

# Curriculum Vitæ

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## Personal information

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Nationality	Finnish
Date of birth	18 December 1959
Gender	Male

## Work experience

Dates	1 August 2014 – ongoing, permanent, full time
Occupation	<b>Professor of Societal Security</b>
Employer	<b>ARCTIC UNIVERSITY OF NORWAY (UiT)</b> , Faculty of Science and Technology, Department of Engineering and Safety, Tromsø, Norway <a href="https://en.uit.no/startside">https://en.uit.no/startside</a>
Type of Business	Academic institution
Main responsibilities	Teaching and research in the field of societal safety and security; project initiation and leadership; leader of the department's Research Group on 'Societal Security, Safety, Engineering, Environment and Emergency preparedness'
Other:	Visiting Professor at the <b>London School Of Economics</b> , Centre for International Studies, August 2018 - July 2019 (a research leave): <a href="http://www.lse.ac.uk/international-relations/centres-and-units/cis">http://www.lse.ac.uk/international-relations/centres-and-units/cis</a>

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Dates	1 May 2012-31 April 2014, full time
Occupation	<b>Senior Scientist</b>
Employer	<b>EUROPEAN COMMISSION</b> , DG Joint Research Centre (JRC), Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen, Ispra, Italy <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/joint-research-centre_en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/joint-research-centre_en</a>
Type of Business	International organisation
Main responsibilities	Management and coordination of multinational and cross-sectoral expert and authority networks (more than 100 organisations and tech companies, 250 individuals) in the context of the European Reference Network for Critical Infrastructure Protection (ERNICIP) <a href="https://erncip-project.jrc.ec.europa.eu/">https://erncip-project.jrc.ec.europa.eu/</a>

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Dates 1 January 2008 – 31 May 2012, full time  
Occupation **Senior Adviser**  
Employer **COUNCIL OF THE BALTIC SEA STATES** (CBSS) Permanent International Secretariat, Stockholm, Sweden <http://www.cbss.org>  
Type of business Intergovernmental organisation  
Main responsibilities Management and coordination of eleven countries' (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Russia and Sweden) competent authority networks in the field of 'civil security', including civil protection, border guard cooperation, nuclear and radiation safety, and anti-tax fraud cooperation. Liaison with other regional and international organisations, in fields such as sub-national cooperation (e.g. UBC, BSSSC, B-7) and police cooperation (Task Force of Cross-border Crime). Project initiation (basically EU DG funds). <https://www.cbss.org/safe-secure-region/>

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Dates 1 September 2001 – 31 December 2007, full time; on part-time leave 1 February 2004 – 31 December 2005 (while working for RECEP/GOPA, see below)  
Occupation **Senior Research Fellow**  
Employer **NORDREGIO – NORDIC CENTRE FOR SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT**, Stockholm, Sweden (under the Nordic Council of Ministries) <http://www.nordregio.se>  
Type of business Policy research and consulting  
Main responsibilities Initiating, managing and coordinating multinational capability building and research projects in the field of safety and security

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Dates 1 February 2004 – 31 December 2005, (80%) full time  
Occupation **Chief Expert on EU-Russian Federation relations**  
Employer **RUSSIAN-EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY** (RECEP), Moscow, Russia, hired by GOPA Consultants, Germany, on behalf of the European Commission. (No current website as the Centre was closed in 2006)  
Type of business Policy research, advice & non-profit consulting  
Main responsibilities Management and coordination of multinational research and policy advice teams in the field of EU-Russia relations, for clients such as the European Commission, Russia's State Duma, Russia's Presidential Administration, a variety of Russian ministries

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Dates 1 August 2000 – 30 July 2001, full time  
Occupation **Acting Director**  
Employer **Aleksanteri Institute – Finnish Centre for Russian and East European Studies, UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI** <http://www.helsinki.fi/aleksanteri>  
Type of business Academic educational and research institute  
Main responsibilities Leading an academic multidisciplinary educational and research institute, around 40 staff members and a large PhD programme

