

Helena Marja Teräväinen

(nee Teräväinen-Nikula, born Teräväinen)

born 1952, Paavola, Finland

Education and degrees awarded

- Doctor of Science (Architecture: Urban Design and Planning) 17th October 2006, Helsinki University of Technology; now: Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, PO Box 11300, 00076 Aalto, Finland
- Masters of Architecture 19th March 1979, University of Oulu
- *Shortlisted for "Professor in Architecture (Urban Planning)" in Oulu University Department of Architecture 2018 (2nd of all the 12 candidates)*

Other education and training, qualifications and skills

- Pedagogical studies for visual culture art teachers, 2007, University of Art and Design & Helsinki University, Helsinki (60 ECTS)
- Expert-program to experienced professionals in urban and regional planning (YTK) 1999-2000
- "Kulturmiljön i det nordiska samhället" 2001-2002 Nordic expert program organized by Nordregio and professor Christer Bengts in Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Finland
- Nordplan, Stockholm: Samhällsplanering i ett integrerat Europa VUB 1996 (Nordic expert program in Stockholm, Amsterdam and Rotterdam)

Linguistic skills

Mother tongue: **Finnish**

Other languages: **Swedish, German, English**, (French, Italian, Russian)

Current position (Aalto University)

1) University Teacher and Senior Researcher in Urban Planning at the Department of Architecture, Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture 1.1.2010—present

- Including many different part-time teacher contracts and own research with outside funding
- 1.9.2014-28.2.2015 Deputizing Professor in Urban Planning 50%

2) Project manager and senior researcher (including teaching obligation) in InnoArch project at the Department of Architecture, Helsinki University of Technology 1.9.2007-31.12.2009

3) University Teacher in Urban Planning and Design at Department of Architecture in Helsinki University of Technology 1.9.2006 -31.7.2007.

* Several research grants in the working period 2012-2022

- 2012 grant for two months Visual Arts residency in New York, Finnish Cultural Institute
- 2014 grant from Art Council of Finland for editing the conference book *Architecture as Human Interface. 4th Architectural Research Conference 2012 (organized the symposium at Aalto).*
- 2014 grant from Finnish Cultural Foundation 2014 for Post-Doc Research on "The change of the cultural heritage: the concept, the landscape and the seer"
- 2015 grant from Finnish Cultural Foundation for organizing the Architectural Research Symposium 2015 "ARCHI+TECTONICS Architecture, Communities and Cities under Change"
- 2016 grant from Art Council of Finland "Aalto goes Lapua" Doctoral stables Summer School 2016

Other work experience

- 1) Visiting Professor in Juiz de Fora, UFJF (Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo) December 2016.
- 2) Regional Artist in Architecture, Arts Council of Ostrobothnia 1.1.2010- 31.12.2011, Vaasa. Works: Viljo Revell 100 years' book and exhibition, Childrens Art workshop during Kokkola Housing Fair etc.
- 4) Project architect in Environment Centre in West Finland, 31.10.2002- 31.12.2003, Vaasa. The first Policy for cultural environment in South Ostrobothia, a participatory process and the book "Lakiaa ja komiaa", photographs, the text and lay-out.
- 5) Regional Architect in Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia 1.8.2000-31.10.2002 (leading the new regional plan project, visualizing and developing new supplementary regulations according Landuse and Building Act, developing the inventory and documentation about cultural heritage in the area.
- 6) Part-time teacher at Children's Art School in architecture in Lapua 2001-2009
- 7) Visiting teacher at Bachelors' Degree of Architecture in Vaasa Polytechnics 1.8.1994 - 31.07.1995 Lapua as a target and students designing and renewing the town centre, also an exhibition in the still empty cartridge factory (to be the culture centre Vanha Paukku later.
- 8) Town Architect in Lapua 1984-2000 (2004) Head of the planning department, town and master planning, and running designing and renewing projects in the municipality: Old Paukku Culture Center 1992-2000, many schools, the swimming hall, new rental housing projects 1996-1999
- 9) Architect at different architect's offices in Oulu and Espoo 1974-1984

