

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

London School of Economics and Political Science (9/2018-ongoing)
Department of Media and Communications

Program: Data, Networks, and Society

Specialisation: Data studies, politics of technology, digital communication

Thesis title: Data for good – Enactments and political capacities of data in the non-profit sector

MASTER OF SCIENCE

University of Oxford, Oxford Internet Institute (10/2017- 8/2018)

Program: Social Science of the Internet

Specialization: Digital government, digital politics, data studies.

MASTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

University of Helsinki, 9/2013-12/2014

Program: Political science: Research on administration and organizations

Specialisation: Sociological and discursive approaches to administration, government strategy, central government

Certified Minor Subjects: Science and Technology studies

Notes: Completed the 2-year program in just one year.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

University of Helsinki 1/2011-6/2013

Program: Political science: Research on administration and organizations

Specialisation: Metagovernance, central government

Certified Minor Subjects: Management studies

GYMNASIUM (UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL)

Lyseonpuiston lukio 8/2006-6/2009

Matriculation Exam in following subjects: Mother Tongue & Literature, History, Social studies, Advanced Mathematics, Advanced English, Intermediate Swedish; Advanced German

Professional experience

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Department of Political Science

Fulbright Visiting PhD Researcher, 15.9.2021 – 11.6.2022

Details: Visitor to UCSD Comparative Politics program, working on a project on Finnish Parliamentary practices

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Department of Government

Summer School Teacher, 1.8.-19.8.2022

Details: Class teacher on class SS-IR214 Public Policy Analysis

Department of Government

Graduate Teaching Assistant 1.10.2020- 10.6.2021

Details: Weekly teaching and essay grading for course GV263 Public Policy Analysis

VA INSIGHTS OY

Owner and CEO: 1.1.2022-

Details: I run a boutique consulting company in Finland, providing research and development services relating to public administration and public policy.

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Department of Media and Communications

Doctoral Student, 1.10.2018 – ongoing

Details: Research on the "Data for Good" movement and use of computational technologies in the non-profit sector.

UK DEPARTMENT OF DIGITAL, CULTURE, MEDIA, AND SPORTS

Digital Regulation Team

PhD Secondment, 1.11.2020-28.2.2021

Details: Research secondment to support UK ministry for digital affairs on digital regulation and governance.

FINNISH INNOVATION FUND SITRA

Analyst (part time), 1.2.2019- 31.8.2020

Details: Research analyst and lead writer for "Renovating the Republic" project in collaboration with the Parliament of Finland. In the project we collected 200 interviews with MPs, cabinet members, civil servants, and chief executives, and published three reports.

BROAD SCOPE MANAGEMENT CONSULTING OY

Specialist, 6.1.2015 – 17.9.2017

Details: Public management consulting for the Finnish Government, including ministries, central agencies, regional councils, and municipalities

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS, FINLAND

Graduate intern, Department of Communications Policy 1.9.-31.12.2014

Details: Drafting communications policy, support in drafting national and EU legislation, analysis and foresight on government digitalization and digital policy, responses to citizen inquiries.

NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE OF FINLAND

Graduate intern, Performance audit 1.5.-31.8.2014

Details: Research for master's thesis on government strategic management systems. My research was published as an official audit report "Strategy work in ministerial administration".

Intern, Performance audit 1.5. – 31.8.2013

Details: Member of audit project on the steering systems in the administrative field of the Ministry of Finance, audit of strategy systems and strategic steering of consolidated state services, reporting audit in two in-depth audit memos.

FINNISH CONSCRIPT UNION RY

Secretary General 1.1.2012-31.4.2013

Details: I worked as the chief of administration and operations for the civil society organization that protects the civil rights of army conscripts (Finland has universal male conscription in place).

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Aula, V. (2019). Institutions, infrastructures, and data friction – Reforming secondary use of health data in Finland. *Big Data & Society* 6(2). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053951719875980>

Under peer-review to journals

Aula, V & Raunio, T. (under review). The conditions of committee importance – drawing lessons from a qualitative case study of Finland.

Aula, V. & Bowles, J. (under review). Stepping back from Data and AI for Good – Current trends and ways forward.

