



Department of Teaching and Learning, Policy and Leadership

## The Finnish Educational System from Early Childhood through Age 15: Principles, Practices, and Insights



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Prof. Riitta-Liisa Korkeamäki (Ph.D., University of Oulu, Finland, in 1996) studied as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Maryland as a doctoral student 1989-1990. A former teacher and teacher training school mentor, she is a professor at the University of Oulu where she served as Head of the Department of Education and Teacher Education (2003-2009) and as Dean of the Faculty of Education (2010 -2016). Her research focuses on teaching and learning in early childhood and school settings. Recently, her research has dealt with new literacies in national projects such as Future School First and Second Wave and the Joy of Reading program. In addition, she is a member of international projects such as Young Children (0-8) and Digital Technology and newly-funded by the COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Action network on the Digital and Multimodal Practices of Young Children. She is guiding several doctoral students in this area and has published in international journals on these issues. Other research areas include issues in curriculum in Finland and in developing countries such as Namibia. She has participated in developing curriculum in teacher education in Armenia and Namibia.

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