

Curriculum Vitæ

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Summary

Dr Christer Pursiainen is permanent and full Professor of Societal Security at the Faculty of Science and Technology, Arctic University of Norway (UiT), in Tromsø, Norway. He is also Adjunct Professor (docent) of International Relations at the University of Helsinki (Finland) and holds a doctorate in Political Science from the same university.

During the 2018-2019 academic year, Pursiainen is holding a Visiting Professorship at the London School of Economics, LSE, International Relations Department, Centre for International Studies (UK).

Previously Pursiainen has worked in leading management and research positions in such institutions as the European Commission DG Joint Research Centre, (Italy, Ispra), Council of the Baltic Sea States, CBSS (Sweden, Stockholm); Nordregio, Nordic Centre for Spatial Development (Sweden, Stockholm); Russian-European Centre for Economic Policy, RECEP (Russian Federation, Moscow); Aleksanteri Institute - Finnish Centre for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Helsinki; and the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, UPI-FIIA (Finland, Helsinki).

His publications consist of about one hundred 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, international relations theory, foreign policy analysis, regional cooperation and integration, comparative politics, state-society relations, 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.

He has a considerable record in initiating and leading large-scale academic and non-academic international projects and expert networks.

For more information, see www.christerpursiainen.com

Personal information

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Date of birth	18 December 1959
Gender	Male

Work experience

Dates	1 August 2014 – ongoing, full time
Occupation	Professor of Societal Safety and Environment
Employer	ARCTIC UNIVERSITY OF NORWAY (UiT) , Faculty of Science and Technology, Department of Engineering and Safety, Tromsø, Norway
Type of Business	Academic institution
Main responsibilities	TEACHING AND RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF SOCIETAL SECURITY; PROJECT INITIATION AND LEADERSHIP <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teaching: Responsible for the Bachelor-level full course on Crisis Management and Master-level full course on Risk Assessment and Management. Supervising graduate and post-graduate students.• Projects: Leading the UiT part of the Horizon 2020 project IMPROVER (2015-2017), focusing on Critical Infrastructure Resilience; for more, consult http://improverproject.eu/; several other international projects

Dates	1 May 2012-31 April 2014, full time
Occupation	Senior Scientist
Employer	EUROPEAN COMMISSION , DG Joint Research Centre (JRC), Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen, Ispra, Italy
Type of Business	International organisation
Main responsibilities	MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF MULTINATIONAL AND CROSS- SECTORAL EXPERT AND AUTHORITY NETWORKS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordination and facilitation of the European Reference Network for Critical Infrastructure Protection (ERNICIP) and its Thematic Areas, comprised of about 120 European organisations (experimental facilities and testing laboratories, competent authorities, critical infrastructure operators and owners, manufacturers and vendors,

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academia) and 250 individual experts, divided into several priority areas, including CBRNE (chemical and biological risk detection, radiological and nuclear risk detection, explosives detection in aviation and non-aviation fields), cyber security, video surveillance analysis, and applied biometrics.

The focus of the work was on innovative technological security solutions and their EU-wide standardization, harmonization of testing and conformity assessment methodologies, and mutually recognized certification. Beside equipment, also related systems, processes and human dimension factors (training, certification of personnel) were considered.

The work was closely coordinated with the Member States, relevant European Commission Directorates-General and services (esp. DG Home, DG Move, DG Enterprise and Industry), European agencies (esp. ENISA), the European Standardisation Organisations (CEN, CENELEC and ETSI) as well as several relevant EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) projects.

For more, consult <https://erncip-project.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>

- In addition to the above, acting as Project manager of FP7 project The Critical Infrastructure Preparedness and Resilience Research Network (CIPRNet) on the JRC (partner) part; for more, consult www.ciprnet.eu

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 COMPETENT AUTHORITY NETWORKS IN THE FIELD OF SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE 11 CBSS MEMBER STATES
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil Security/Safety and Security: Secretary to the CBSS Expert Group on Nuclear and Radiation Safety; Liaison officer and CBSS representative within civil security and law enforcement related multilateral competent authority organizations and networks, such as Baltic Sea Region Border Control Cooperation/Baltic Border Committee, CBSS Expert Group on Customs Cooperation and Border Crossing, Directors-General Network of Civil Protection of the Baltic Sea States, Baltic Sea Region General Prosecutors Network, Baltic Sea Task Force on Organised Crime, CBSS Senior Officials Group on Tax Cooperation (on anti-fraud activities).

