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Biography

I am a postdoctoral researcher in Information Studies and Minorities Reserach Profile at Åbo Akademi University, Finland. I am a qualitative and quantitaive researcher in the fied of Information studies and Migration studies. My doctoral research was about understanding the information seeking behaviour of migrant women from socio-cultural perspective and in the context of integration. The title of my doctoral thesis was "Navigating new horizons of socio-cultural transition – Information seeking behaviour of migrant women in the context of integration" available at https://www.doria.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/190844/kainat_khadijah.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y .

Previously, I have been working as a visiting researcher at University of Borås, Sweden and had the pleasure to learn and work with capable professors, researcher and doctoral students in the Swedish School of Library and Information Science.

I am currently working on a postdoctoral research project "MobileFutures" <https://mobilefutures.fi/> and working on diversity, trust and two-way integration of migrants.

My research interests include information practices, information literacy, information landsacpe, socio-cultural aspects, forced migration, refugees, integration and digital information literacy in the AI era.

Qualifications

PhD, Doctor of Philisophy in Information Studies, Åbo Akademi University
Award Date: 14 Mar 2025

Master, Masters in Information and Knowledge Management , Åbo Akademi University
1 Aug 2016 → 3 Apr 2018
Award Date: 3 Apr 2018

Bachelor, Bachelor of Honors (Accounting and Finance), Nilai University
Award Date: 27 Oct 2010

Master, Masters in Business and Administrative (MBA), HELP University
1 Jan 2011 → 30 Oct 2012

Employment

Research Associate

School of Business and Economics
Åbo Akademi University
1 Jan 2025 → 30 Jun 2026

Visiting Researcher

University of Borås
Borås, Sweden
1 May 2019 → 30 Oct 2019

Publications

Sociocultural barriers to information and integration of women refugees

Kainat, K., Eskola, E.-L. & Widén, G., 22 Dec 2021, In: Journal of Documentation.

Health Information Literacy: The Saving Grace During Traumatic Times

Ghorbanian Zolbin, M., Kainat, K. & Nikou, S., 23 Jun 2021, *34th Bled eConference Digital Support from Crisis to Progressive Change: June 27 – 30, 2021, Online Conference Proceedings*. Pucihar, A., Kljajić Borštnar, M., Bons, R., Cripps, H., Sheombar, A. & Vidmar, D. (eds.). University of Maribor: University of Maribor, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, p. 295-308

User Information Satisfaction among Female Refugees and Immigrants as Assessed by the Level of Information Literacy on Social Media

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Adding the information literacy perspective to refugee integration research discourse: a scoping literature review

Eskola, E.-L., Khan, K. S. & Widén, G., 19 Dec 2020, *Information research: an international electronic journal: Special supplement: Proceedings of ISIC, the Information Behaviour Conference, Pretoria, South Africa, 28-30 September, 2020.* . (Information research: an international electronic journal; vol. 25, no. 4 Special supplement: Proceedings of ISIC 2020).

The cultural landscape of women refugees in Sweden - a road to information and integration

Khan, K. S. & Eskola, E.-L., 19 Dec 2020, *Information research: an international electronic journal: Special supplement: Proceedings of ISIC, the Information Behaviour Conference, Pretoria, South Africa, 28-30 September, 2020.* . (Information research: an international electronic journal; vol. 25, no. 4 Special supplement: Proceedings of ISIC 2020).

Participant observation approach to study refugees' information practices

Khan, K. S., 28 Oct 2020, *Information Research Days*. 2-3 ed. Informaatiotutkimuksen yhdistys - ITY ry, Vol. 39. p. 89-92 4 p. (Informaatiotutkimus).