, Graduate School of Design  
 2002-2008 Landscape architect, Environmental Office, Helsinki City Planning Department, central and inner city  
 08/01-12/02 Landscape architect, Head of Unit, City of Espoo, Technical Center, Green Services Office  
 09/00-05/01 Postgraduate independent study at the University of Virginia, USA  
 1998 to date part time visiting lecturer, assistant lecturer, tutor and thesis supervisor at Aalto University  
 06/97-07/01 Landscape architect, Viatek Ltd. (later Ramboll Finland Ltd.), Department of Landscape and Environment (references on page 6)

### Education

05/1997 Landscape Architect (degree: Master of Science in Landscape Architecture), Helsinki University of Technology (currently Aalto University), Faculty of Architecture, Degree Programme in Landscape Architecture  
 09/17-5/18 Postgraduate: (ongoing, part time) Expertise in Urban Planning, Aalto University Professional Development  
 08/14-05/15 Loeb Fellow at Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Advanced Environmental Studies mainly in Leadership, Performance, City Planning and Art in Public Space  
 11/09-5/10 "Future Makers", Leadership and Management Education by Helsinki School of Economics Executive Education and the City of Helsinki, 6,5 credits  
 10/06-03/07 Sculpture studies, Florence Academy of Art, Sculpture Program  
 06/04 PhD Master Class in Integrative Research for the Planning and Management of Sustainable Landscapes, Bakkeveen, Netherlands, University of Wageningen, 3 credits  
 09/00-05/01 Postgraduate studies as an independent student towards a PhD in landscape architecture in the Faculties of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, 28 credits  
 01/99-12/03 Research student at Future Home Graduate School, University of Art and Design in Helsinki, 10 credits  
 05/99 to date Doctoral student at Helsinki University of Technology (studies' structure confirmed in 2003 with 52 approved credits of postgraduate studies)  
 1998 Project leadership training, SCC Viatek Ltd (currently Ramboll Finland)  
 08/96 Coast Wise Europe- Summer University, international design workshop, Rotterdam, Netherlands  
 08/93-05/94 Fine art studies; painting, drawing, graphic art, color photography, art philosophy Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, Finland, 47 credits  
 1989 General Certificate of A-level, grade 33/36, 5 laudatur-grades out of 6  
 1989 Higher Secondary School (Senior High School) diploma, grade 9,3 (excellent)

## Art exhibitions

### Solo exhibits

- 2016-17 Watercolors, Stella Polaris, Finnish Cultural Center, Zihobce, Czech republic  
2015 (Dis)connected, an integrated art even at Dudley House, Harvard Yard, Arts First Festival, Harvard University  
2014 "Kiveä, Vettä" (Water, Stone), Akvart Gallery, Helsinki, Finland, watercolors  
2013 "Valoa" (Light), Galleria Aapeli, Helsinki, Finland, watercolors  
2008 "Matkalla", On the Move, Viaggiando, Galerie Oljemark, Helsinki, Finland, travel diaries, sculpture  
1994 "Toinen luonto", 'Other Nature', Tuusula, Finland, watercolors, drawings, oil paintings and graphics

### Paired exhibits

- 2013 Galerie Monod, Paris, France  
2011 "Northern and Southern Light", Galerie Mona Lisa, Paris, France  
2004 "Eläimellistä menoa" - kahden polven kuvia, Loppi, Finland

