

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## WORK

2007 -	Freelance Photographer & Journalist & Cinematographer
08/2012 -	Founder Member, Echo Photo Agency, Italy
08/2011 -	Founder Member, Collective 11, Finland
05/2011 - 06/2011	NBC Namibian Broadcasting Corporation, TV-journalist and Camera person, Windhoek, Namibia
04 - 06/2010	Talouselämä Magazine, Photographer, Helsinki
03 - 04/2010	Voima Magazine, Journalist and Photographer, Helsinki

## EDUCATION

2003 - 2006	High School Sibelius, Music and Dance programme, Helsinki, Finland
2008 - Present	University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland Major Photojournalism Minors Media Culture and Social Anthropology

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles and photos published in following magazines, newspapers & websites:

TIME LightBox (United States), Liberation (France), Internazionale (Italy), CNN Photo Blog (United States), Al Jazeera America (United States), Vogue India (India), SB Nation (United States), Die Zeit (Germany), El País (Spain), National Geographic Traveller (Russia), Photo Raw (Finland), Gioia (Italy), Brigitte (Germany), Re:Public (Sweden), Beam Magazine (Luxembourg), La Prensa (Columbia), NRW (Netherlands), El Tiempo (Mexico), VICE (Mexico), Sin Embargo (Mexico), Animal Politico (Mexico), Ruum (Estonia), Paris Atlantic (France), WOZ (Switzerland)

**In Finland:** Helsingin Sanomat, Suomen Kuvalehti, Image, Vihreä Lanka, Voima, Apu, HBL, Talouselämä, Kotiliesi, Olivia, Ilta-Lehti, Maailman Kuvalehti, Me Naiset, Kehitys, Ympäristö, AP, Katse, Häät, City, Juoksija, Ydin, Nuori Voima, OP-Pohjola, Aviisi, Iso Numero, Basso, Kauneus & Terveys, Seura, Ilta-Sanomat, Maailman Kuva, Aamulehti, Le Monde Diplomatique, Hämeen Sanomat, Työmaana maailma, Retki, H-lehti, PAM, Anna

## WORKED IN FOLLOWING COUNTRIES

Argentina / Austria / Bhutan / Brazil / Bolivia / Burma / Cambodia / Chile / Colombia / Ghana / Germany / Georgia / Greece / Guatemala / Ethiopia / Finland / India / Israel / Lebanon / Jordan / Kenya / Montenegro / Macedonia / Mexico / Namibia / Nepal / Nicaragua / Niger / Palestine / Russia / Thailand / Trinidad & Tobago / Serbia / Slovenia / Somaliland / Uganda / United States

## WORKED IN FOLLOWING DOCUMENTARY MOVIES

Name of the movie, <i>Location</i>	Producer, Time of the Production, Director
<b>Br-230 TransAmazon</b> / Brazil	RAI Italia, 2015, Gino Bianchi
<b>Story Tent</b> / Kenya	Vikes, 2013, Benjamin Oroza
<b>Robbing Burma</b> / Burma	Rauli Virtanen Productions, 2013 Rauli Virtanen
<b>Oasis</b> / Mexico	Oktober Oy, 2013, Alejandro Cárdenas SELECTED TO <b>Docpoint Film Festival</b> , Finland
<b>Voices of El Alto</b> / Bolivia	Videokuu, 2013, Benjamin Oroza (Bolivia) SELECTED TO <b>IDFA 2013 for Mid-Length Competition</b> , Netherlands SELECTED TO <b>Docpoint Film Festival 2014</b> , Finland SELECTED TO <b>Tampere Film Festival 2014</b> , Finland

## BOOKS

Name	Theme, <b>Publisher</b> , Year
<b>Finndians</b>	Photography book about the history and present of Finndians in USA, <b>WSOY</b> , Finland, 2016
<b>Riisuttu Suomi / Stripped Finland</b>	Photography book about workers in Finland, <b>Docendo</b> , Finland, 2015
<b>Oasis</b>	Photography book about HIV-positive Mayan Indians in Mexico, <b>Musta Taide</b> , Finland, 2013

## AWARDS

05/2015	Winner, PDN, The Marty Forscher Fellowship Professional Award, USA
12/2014	Honorable Mention / Pictures of the Year, UNICEF, Berlin, Germany
10/2014	Shortlisted Winners, VIPA international Awards, Austria
09/2014	Winner, Visa D'or Daily Press Award, Vida Pour L'image, Perpignan, France
06/2014	Winner, FreeLens Award, Lumix Photo Festival, Germany
03/2014	Winner, Photographer of the Year, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
03/2014	Winner, Foreign Reportage of the Year, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
06/2013	Carina Appel Memorial Award, Finland
03/2013	Photojournalism Award for Collective 11, Patricia Seppälä Foundation, Finland
03/2013	Winner, Photographer of the Year, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
03/2013	Winner, Multimedia of the Year, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
03/2013	Winner, Photo of the Year, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
03/2013	Winner, Foreign Reportage of the Year, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
03/2013	Winner, Portrait of the Year, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
10/2012	Tim Hetherington Memorial Award, USA
03/2012	Winner, Portrait of the Year, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
03/2012	Honor Mention in the category Foreign Reportage, Annual Press Photo Competition, Finland
03/2012	Finalist for Photographer of the Year, Finland
09/2003	4. Price, Kuusamo Nature Photo, Finland