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- Maritime Issues: Secretary to the CBSS Expert Group on Maritime Policy 2009-2010.
 - Transnational Cooperation: Liaison officer with the Baltic Sea Region transnational sub-regional organizations (BSSSC, B7, CPMR, UBC etc.).
 - R&D activities: Large-scale capacity building projects together with competent authorities from the CBSS Member States, fund raising (from the EU and CBSS Member States) and project management.
 - Coordination with the EU: In all above activities, a close cooperation and coordination with relevant EU bodies (mainly EEAS, DG REGIO, DG MARE, DG ECHO, and relevant EU agencies) was required.
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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 Employer	Senior Research Fellow NORDREGIO – NORDIC CENTRE FOR SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT , Stockholm, Sweden (under Nordic Council of Ministries) http://www.nordregio.se
Type of business	Policy research and consulting
Main responsibilities	INITIATING, MANAGING AND COORDINATING MULTINATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING AND RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF SAFETY AND SECURITY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research & Development & Training: Initiating and leading large-scale multinational and multidisciplinary research, policy advice and training projects in the field of civil security/civil protection. Extensive fund-raising. The beneficiaries/clients included, inter alia, European Commission/EU (DG HOME, DG ECHO), Nordic Council of Ministers, Council of the Baltic Sea States, different ministries, agencies and local administrative units in the Nordic countries, private companies etc.

Dates	1 February 2004 – 31 December 2005, (80%) full time
Occupation Employer	Chief Expert on EU-Russian Federation relations RUSSIAN-EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC POLICY (RECEP) , Moscow, Russia (hired by GOPA Consultants, Germany, on behalf of the European Commission)
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-RUSSIAN RELATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervising the centre's department responsible for request-based research and consulting on EU-Russian relations in the "four common spaces" between the EU and Russia, including the Common Space of Freedom, Security, and Justice. The beneficiaries/clients included, inter alia, the European Commission/EU, the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, the

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Russian government and several ministries, the Russian State Duma and the Federation Council.

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 EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE

- Supervising a staff of about 40 persons, an interdisciplinary master's program with about 180 students, a graduate program with 20 Ph.D. students, carrying out broad non-academic activities in terms of education and training, consulting (the government, ministries etc.) and databanks, as well as an extensive publication series; extensive fundraising.

Dates January 1995 – June 2000, full time
Occupation **Senior researcher** 1998-2000
Research fellow 1995-1997
Employer **THE FINNISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (UPI)**, Helsinki, Finland <http://www.fia.fi>
Type of Business Research institute, think tank
Main responsibilities MANAGEMENT OF RESEARCH AND POLICY ADVICE TEAMS

- Supervising the institute's Russia-related research, consulting and advising governmental agencies, businesses and civil society organisations on security policy issues.

Dates September 1993 – December 1994, full time
Occupation **Translator, interpreter** (Finnish-Russian-English)
Employer **ABB** (Finland), working site located in Samara, Russia
Type of Business Electrification
Main responsibilities Interpreting and translating (Russian-English-Finnish-German), as well as negotiating with the local authorities in a large Russian military town construction project, funded by the government of Germany

Education, training and academic titles

Dates 2004
Title **Adjunct Professor (docent)**
Principal subjects International Relations
Organisation **UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI**, Finland (a post-doc position based on peer-reviewed record of publications and teaching test)

Dates February 1999
Title **Doctor of Political Science**
Principal subjects Political Science, International Relations

Organisation	UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI , Finland
Dates	September 1991
Title	Master of Political Science
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) German (good command)