### Participation in group exhibits

- 2015 Landscape as painting, studio exhibit and mural, Gund Hall, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design  
2015 Images of Generations (Sukupolvien kuvia), Tuusula, Finland  
2015 Project "post facto" in collaboration with Master of Design Studies in Art Design and Public Domain of Harvard University, Graduate School of Design and Michael Craig-Martin, Gund Hall, Cambridge  
2012 Global Projects, September, Broadway Gallery, New York City, USA [www.broadwaygallerynyc.com/](http://www.broadwaygallerynyc.com/)  
2012 (Aug-Sept) Amsterdam Whitney Gallery, New York City, USA [www.amsterdamwhitneygallery.com](http://www.amsterdamwhitneygallery.com)  
2012 (June) SAM 2012 Giverny, France [www.whoswhoart.com](http://www.whoswhoart.com)  
2012 Salon ArtShopping, Carousel du Louvre, Paris, France  
2011 OpenArtCode Paris, France [www.openartcodeparis.com](http://www.openartcodeparis.com)  
2011 OpenArtCode Monaco, Monte Carlo, Monaco [www.openartcodemontecarlo.com](http://www.openartcodemontecarlo.com)  
2011 July edition, Artists Home and Abroad, Broadway Gallery, New York City, USA [broadwaygallerynyc.com](http://broadwaygallerynyc.com)  
2011 Venezia Project, Venice, Italy, [www.studioartecarapostol.it](http://www.studioartecarapostol.it)  
2011 World Art Vision, Barcelona, Spain [www.world-art-vision.com](http://www.world-art-vision.com)  
2011 Affinity and Contrasts, Venice, Italy [www.studioartecarapostol.it/index\\_file/Page368.htm](http://www.studioartecarapostol.it/index_file/Page368.htm)  
2010 OpenArtCode, Art en Capital, Grand Palais, Paris, France [www.openartcodeparis.com](http://www.openartcodeparis.com)  
2010 Effetto Biennale, Biennale's Effect, Assisi, Italy [www.effetobiennale.org](http://www.effetobiennale.org)  
2009 Florence Biennale, Biennale Internazionale dell'Arte Contemporanea, Florence, Italy  
2009 Annual Exhibit of Suomen Taiteilijat, Finlands Konstnärer ry (The Artist of Finland), Helsinki, Finland  
2008 Suomen Taiteilijat ry, 40th Anniversary Exhibit, Helsinki, Finland  
2004 The Art Happening of Viherpäivät, Tampere, Finland  
2003 KSV ARS, City Planning Department, Helsinki, Finland  
1990 'Nuorison Kuvat' Nationwide Art Exhibition for young people, Hyvinkää, Finland  
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1988 'Nuorison Kuvat' Nationwide Art Exhibition for young people, Hyvinkää, Finland  
1983 "Kolmen polven näyttely", Tuusula, Finland  
1979 "Kolmen polven näyttely", Strindbergin taidesalonki, Helsinki, Finland

### Language skills

- Finnish (mother tongue)  
English (fluent)  
German (good)  
Swedish (good)  
Italian (satisfactory)  
French (satisfactory)  
Spanish (basics)

### Success in Design Competitions

11/09	Purchase, Kämäri area in Varkaus Ideas Competition (assistant designer)
08/02	Honorary Mention in 'Environmental Structure of the Year 2002' (landscape design for Piispansilta street)
05/98	evaluated as upper class in the ideas competition 'Arrival to Helsinki' (landscaping of entrance highways)
1996	2nd prize in a student competition for a Leisure Center by Myllykoski Rapids, Nurmijärvi
1996	Honorary Mention in an open competition for Ecological Neighbourhood Improvement for Ristinummi, Finland
1994	2nd Prize in a student competition of Environmental Art for Kulosaari Metro Station Pedestrian Tunnel, Helsinki

### Scholarships, grants

04/05	Helsinki City scholarship for postgraduate studies
07/04	The Finnish Cultural Foundation scholarship for postgraduate studies
00-01	Scholarship for full time postgraduate studies, Helsinki University of Technology
00-01	Travel Grant from the Helsinki University of Technology Support Foundation
1996	Award for an outstanding student from Annikki Paasikivi Foundation
1994	Award for an outstanding student from Annikki Paasikivi Foundation
1994	Accepted in the Master of Landscape Architecture Program at the University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Fine Arts, vice person to be granted the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

### Memberships

Harvard club of Finland, Alumni of the Loeb Fellowship and Alumni of Aalto University  
 Helsingin taiteilijaseura – Artists' Association of Helsinki, [www.helsingintaiteilijaseura.fi](http://www.helsingintaiteilijaseura.fi)  
 Suomen maisema-arkkitehtiliitto MARK (Finnish Association of Landscape Architects) [www.m-ark.fi](http://www.m-ark.fi)  
 Academic Engineers and Architects in Finland [www.tek.fi](http://www.tek.fi)  
 Société des Artistes Indépendants [www.artistes-independants.fr](http://www.artistes-independants.fr)  
 Akvarellitaiteen yhdistys and AKVART gallery (Society of Watercolor Art)  
 Suomen Taiteilijat ry (Finnish Artists) [www.suomentaiteilijat.net](http://www.suomentaiteilijat.net)  
 Aalto University Doctoral Student Association – Aallonhuiput ry

