POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION
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Research areas
Knowledge, curriculum and curriculum change in higher education
Teaching, learning and engagement in higher education
Agency and communities of practice in higher education
Research-teaching nexus in academic work

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Research areas
- Generally: technology-supported learning environments, learning and interest (motivation)
- Computer-based simulations and games in teaching and learning
- Concrete and abstract representations in teaching and learning
- Digital competence (pupils and teachers)
- Inquiry learning, in particular in STEM education
- Interventions and teaching experiments

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Research areas
Environmental pedagogy and spatial socialization
Refuge, asylum and international mobility
Political subjectivity and agency
Lived and environmental citizenship
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**Research areas**
Multicultural education, global education  
Refugee studies  
Migration research  
Practice theory  
Action research

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game-based learning  
game-based assessment  
educational game design  
playing experience and engagement

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**Research areas**
Student engagement in higher education  
Pathways and background when attending higher education  
Adult learners in higher education  
The development of student’s self-regulative skills and epistemological beliefs  
Guidance and counselling in higher education  
Graduates’ employment and transition patterns to working life  
Social media and changing learning environments in university teaching  
Teachers’ expertise development and communities in higher education  
Challenges of internationalisation and transnationalisation in higher education
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Research areas
Multiliteracies
Literacies
Education in Finnish language and literature

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Research areas
Media education
Media literacy, digital literacy
Multiliteracy
Popular, youth and visual culture in learning
Public and critical pedagogy

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Research areas
Teacher’s professional ethics, school pedagogy, inclusive school
Purpose and purposeful teaching
Growth mindset pedagogy
Talent development

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Research areas
Teaching and learning in higher education, curriculum research and development in higher education, academic professionalism and sustainable community development in educational professional settings (primary and higher education)
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Research areas
Embodied cognition, multimodal learning and physiological aspects of learning
Collaborative learning - peer interactions, intersubjectivity and learning
Learning and development in early childhood education and elementary school
Inclusive and special education

Professor Zsuzsa Millei
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Areas for supervision:
Politics of childhood
Nationalism, childhood and education
Memories of childhood
Ethnography, autoethnography, collective biography
Creative methods

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Research areas (engineering higher education, vocational education)
teaching and learning (motivation, self-regulation and emotions)
development of expertise
professional growth
formal and informal learning environments

Tenure Track -researcher Maiju Paananen

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Research areas
Early childhood education policy and politics
Governance of early childhood education
Datafication in early childhood education
Policies and governance in the everyday live of children and teachers
Access to early childhood education

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**Research areas**
Datafication and digitalization of education policy
Transnational governance
Comparative and international education
Citizenship education and political socialization in institutions of formal education
Russian and post-Soviet education systems and education policies
Development aid to education
Actor-Network Theory and Science and Technology Studies in education research

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**Research areas:**
Culturally responsive education
Wordview education
Teachers’ intercultural competencies
Islamic religious education and inclusion of muslims in education
Growth mindset pedagogy

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**Research areas**
the development of teacher education
the development of teaching
the cultures of the school and teacher education
commitment to studying / supporting students
the development of the teacher’s professional growth
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grammar education
literature education
L1 education
conceptual change theory
teaching and assessment methods

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Research Areas
Early childhood special education
Children’s development, learning and wellbeing in early years
Early childhood education and care for infants and toddlers
Teachers’ stress and occupational wellbeing

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Research areas
Expansive learning and transformative agency for equity and sustainability
Learning pathways out of the margins among vulnerable groups
Professional biographies of re-training and re-skilling within the Finnish national strategies to eradicate homelessness or to face climate change
Formation of heterogeneous work coalitions and cross-sectoral partnerships to counteract poverty and climate change
Cultural-historical activity theory
The method of the Change Laboratory and related formative intervention methodologies
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Research areas
Adult education
Transforming work and learning
Learning and development in organisations
Work-life network collaboration
Learning networks and interventions
Collective expertise
Developmental Work Research
Cultural-historical activity theory (CHAT)

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Expertise
- educational assessment
- learning to learn
- transversal skills
- cognitive development
- statistical modelling

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Research areas
Educational philosophy and theory
Ethics of education
Ecological education
The basic issues in teacher education