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Dates January 1995 – June 2000, full time  
Occupation **Senior researcher** 1998-2000  
**Research fellow** 1995-1997

Employer	<b>THE FINNISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (UPI)</b> , Helsinki, Finland
Type of Business	Research institute, think tank
Main responsibilities	Management of research and policy advice teams

## **Education**

Dates	February 1999
Title	<b>Doctor of Political Science</b>
Principal subjects	Political Science, International Relations
Organisation	University of Helsinki, Finland
Dates	September 1991
Title	<b>Master of Political Science</b>
Principal subjects	Political Science, International Relations, Political History, Russian Culture and Literature
Organisation	University of Turku, Finland

## **Languages**

Mother tongue	Finnish
Other languages	English (fluent) Russian (fluent) Swedish (fluent)/Scandinavian German (good command)

## **Publications**

Pursiainen's publications consist of more than one hundred twenty scholarly and popular-scientific publications, including sixteen authored or (co)edited books, on a variety of themes such as societal security, crisis management, critical infrastructure protection and resilience, regional cooperation and integration, comparative politics, state-society relations, international relations theory, foreign policy analysis, military policy, and Soviet/Russia's history and politics, published in different countries and in several languages. He has also published one fiction novel and two popular-historical biographies.

For a list of main publications, see [www.christerpursiainen.com](http://www.christerpursiainen.com) or [https://uit.no/om/enhet/ansatte/person?p\\_document\\_id=390840&p\\_dimension\\_id=88141](https://uit.no/om/enhet/ansatte/person?p_document_id=390840&p_dimension_id=88141)

## **Teaching and supervising**

Pursiainen has completed the Pedagogical Map course in May 2016 at the UiT The Arctic University of Norway, including, inter alia, his *Teaching philosophy*: <http://digitalmappe.uit.no/christer1234/>.

Currently Pursiainen teaches two Master-level courses at the UiT Department of Technology and Safety, namely on *Risk management* and *Resilience*.

In his current position at the UiT The Arctic University of Norway and earlier at the University of Helsinki, Finland, he has supervised numerous MA, BA and PhD students in their thesis work.

## **Project management**

Pursiainen has a considerable track record in initiating, leading and managing large-scale international projects, including several EU-funded (e.g. H2020, FP7, DG Echo, DG Home, INTERREG, TACIS) and Nordic (Nordforsk, NCM) projects.

For a list of main projects, see [www.christerpursiainen.com](http://www.christerpursiainen.com)

## **Current editorial positions**

*Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*, see <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/19444079>

## **Evaluation tasks**

Pursiainen has considerable experience in evaluating complex projects and programmes (most recently Horizon 2020 'Secure societies' calls, Czech Science Foundation, Swedish Civil Contingences Agency).

He regularly peer-reviews conference submissions, book manuscripts and especially journal manuscripts (most recently *Journal of European Integration*; *Cities*; *Security Dialogue*; *American Political Science Review*; *Journal of International Relations and Development*; *International Relations*; *Europe-Asia Studies*; *Safety Science*; *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy*; *Sustainability*; *International Journal of Critical Infrastructure Protection*; *International Journal for Disaster Risk Reduction*; *Infrastructures*; *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, etc.).

He also rather regularly evaluates Doctoral thesis manuscripts, professor/docent positions candidates etc. (most recently UiT/Norway; University of Helsinki; Defence Academy of Sweden).

## **Honorary awards**

1999: *UKK (Urho Kaleva Kekkonen) -prize*, handed over by the President of Finland Martti Ahtisaari, for the PhD dissertation *Beyond Sovietology*.

2011: Non-fiction *Finlandia prize candidate* for the Finnish-language biography of Lev Trotsky, and Academic bookstore's *Shadow non-fiction Finlandia prize best-selling winner* for the same book (2012).