### Publications and media coverage, selected

12/2016	<i>Helsingin viher- ja virkistysverkoston kehittämissuunnitelma</i> (et Böhling et al), Kaupunkisuunnitteluviraston asemakaavaosaston selvityksiä 2016:2, <a href="http://www.hel.fi/hel2/ksv/julkaisut/aos_2016-2.pdf">www.hel.fi/hel2/ksv/julkaisut/aos_2016-2.pdf</a> , Green Areas Strategy of Helsinki, vol.2 (Plan for Development)
9/2016	Public screening of <i>(Dis)connected</i> short film at the Architecture and the City Festival, San Francisco, USA, Film Series, curated by Catherine Nueva Espana, with the theme of Resilient City: Strength by Design, 7.9., <a href="http://www.archandcity.org">www.archandcity.org</a>
7/2016	Article at the The Finnish Czech embassy (finland.cz) website about my exhibit at the Finnish Cultural Center in Zihobce; "The north star shines over the South Bohemian heartland" 23.7.2016
Fall 2015	news profile on Harvard University Graduate School of Design website <a href="http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/#/news/maria-jaakkola-15-questions-state-of-boston-s-emerald.html">http://www.gsd.harvard.edu/#/news/maria-jaakkola-15-questions-state-of-boston-s-emerald.html</a>
9/2015	radio coverage of my awareness-raising art project at the World by Public Radio International, Boston, USA, Jeb Sharp, WGBH <a href="http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-09-28/finnish-landscape-architect-tries-connect-broken-pieces-bostons-emerald-necklace">http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-09-28/finnish-landscape-architect-tries-connect-broken-pieces-bostons-emerald-necklace</a> ,
Spring 2015	<a href="http://blogs.gsd.harvard.edu/loeb-fellows/author/mariajaakkola/">http://blogs.gsd.harvard.edu/loeb-fellows/author/mariajaakkola/</a> and Cambridge Fellows Spotlight 9.2.
2014	<i>Kaupungin muutos ja kulttuuriympäristöt</i> (et Salastie et al), Helsingin Kaupunkisuunnitteluviraston yleissuunnitteluosaston selvityksiä 2014:17, (The Urban Change and Cultural Heritage, City Planning Department) <a href="http://www.hel.fi/hel2/ksv/julkaisut/yos_2014-17.pdf">http://www.hel.fi/hel2/ksv/julkaisut/yos_2014-17.pdf</a>
2013	<i>Vihreä ja merellinen Helsinki 2050 – VISTRA osa I: lähtökohdat ja visio</i> , Helsingin kaupunkisuunnitteluviraston asemakaavaosaston selvityksiä 2013:4), Green Areas Strategy, objectives and vision (et al)
8/2013	"Kaupungin kauneuden näkijä" (The One that sees the Beauty of the City), about my art, planning and cityscapes, Kodin Pellervo - journal, issue 8/2013

- 10/2012 "Maria Rosina Jaakkola - captivating watercolors" by Jill Smith, NY Arts Magazine Winter Edition  
<http://www.nyartsmagazine.com/?p=5375>
- 5/2012 *Helsinki, Finland - Greenness and Urban Form*, article in Green Cities of Europe, Island Press, USA, edited by Timothy Beatley
- 07/08 *Landscape architecture in Finland*, article in Topos International magazine # 63
- 01/05-01/06 main organizer and member of Jury at the international Landscape Architecture Competition for Länsisatamanpuisto Park, editor of the Competition Brief and co-author of the Results of the Competition
- 2002 *Phenomenology as a means of understanding landscape*, published in the referee journal of Working Papers F22, Kokeiluja - Experiments, Future Home Graduate School 3, ed. Ylimaula, Anna-Maija, University of Art and Design Helsinki, UIAH
- 2002 *Piispan sillan ympäristörakentaminen - yhteistyöllä uutta kaupunkikuvaa*, *Betoni* 04/02, Landscape construction of Piispan silta – collaboration for new cityscape
- 5/2000 The Green Year - Vihervuosi 2000 excursion guide (edit.), Suomen maisema-arkkitehtiliitto MARK ry (Finnish Association of Landscape architects and Viherympäristöliitto VYL, Finnish Association of Landscape Industries
- 1995 First published design work: 'Joy, Light, Color, Water, Man' - townscape improvements for Itä-Pasila', Helsinki City Planning Department publications

### Commissions of trust

- 2013-2014 Board member of Aalto University Doctoral Student Association
- 2008-2011 President of "Planssi" art club for City Planning Department staff
- 2005 Finnish representative in the Nordic meeting of Landscape architects, Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2003-2004 Board member, Finnish association of Landscape Industries
- 2001-2003 Board member, Finnish Association of Landscape Architects
- 2003 Vice president, Finnish Association of Landscape Architects
- 2003 Representative of MARK (Finnish Association of Landscape Architects)  
in the jury for 'Environmental Structure of the Year by Finnish Landscape Industries

