

My researcher career started in the early 1990s. From the beginning, I have been inspired by the social constructionist theory. Born and educated in Turku, Finland, I moved in 1989 to the then-Soviet Republic of Estonia (independent from 1991), and worked within an emerging alternative, independent institution of higher education – from 1997 as Professor of Sociology at the Estonian Institute of Humanities; in 1998-2001 as the institute's Rector (principal); and in 2005-2008 as the Director of its Centre for Civil Society Studies and Development. In 2005, the institute merged with Tallinn University. I also served three terms as the President of the Estonian Sociological Association (1998-2003). Much of my scientific work is related to the development of civil society in Estonia and more generally, in Central and Eastern Europe. From 2006, I am Professor and Chair of the Sociological Unit of the Åbo Akademi University, Finland's Swedish-speaking university located in Turku. The courses I currently teach include Methodology of Social Sciences, Sociology of Knowledge, Qualitative Research Methods, and Sociology of Organizations. My current research interests are rather broad, including Science and Technology Studies; studies in ethnic minorities; social theory; methods; and sociology of culture and the Arts. See the CV below or my complete list of publications in [http://users.abo.fi/mlagersp/Lagerspetz\\_publ.pdf](http://users.abo.fi/mlagersp/Lagerspetz_publ.pdf) .

Curriculum vitae

- Full name and date

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- Date and place of birth, nationality, contact

Born 23 February 1963 in Turku, Finland

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- Education and degrees awarded

Dr. rer. pol., University of Turku, Sociology, 1996 (Faculty of Social Sciences), mark: *eximia cum laude approbatur*

M.A. University of Turku, Sociology, 1989

Student examination, Turun Normaalikoulun lukio 1981

Docent of Sociology, especially studies of Estonia and Eastern Europe, University of Turku, 1998 -.

- Employment

Professor of Sociology, Chair, Åbo Akademi University, 2006- present.

Estonian Institute of Humanities (from May 2005, Tallinn University): Professor of Sociology, 1997-2008 (re-elected 2003; in 2006-2008 with a reduced working load of 0.2); Director of the Centre for Civil Society Studies and Development, 2005-2008; Rector, 1998-2001; Lecturer, 1990-1997.

Nordic Council for Research on Alcohol and Drugs: Research Assistant, 1994 (3 months).

Conductor of wind orchestras at the Auranlaakso Civic Institute (1987-1989) and the Swedish Workers' Institute in Turku (2008- present).

Military service October 1983-June 1984

- Personal research grants:

2015-2016: Archimedes Foundation

1998-1999: Kone Foundation

1997: University of Turku Foundation

1994: Helsingin Sanomat Centennial Foundation

1993: Finnish Foundation for Alcohol Research

- Leadership for research projects (a selection):

2011-2013: Strategic Choices of Estonian Civic Associations. Estonian Science Foundation

2010: Estonian immigrants' participation in cultural and associational life. Finnish Ministry of Culture and Education

2009: Indicators for the Objectives of the Estonian Concept of Civil Society Development. Estonian Ministry of Interior Affairs

2007: Discrimination in Estonia: A Population Survey. Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs

2005-2006: Roles and Attitudes in the Estonian Civil Service. Estonian State Chancellery

- Participation in research projects (a selection):

2013-2016: Temporal Arrangements in Work – Experiences among Different Occupational Categories. Finnish Work Environment Fund

2000-2016: Compendium of Cultural Policies and Trends in Europe. Council of Europe

2011-2014: Citizens Resigned? A Comparative Inquiry into the Causes of Closure for Voluntary Associations in Finland and Estonia. Kone Foundation

2007-2013: Diversity in the European Public Sphere: EUROSPHERE. EC 6 Framework

2004-2007: POLITIS: Building Europe with New Citizens? An Inquiry into the Civic Participation of Naturalised Citizens

and Foreign Residents in 25 Countries. EC 6 Framework  
2006: The Dimension of Foundations in the European Union. European Foundation Centre  
2003-2004: Migrants, Minorities, Belonging and Citizenship. Globalization and Participation Dilemmas in EU and Small States: GLOCALMIG. EC 5 Framework  
2001: The CIVICUS Index on Civil Society. CIVICUS  
1990-1998: Baltica: Prevalence and Perception of Social Problems around the Baltic Sea. Nordic Council for Alcohol and Drug Research

- Supervision of doctoral theses:

Erle Rikmann (2012, University of Helsinki); Merike Sisask (2011, Tallinn University); Marge Unt (2007, Tallinn University); Airi-Alina Allaste (2006, University of Helsinki); Elena Jurado (2002, University of Oxford).  
Opponent of doctoral dissertation, in Finland: 1998, 2002, 2003, 2012; 2015; 2020; in Estonia: 2002; 2003; 2003; 2006; 2006; 2010; 2010; 2012; 2012; 2016; 2019; 2020; in Sweden: 2008.  
Several memberships of Degree Committees for doctoral candidates in Finland, Estonia and Sweden.

- Positions of trust and expertise and other social merits (a selection):

The Finnish Journal of Ethnicity and Migration: Member of Editorial Council, 2006-2010.  
Alkoholizm i Narkomania (Poland): Member of Program Council, 2005-.  
Sosiologia (Finland): Member of Editorial Council, 2007-2009.  
Expert for the Swedish Research Council and for the Academy of Finland, both 2016  
European Cultural Policy Research Award: Member of the Jury, 2004-2010.  
Aleksanteri Institute, Expertise in Russian and Eastern European Studies: Member of the Advisory Board, 2017-.  
Institute of Migration: Vice Member of the Board, 2015-.  
Swedish Literary Society in Finland: Member of the Expert Committee of Social Sciences, 2015-.  
Estonian Science Foundation: Member of the Expert Committee of Social Sciences, 2003-2006.  
Numerous referee tasks for international journals and publishing houses.  
Nordic Association of Sociologists: Vice Member of the Board, 2012-2014.  
Institute of Global and European Integration Studies of the Corvinus University, Kőzseg, Hungary: Member of the International Advisory Board, 2010-.  
The Westermarck Society: Member of the Board, 2010-2014.  
Faculty of Social Sciences, Economy and Business: Member of the Board, 2015-2017; Vice Member 2017-2019; Member 2019- present.  
Department of Social Sciences, Åbo Akademi University: Member of the Board, 2013-2014.  
Faculty of Social Sciences and Economy: Member of the Board, 2006-2009.  
Estonian Association of Sociologists: President, 1998-2003 (re-elected twice).  
The Foundation for Finnish Institute in Estonia: Member of the Delegation, 2013-.  
Baltic-American Partnership Fund: Member of Estonian Local Expert Committee, 2001-2005.  
Open Estonia Foundation: Member of the Board, 2001-2004.  
Consultancy for the Estonian Ministry of the Interior on Civil Society and on Immigration issues, several occasions 2001-2014.  
Swedish Educational Society in Turku: Honorary Member, 2014.  
Wind Orchestra of the University of Turku: Conductor 1984-1989, Honorary Member, 1991.  
Estonian State Order of Pro Terra Mariana, 4th grade, 2005.

- Scientific publications:

More than 100 scientific publications, including eight edited or co-written volumes.  
Numerous popular articles and book reviews in newspapers and journals.  
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