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Male, born 15 February 1951 in Tornio, Finland. Studied economics, sociology, philosophy and mathematics at the University of Helsinki. Graduated in 1973, doctor in social sciences 1984.

Pursued a teaching career at the University of Helsinki first as a tenured Junior Lecturer, then as a tenured Senior Lecturer in economics. Docent in economics since 1988.

A Junior Research Fellow of the Academy of Finland in 1981-1984 and a Senior Research Fellow in 1987-1989. Honorary Visiting Research Fellow of the Centre for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Birmingham, UK, in 1989 and a Volkswagen Visiting Fellow at the Federal Institute for Soviet and East European Studies in Cologne, Germany, in 1989-1990.

From 1990 to 1995, Special Adviser in Soviet and East European economic affairs at the Bank of Finland. From 1995 to 1996, Acting Head of the Unit for Eastern European Economies at the Bank of Finland. From 1996 to 1997, Adviser to the Board of the Bank of Finland. From 1995 to 1997, full-time Professor in the Economics of Transition at the University of Helsinki.

Since January 1998 Head of the Bank of Finland Institute for Economies in Transition.

Coauthor, together with J. Pekkarinen, of the standard Finnish university textbook in economics (two volumes, various editions, also in Swedish and Estonian). Other publications include five Finnish-language books or large reports on Soviet and East European economics. Main publications in English include Socialism, Planning and Optimality (1984, published doctoral dissertation) and Economic Thought and Economic Reform in Soviet Union (1991, Cambridge University Press) as well as articles in journals and edited volumes. Some recent articles are collected in The Road to the Russian Market Economy (1998, Kikimora Publications). Editor and co-author of The Russian Economy in Crisis and Transition (1993, Bank of Finland). Co-author (with S. Lainela) of The Baltic Economies in Transition (1994, Bank of Finland).

Member of the Executive Committee of the Finnish Economic Association. Past member of the board of the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies.

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