### Lectures and professional presentations, selected

- 10/2017 *Viherverkosto ja tiivistävä Helsinki (Green Network in the Densifying City)*, Cultural Environment seminar, National Board of Antiquities, Kotka, Finland
- 9/2016 *Green Fingers and Blue Palm*, in Waterfronts-club, New York and Helsinki, Helsinki City Planning
- 4/2016 *Helsinki – Planning the Green and Blue Network City*, keynote speaker at Green Infrastructures and Urban Forests in the Urban planning: New Approaches and Challenges, IFLA World Conference, Torino, Italy
- 10/2015 "(re)connecting the blue-green experience", pecha kucha talk at LOEB 45 Reunion, Designing for Change: Towards Equity and Resilience, <http://loebreunion.gsd.harvard.edu/#event-modal>
- 1/2015 invited pecha kucha at Boston Society of Architects, Urban Design: Quick Hits, Designing with Water, Boston, USA
- 1/2015 *Experiencing the Blue-Green infrastructure - Helsinki and Boston*, January term lecture, planning and leading of a January term optional studio workshop *Experiencing Blue-Green Infra* about the Boston's Emerald necklace by F.L. Olmsted <http://blogs.gsd.harvard.edu/loeb-fellows/2015-j-term-roundup/>
- 11/2014 *Extreme conditions in Finland*, lecture at Harvard University, Extreme Housing studio
- 11/2014 *Green City Governance*, skype lecture, University of Virginia, Department of Landscape architecture
- 11/2014 invited keynote speaker and panelist, Sea Level Rise and the Future of Coastal Cities, Boston University Initiative on Cities and the Pardee Center, Boston, USA, <http://www.bu.edu/pardee/sea-level-rise-the-future-of-coastal-cities-panel-2/>
- 9/2014 *Planning the green and blue city*, lecture at Harvard University, Practices of Landscape Architecture
- 9/2014 Lecture at the Meet the Loeb event at Harvard University [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQXGX3B6\\_qs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pQXGX3B6_qs)
- 10/2013 Strategic Planning of Green Areas in Helsinki, invited keynote speaker and panelist, *Urban Forestry in Transition* seminar in Tartu, Estonian University of Life Sciences
- 8/2013 invited panelist in Vihreä ja Viihtyisä kaupunki (Green and Livable City), Otaniemi Urban Mill, Espoo, Finland
- 12/2012 invited panelist in Ecosystem Services Seminar, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Ramboll Finland Ltd.

- 4/2012 "Planning the Green City", invited keynote speaker and panelist in European Landscape Forum in Antalya, Turkey, LeNOTRE network
- 7/2011 presentation Green and Maritime Helsinki for ECLAS annual meeting
- 05/09 lecture "Helsinki- the green city", Northern Virginia Regional Commission, USA, as part of MyHelsinki project by the Finnish Embassy in Washington D.C. and City of Helsinki
- 05/06 keynote speaker, "Landscape Architecture in Helsinki City Planning - Current Challenges", European Urban Landscape Partnership Network launching, Vienna, Austria
- 02/06 Parks promoting city identity? Lecture at Viherpäivät nationwide professional seminar in Tampere, Finland
- 01/06 *Landscape architecture in city planning – what's new?* International seminar at the Helsinki City Planning Department, organizer and one of the lecturers
- Spring2001 'Green areas in Helsinki and Washington D.C.', comparison of two green areas systems, at the University of Virginia, USA, Department of Urban Planning, Sustainable Communities (T. Beatley)
- 01/02 *Green areas of Washington D.C.*, Viheralueuunnittelijat ry (Landscape Designers' association)
- 05/2001 Finnish landscape architecture 2001 -exhibition, my designs of Vesalanpuisto park and Hannover Expo
- Fall2000 'Viikki ecological housing area', University of Virginia, USA, Department of Urban Planning, Sustainable Communities -class (T. Beatley)
- 08/98 'Finnish Landscape', Regional Planning Exchange Conference in Hokkaido, Japan

In addition, numerous lectures in the academia (Aalto University and Tampere University of Technology), and design project presentations to the City Planning Committee.