Other publications

Leppänen, J., Aula, V., Konttinen, L. (2020). Miten tietoa käytetään päätöksenteossa -Selvitys kansanedustajien tiedonkäytöstä lainsäädäntötyöhön liittyvässä päätöksenteossa (available only in Finnish: How information is used in political decision-making? Report on the use of information by members of the parliament in legislative work). ISBN 978-952-347-199-3. Sitra reports 172.

Aula, V. & Konttinen, L. (2020). Miten kansaa edustetaan? Raportti kansanedustajien työstä eduskuntatyön uudistamiseksi (Representing the people. Report on the work of MPs to reform parliamentary practices (Available only in Finnish) ISBN 978-952-347-163-4. Sitra Reports 165. Helsinki.

Finnish Innovation Fund SITRA (as member of a writing team). (2018). Renovating the Republic (Available only in Finnish: "Kansanvallan peruskorjaus – Kaikki voimavarat käyttöön") SITRA working papers 2018. ISBN 978-952-347-032-3 (PDF). Sitra. Helsinki.

Aula, V. (2014). Strategiatyö ministeriöhallinnossa. Vertaileva selvitys strategiatyöstä osana hallinnonalojen ohjausjärjestelmiä (Available only in Finnish: Strategy Work in Ministry Administration. Comparative report on strategy work as part of ministerial steering systems) National Audit Office Reports 1/2014. ISBN 978-952-499-274-9. Edita Prima Oy. Helsinki.

National Audit Office of Finland (as member of the writing team). (2014). Valtiovarainministeriön hallinnonalan ohjausjärjestelmä (Available only in Finnish: Steering System of the Administrative Field of Ministry of Finance) Performance Audit Inspection Reports 9/2014. Edita Prima Oy. Helsinki.

Conference presentations

Aula, V. (2021). The limitations of data science in the non-profit sector - Why established political dynamics of non-profit data have lasting importance. Society for Social Studies of Science annual conference. Toronto, Canada

Aula, V. (2021). Where should STS follow data? – The future of studying data practices. Nordic Science And Technology Studies Conference 2021. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Aula, V., Konttinen, L., Leppänen, J. (2021). Kansanedustaja tiedon käyttäjänä – Keskeiset toimijat ja aikahorisontit. Annual conference of the Finnish Political Studies Association. Turku, Finland.

Aula, V. (2021). Innovatiivista datan käyttöä vai perinteistä mittaamista? Kokemuksia laskennallisten työkalujen käytöstä Iso-Britannian kolmannella sektorilla. Annual Conference of the Finnish Sociological Association. Helsinki, Finland.

Aula, V. (2021). Facilitating critical data skills among social sector non-profits and charities. Data Justice conference 2021. Cardiff, United Kingdom.

Aula, V. (2020). Doing Good With Data – Bottom-up And Instrumentalist Notions Of Data In The UK Non-profit Sector. Society for Social Study of Science (4S) / European Association for Study of Science and technology (EASST) Annual conference 2020. Prague, Czech Republic.

Aula, V. (2020). 'The Digital Dilemma and Divides of Small Charities in the UK. Annual conference of the International Association of Media and Communications Research IAMCR 2020. Online Conference Papers. (Conference arranged online due to COVID19 pandemic)

Aula, V. (2019). How are data sets imbued with political capacities? Annual conference of Rajapinta ry (scientific association that advocates the social scientific study of ICT in Finland). 8.11.2019. Aalto University. Helsinki.

Aula, V. (2019). The discontents of data abundance. Data regimes and power in Finnish health data landscape. Data Power 2019 conference. 13.9.2019. University of Bremen, Bremen.

Aula, V (2019). Where digital worlds meet. Exploring civic hackathon events through an ontological framework. University of Warwick Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies Postgraduate conference 2019. 27.6.2019. University of Warwick. Warwick.

Aula, V (2019). Data disrupting disciplines? Exploring the interface between science and technology studies and media and communications. LSE Department of Media and Communications PhD Symposium. March 19th 2019. LSE. London.

Grants

Fulbright Finland Foundation: \$20.000. ASLA-Fulbright Postgraduate grant for visiting doctoral students to spend 9 months in a US university.

Economic and Social Research Council PhD Scholarship: £85.000. Full 4-year maintenance and tuition scholarship for doctoral research for outstanding research that has potential for significant social impact.

Emil Aaltonen foundation young researcher's scholarship: €28.000. One-year scholarship for doctoral research.