Awards, prizes and honours, grants for artistic work

- 2017, 2019, 2021 grant from Art Council of Finland for writing a book (Keskusteluja kauneudesta arkkitehtuurissa ilm.2021)
- 2010 Grant from Finnish Cultural Foundation in South Ostrobothia for an Exhibition of the Built Heritage: Kadonneiden jäljillä/ Hunting the lost ones. (working group 5000 e)
- 2010 Grant from Art Council of Finland (Children's culture) for writing a chapter about children and architecture in an educational book; together with Sini Meskanen, 3000e
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- 2009 Grant from Art Council of Finland for an Exhibition: Katse tilassa - Spatial Gaze, working group 7000 e
- Cultural Prize of Reg. Art Council Näkijän pallo (The Ball of the Seer) 2005. Award for defending and making architecture visible.
- Badge of Knight from the Order of Finnish Lion, President of the Republic 6.12.2005. Proposed by Suomen Arkkitehtiliitto SAFA for merits as town architect and planner.

Other academic merits

- Scientific Reviewer for papers and abstracts December 2018 for EDRA 50 BROOKLYN The Environmental Design Research Association's Annual Conference (May 2019)
- Scientific Reviewer December 2018 for abstracts for "Approaches and Methods in Architectural Research" NAF 2019 in Gothenburg
- Visiting Editor for Architectural Research in Finland ARF vol 3 (Scientific journal with double blind-reviewed articles from ATUT 2018)
- Coordinator and member of Scientific Board: Global North – Global Challenges and Local Responses in Contemporary Architecture, 10th Architectural Research Symposium in Finland ATUT 2018 (October 2018, Otaniemi)
- Scientific Reviewer for abstracts for EDRA49 Oklahoma City 2018: Social Equity by Design. Designing Connections Through Community.
- Visiting Editor: 2017: *Architectural Research in Finland ARF vol 1* (Scientific journal with double blind-reviewed articles from ATUT2015)
- Reviewer and session chair in NAF 2017 Symposium: Reflecting Histories and Directing Futures, 15–16 June 2017, Oslo
- Reviewer for "The 8th Annual Symposium of Architectural Research ARCHITECTURE AND EXPERIENCE NOW", 2016, Tampere University of Technology.
- Coordinator and member of Scientific Board: ARCHI+TECTONICS The 7th Symposium of Architectural Research in Finland 2015. Otaniemi
- Scientific Reviewer for papers and abstracts 2014-2015: EDRA The Environmental Design Research Association's Annual Conference;
- Editor (with Mina Di Marino) 2014 : *Architecture as Human Interface. 4th Architectural Research Conference 2012*. E-Book. <https://shop.aalto.fi/p/747-architecture-as-human-interface-2012/>
- Coordinator and member of Scientific Board: *Architecture as Human Interface. 4th Architectural Research Conference 2012. Otaniemi.*
- Reviewer in Nordic Journal of Architectural Research from 2009 – present
- Reviewer for the articles in the book (conference) *Architectural Competitions as Institution and Process*, edits. Editors: Andersson, J.E., Bloxham Zettersten, G. and Rönn, M., 2016.

Scientific and societal impact of research:

<https://research.aalto.fi/en/persons/helena-teräväinen/publications/>

Positions of trust in society and other societal merits

- Member of the delegates of Finnish Foundation for Technology Promotion 2018-2021
 - Member of NAAR (Nordic Association of Architectural Research) and accountant 2014-
 - Member of IAPS (International Association for People and Environment Studies) 2008-
 - Member of EDRA (The Environmental Design Research Association) 2008-
 - Member of DoCoMoMo (International Working Party for Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement) 2011-
 - Member of Delegates of Council of SAFA 2004-2015, and other duties in the organisation
 - Member of Executive Board of SAFA 2009-2010 Vice chair in counselling board for the planners' qualifications by FISE 2008-2009
 - Member (invited delegate) of RIBA's Counselling board of Qualification of the International Education Program in Vaasa Institute of Technology (Polytechnics) 1.8.1994-31.7.1995.
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- Chair of Architectural 2022-
 - Vice Chair of Lapua-seura (cultural association) 2015-
 - Member of the delegates of Lapua Foundation 2014-
 - Chair of Taito Art and Craft Association of South Ostrobothnia 2001-2015
 - Chair of Pohjola- Norden Association in Ostrobothnia 2005-2010
 - Chair of Cultural Heritage Association Nurkkakivi 1996-