Skills and competences

- Extensive experience in writing academic and scholarly books, articles and reports (about a dozen books, and altogether around one hundred academic publications in different languages and countries).
- Extensive experience in initiating, coordinating and leading complex international initiatives and projects as well as stakeholder networks, including several large-scale European capacity-building projects.
- Excellent leadership, managerial and teamwork skills, creating team spirit and encouraging the exchange of ideas.
- Especially experienced in leading and coordinating multinational expert and authority cooperation, as well as and working in a multicultural team.
- Broad experience in diverse strategy planning.
- Extensive experience in international fund-raising, managing large-scale budgets and related financial and managerial issues.
- Extensive experience in organising multinational workshops, seminars, conferences, exhibitions.
- Four-year experience in organising and facilitating high-level political summits and ministerial meetings (CBSS prime ministers and line-ministerial meetings, together with various national ministries).
- Experience in evaluation of complex projects and programmes (most recently e.g. Horizon 2020 “Secure societies” calls, Czech Science Foundation, Swedish Civil Contingences Agency), conference submissions, peer-reviewing manuscripts (most recently e.g. Security Dialogue, American Political Science Review, Journal of International Relations and Development, Europe-Asia Studies etc.), and supervising and evaluating Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral thesis manuscripts (UiT of Norway, University of Helsinki).
- Ability to focus on the essential, to work efficiently and to produce results under pressure; decisive and able to prioritize effectively and to welcome challenges.
- Well-experienced in various quality management (ISO 9000 family of standards) and risk management (ISO 31000 family of standards) aspects, and in reporting in accordance with deadlines and strict quality standards.

- Excellent ability to popularize research and complicated issues and in participating in the public debates in the media (including more than a hundred newspaper articles, a monthly columnist of the Finnish second largest newspaper 2003-2007, tens of TV and radio interviews etc.).
- Extensive experience in giving academic and non-academic lectures and presentations on multiple topics; in consulting international organizations, governmental bodies in several countries, and non-governmental organizations as well as businesses.
- A comprehensive pedagogic training course from the UiT, Norway.
- Good knowledge of science and innovation administration, policies, institutions and infrastructures on different levels; good understanding of the main driving forces within science and technology management.
- A huge existing network and good knowledge of main networking forums and collaboration channels within the fields of safety and security as well as science and technology; including universities, research and educational institutes, competent authorities, professional associations, the businesses and the industry, non-governmental actors etc.
- Good understanding of how to move from theory to practice.
- Excellent negotiation and problem-solving skills, ability to tolerate different points of view and consolidate joint approaches.
- Experienced in communicating clearly, courteously and interactively in multinational settings, taking into account the audience.
- A flexible and well-balanced person with a good sense of humour, sense of diplomacy and discretion; high social and intercultural sensibility and flexibility; a team player.

Main fields of expertise

Excellent theoretical, practical and operational well-documented knowledge of the following topics:

- International relations, international security and geopolitics, international cooperation, international institutions and transnational organisations
- Societal security, civil security, civil protection, critical infrastructures, crisis management, safety and security (at sea and on land)
- Comparative politics, democracy, democratisation, civil society, transition economies, "hybrid regimes"
- Spatial planning, sustainable development (economic-social-environment relationship)
- European integration, European institutions
- EU-Russia relations
- Baltic Sea Region cooperation, Northern Dimension, Nordic cooperation, Arctic cooperation
- Domestic and international policies of the Russian Federation, post-Soviet political space

Computer skills and competences

- Microsoft Office tools
- Experience in initiating and leading database construction projects
- Experience in initiating and leading geographic information system (maps, spatial planning) projects

Other

- 1999: UKK-prize, handed over by the President of Finland (Martti Ahtisaari) for the dissertation "Beyond Sovietology"
- 2011: Non-fiction Finlandia prize candidate for the Finnish-language biography of Leon Trotsky, and Academic bookstore's "shadow non-fiction Finlandia prize winner" for the same book (2012)
- Active memberships: EC's "European Reference Network for Critical Infrastructure Protection" (<https://erncip-project.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>) Academic Committee
- List of main scholarly publications, by request or consult www.christerpursiainen.com
- List of main projects, initiated and/or led by Christer Pursiainen, by request or consult www.christerpursiainen.com