## PHOTO EXHIBITIONS

Time	Location, Name of the Exhibition (translation), and City
01/2015	Finnish Museum of Photography, Alternative, Festival of Political Photography, Helsinki, Finland
10/2014	Festival della fotografia Etica, Taken, Lodi, Italy
10/2014	Center of Kamppi, Vapaita Unelmia (Freed Dreams), Helsinki, Finland
09/2014	Freelens Gallery, Taken, Hamburg, Germany
06/2014	Lumix Photo Festival for Young Photojournalism, Hannover, Germany
06/2014	Galleri Zebra, Kaukana kotoa (Far from Home), Karjaa, Finland
02/2014	Kuusamotalo, Faces of Mali, Kuusamo, Finland
10/2013	Fourth Image, Oasis, Paris, France
09/2013	Sanomatalo, Kaukana kotoa: Tabareybareyn tytöt (Far from Home: the girls of Tabareybareyn), Helsinki, Finland
09/2013	Think Company, Re-customized; Decolonized, Helsinki, Finland
09/2013	Rajala Pro Shop, Oasis, Helsinki, Finland
08/2013	Kaakkois-Suomen valokuvakeskus, Oasis, Lappeenranta, Finland
03/2013	The Center for Fine Art Photography, Re/customized; De/Colonized, United States
02/2013	The Photography Museum of Finland, Suomi / Finland, Collective 11, Helsinki
12/2013	Korjaamo, Oasis, Helsinki
12/2012	TRI, Suomi (Finland) by Collective 11, Tampere, Finland
09/2012	Kind of Blue, Re-customized; De-colonized, Copenhagen, Denmark
05/2012	Kotkan valokuvakeskus, Siirtolaisena kolmella mantereella (As an immigrant in three continents), together with Kukka Ranta, Kotka
05//2012	Pasifico, Perintö (Tradition), Helsinki, Finland
01/2012	Kaamosgalleria, Omalla paikallaan kolmella mantereella (In my place in three continents), Kuusamo, Finland
09/2011	Konst Hair & Gallery, Las peluqueras en la peluqueria / Parturit parturissa (Hairdressers in hairsalon), Helsinki, Finland
01/2009	Kuusamo Hall, Kaamos Gallery, Meeri Koutaniemen kuvia Intiasta ja Väli-Amerikasta (Meeri Koutaniemi's photos from India and Central America), Kuusamo, Finland
08/2008	Old Student House, Kahdella matkalla (Two journeys), Helsinki
05/2007	Culture and Art Center of Annantalo, Dalit – varjoton (Dalit – without a shadow), Helsinki, Finland
02/2007	Make it home, Short movie, script; directing and shooting by Meeri Koutaniemi, Modern Art Museum Kiasma, Helsinki Film selected for Stranger film festival in Amsterdam in July 2008 and World Village Festival in Spring 2008

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Time	Author, Purpose of the Scholarship
08/2014	Pohjois-Pohjanmaanrahasto, Pohjavirta -project in Kuusamo, Finland
02/2014	Finnish Cultural Foundation, Grant for photo project in Indian Reservations, United States
02/2014	Finnish Cultural Foundation, Grant for documentation of FGM, Somaliland, Ethiopia and Iraqi Kurdistan
07/2013	Otto A. Malm Foundation, Expenses of Photo Exhibition, Finland
06/2013	Finnish Church Fund, Scholarship for documentary movie script in Burma, Asia
05/2013	Finnish Church Aid, Peace Ambassador, Jordan, Somaliland and Burma
03/3013	Foreign Ministry of Finland, Scholarship for freelance journalism in Burma, Asia
01/2013	Taiteen edistämiskeskus, Expenses of printing a book Oasis, Finland
08/2012	PLAN, Scholarship for Ghana together with Kukka Ranta, Africa
05-08/2011	CI MO, North-South-exchange program for freelance journalism, Namibia, Africa
05/2010	Uuden Suomettaren Säätiö, Scholarship for photo essay in Occupied Palestinian Territories, Israel
03/2010	Foreign Ministry of Finland, Scholarship for freelance journalism in Ghana and Burkina Faso, Africa

## WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Time	Organizer, Theme of the course, Place
11/2014	Joop Swart Masterclass, World Press Photo, Amsterdam, Netherlands
09/2014 - 03/2015	VII Masterclass, Milano, Italy
10/2012	Eddie Adams Workshop, NY, USA
09/2012	Rob Hornstra, workshop, Helsinki
09/2011	Jodi Bieber, workshop, Helsinki
11/2009	Red Cross, Humanitarian law, Tampere

## TEACHING AND CONSULTING

Time	Employee, Work description, Place
04/2015	Humanitarian News (Inhimillisiä Uutisia), Editor in Chief, Helsinki, Finland
11/2014	Kuusamon Kansanopisto, Workshop of "Basics of Photojournalism", Kuusamo, Finland
08/2014	Plan Finland, Teacher of photography workshop for ex-Kamhalari slaves, Nepal
03/2014	Haaga-Helia, Teacher for conflict journalism course, Tbilisi, Georgia
10/2013	Vikes, Story Tent -cinema workshop leader, Nairobi, Kenya
04/2013	University of Namibia, Teacher of photojournalism, Namibia

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Finnish	Mother Language
English	Fluent
Swedish	Communicational skills
Spanish	Communicational skills
Portuguese	Learning
Italian	Learning