#### Selected references from consulting 1997-2001:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Client</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>(* implemented)</i>
2-8/2000	City of Oulu	Oulu river delta, cityscape and landscape survey and proposed measures (main designer, project leader)	
1-6/2000	City of Helsinki, Public Works Dept	Porslahti cultivation park, Vuosaari (main designer, project leader)*	
12/1999	City of Espoo, Technical Office	General Plan for Refurbishment of Espoo center (designer)	
12/1999	City of Helsinki, Public Works Dept	Preliminary Plan for Aurinkolahti Canal (landscape designer)	
12/1999	City of Espoo, Technical Office	Haukilahdentie bridge environment, noise protection and bridge architecture (project leader) *	
5/1999	Finpro	Hannover Expo 2000 Finnish pavilion garden (landscape design, German contacts and communications, visualization)*	
5/1999	City of Helsinki, Public Works Dept	Tapanila housing area, street plan (landscape planning)	
1998-1999	City of Helsinki, Public Works Dept	Vesalanpuisto park (landscape planning and design)*	
8-11/1998	VR-Rata Ltd (National Railroads)	landscape design for Leppäkoski Railroad Bridge (project leader)*	
1998-1999	City of Espoo, Merita Bank, Asuntosäätiö	Piispansilta (formerly Matinkyläntie) street and Piispanaukio (formerly Ezstergominaukio), urban design and landscape design*	
9-/1998	Finnish Road Administration	Klaukkalantie and Virkkalantie street refurbishments, landscape design	
5/1998	City of Lappeenranta	Katajasaarentori square and Pikisaarenpuisto park, design*	
2/98	City of Helsinki, Public Works Dept	Kauppatori Market Square refurbishment, public design and visualization	
12/97	Skanska International, Sundsvall, Sweden	Bullerskydd i Timrå, noise barriers, design report	

#### Work experience and projects as an aspiring landscape architect:

- 6-9/95 Landscape architect trainee, Designs for neighborhood development, City Planning Department of Helsinki
- 9-10/94 Landscaping Design for Taivalkoski, The Environment Centre of Northern Finland (implemented 1995)
- 7-9/93 Assistant designer, Technological Research Centre of Finland, visualizing a fishway
- 7-12/93 Ideas for rest-stops, commissioner the Finnish National Road Administration (FinnRA), district Uusimaa
- 6-7/91, landscape architect trainee, Technical Office of Riihimäki town, Department of Town Planning, landscape and ecological survey for the Master Plan and design tasks such as a neighbourhood park

91-92, 12/92 landscape architect trainee, Technical Office of Riihimäki town, Department of Town Planning, part time  
6/1990 field practice in the University of Helsinki Botanical Garden  
9-12/90 student assistant in the Degree Programme in Landscape Architecture, part time  
In addition, separate projects such as garden design for private clients and graphic design.

### Music, theater and other attainments

2017 "Metsänpeitto" (Forest cover), collaborative theater performance (actress, making/performing the signature music)  
2016 Workshop "Acting with Camera" by the actor Juha Kukkonen, acting, improvising and editing of scenes  
2015 Singing ensemble, University of the Arts, Sibelius Academy Open University  
2015 Music, Space and Interaction, collaborative workshop, University of the Arts, Sibelius Academy Open University  
2/2015 one of the five actors in Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Drama Shop production The Day The World Stood Still, a play/interactive performance of an improvisational and collaborative theater project directed by Charlotte Brathwaite, Cambridge, USA  
2014 Musical Theater Workshop, pass, at MIT Theater Arts by Anna Kohler  
2004 Examination I in classical solo singing, Espoo Music Institute, Finland (16/25p)  
2000 Examination 2/2 in classical solo singing, Espoo Music Institute, Finland (15/25p)  
2000 Examination in archipelagic navigation (sailing)  
1989 Diploma in Music, Riihimäki Music Institute, majoring in piano  
1989 Examination I in classical piano playing (19/25p)

Numerous public performances in solo singing, piano playing and accompanying soloists as well as choir since 1986, most recently as a member of the pop/rock/folk A-joy ensemble 2007-2017.

On my free time I enjoy

- traveling, mainly for the purpose of exploring new landscapes and experiencing them by
- sketching and watercolors, as well as approaching the topic in my long journey of
- scientific endeavors towards a PhD
- making music and performing; having started with piano and accompanying soloists, advanced to classical singing and engaging with band playing, singing and songwriting for A-ilo.
- as a physical exercise to stay fit in body and mind I alternate in latin dances, cross country skiing, kayaking
- my most recent passion is to find creative ways to combine (moving) image, sound and performance in unique ways and have thus started to explore the world of filmmaking and acting, triggered by my experience of theater and performance in the US.