

Curriculum Vitae Prof. Dr. Noora J. Ronkainen

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Current position

Assistant Professor
Department of Sport Psychology and Research Methods
University of Bern, Switzerland

Academic positions held

- 03/2019 – 02/2021 Senior Researcher (H2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowships)
University of Jyväskylä
Department of Psychology
(incl. 6 months as visiting researcher, Norwegian School of Sport Sciences, Oslo)
- 07/2018 – 02/2019 Project Researcher (0.25 FTE)
University of Jyväskylä
Department of Psychology
- 04/2017 – 02/2019 Postdoctoral researcher (Alfred Kordelin foundation fellowship)
Liverpool John Moores University
School of Sport and Exercise Sciences
- 03/2015 – 03/2017 Postdoctoral researcher
Shanghai Jiao Tong University
Exercise, Health and Technology Center
Dissertation: Narratives of identity in sport and exercise.
- Visiting researcher at Qufu Normal University
Qufu, Shandong, China

Education

- 08/2011 – 01/2015 PhD, Aarhus University.
Dissertation: An Existential-narrative perspective on career, identity and spirituality in sport.
- 08/2009 – 11/2011 Master of Science (MSc), University of Jyväskylä and University of Thessaly (double degree).
Thesis: 'That is why I gave in to age my competitive ability, but not my soul!' A spiritual journey in endurance running.
- 06/2007 – 10/2009 Master of Theology, University of Helsinki.
Thesis: Megiddo VA-IVB – Salomon Kaupunki? [Megiddo VA-IVB – King Solomon's city?]
- 08/2004 – 06/2007 Bachelor of Theology, University of Helsinki.

Awards

International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP) Developing Scholar Award, 2021.

Research Funding

EU H2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Individual Fellowship (January, 2018). "Learning and Being in Sport: A Phenomenological Investigation (Learn²)". Total Score 98.20% (Threshold: 70/100.00). 179 325,60 €

Chinese Postdoctoral Science Foundation (May, 2016). "Running for life? Gender and lifelong participation in Chinese non-elite running". 6 700 €

Jakobs foundation (February, 2016). Early Career Scholar Travel Grant for the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD) Conference. 900 €

Finnish Foundations Postdoctoral Grant (March, 2015). Individual grant for a 2-year project "Psychology of Sport Coaching to Support Top Performance and Lifelong Participation". 86 000 €

Mobility grant, Aarhus University (December, 2013). Research visit to Liverpool John Moores University, January – May 2014. 4300 €

PhD Fellowship, Faculty of Health, Aarhus University (August 2010-October 2014). 117 000 €

Rector's Mobility grant, University of Jyväskylä (August 2010). Visiting student to University of Thessaly, Greece. September 2010-February 2011. 1 200 €

Popular Publications

Kavoura, A. & Ronkainen, N. (2021). Sukupuolen moninaisuuden huomiointi valmentajan työssä [Taking gender diversity into consideration in sport coaching]. *Valmentaja*, April 2021, 12-13.

Selänne, H., Ronkainen, N., & Ryba, T. V. (2016). Mitä valmentajan tulisi tietää urheilijan kaksoisurasta [What should coaches know about athletes' dual careers]. *Valmentaja*, June 2016, 20-21.

Cheng, S., Tikkanen, O., Pesola, A., Le, S., & Ronkainen, N. (2016) *Sit Less, Stand Up, Move More: Recommendations for Everyday Physical Activity*. Shanghai Jiao Tong University, April 6, 2016.

Watkins, I., Ronkainen, N., & