

Dr. Christer Pursiainen's CV

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Nationality Finnish
Date of birth 18 December 1959
Gender Male
Family status Married, two grown up children

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 activities and responsibilities	TEACHING AND MAKING RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF SOCIETAL SECURITY; PROJECT INITIATION AND LEADERSHIP In terms of teaching, Pursiainen is currently responsible for the Bachelor-level full course on Crisis Management and Master-level full course on Risk Assessment and Management. He also supervises both Bachelor and Master Theses. In terms of research activities, he leads the UiT part of the Horizon 2020 project IMPROVER (2015-2017), focusing on Critical Infrastructure resilience.
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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 activities and responsibilities	MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF MULTINATIONAL AND CROSS-SECTORAL EXPERT AND AUTHORITY NETWORKS Coordination and facilitation of the European Reference Network for Critical Infrastructure Protection (ERNICIP) and its Thematic Areas, comprised of about 120 European organisations and 250 individual experts (experimental facilities and testing laboratories, competent authorities, critical infrastructure operators and owners, manufacturers and vendors, academia) 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 is 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) are considered. The work is closely coordinated with the Member States, relevant European Commission Directorates-General and services (especially DG Home, DG Move, DG Enterprise and Industry), 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, see http://ipsc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/index.php/ERNICIP/688/0/ In addition to the above, acting as Project manager of FP7 project CIPRNet on the JRC (partner) part; for more, see www.ciprnet.eu
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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 activities and responsibilities **MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF COMPETENT AUTHORITY NETWORKS IN THE FIELD OF SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE 11 CBSS MEMBER STATES**

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 etc.

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.

Dates 1 September 2001 – 31 December 2007, full time; on part-time leave 1 February 2004 – 31 December 2005 (while working at GOPA, see below)

Occupation **Senior Research Fellow**

Employer **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 activities and responsibilities **INITIATING, MANAGING AND COORDINATING MULTINATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING AND RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF SAFETY AND SECURITY**

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 **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) www.recep.ru

Type of business Policy research, advice & non-profit consulting

Main activities and responsibilities **MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION OF MULTINATIONAL RESEARCH AND POLICY ADVICE TEAMS IN THE FIELD OF EU-RUSSIAN RELATIONS**

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 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 activities and 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
www.upi-fiia.fi

Type of Business Research institute, think tank

Main activities and 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**

Employer **ABB** (Finland), working site located in Samara, Russia

Type of Business Electrification

Main activities and 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 of qualification awarded **Adjunct Professor (docent)**

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered International Relations

Name and type of organisation providing education and training University of Helsinki, Finland

Dates February 1999

Title of qualification awarded **Doctor of Political Science**

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Political Science, International Relations

Name and type of organisation providing education and training University of Helsinki, Finland

Dates September 1991

Title of qualification awarded **Master of Political Science**

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Political Science, International Relations, Political History, Russian Culture and Literature

Name and type of organisation
providing education and training

University of Turku, Finland

Personal skills and Competencies

Mother tongue(s)

Finnish

Other language(s)

	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	1	1	1
Russian	1	1	2
Swedish	1	1	1
German	2	2	3
Italian	5	5	5
(1 - excellent; 5 - basic)			

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, for a list of publications, see www.christerpursiainen.com)
- Extensive experience in initiating, coordinating and leading complex international initiatives and stakeholder networks, including several large-scale European capacity-building projects (see a list of initiated and/or led projects at www.christerpursiainen.com)
- Excellent leadership, managerial and team-work 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 (together with various national ministries) high-level political summits and ministerial meetings (CBSS prime ministers and line-ministerial meetings)
- 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 aspects (ISO 9000 family of standards), 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
- Good knowledge of science and innovation administration, policies, institutions and infrastructures on different levels
- 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 the main driving forces within science and technology management
- Good understanding of how to move from theory to practice

- Skills and competences (cont.)
- Excellent negotiation and problem-solving skills, ability to tolerate different points of view and consolidate joint approaches
 - Experienced in communicating clearly and courteously 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
 - civil security, civil protection, critical infrastructures, crisis management, safety and security (at sea and on land)
 - democracy, democratisation, civil society
 - spatial planning, sustainable development (economic-social-environment relationship)
 - European integration, European institutions
 - EU-Russia relations, "four common spaces"
 - Baltic Sea Region cooperation, Northern Dimension, Nordic cooperation
 - domestic and international policies of the Russian Federation
 - post-Soviet political space
 - transition economies, "hybrid regimes"
- 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

Awards

1999: *UKK-prize* 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).

Annexes by request or from

www.christerpursiainen.com

List of main **international Projects** led by Pursiainen

List of main **academic and scholarly Publications** by Pursiainen

List of main non- scholarly Publications by Pursiainen

List of main public lectures and presentations by Pursiainen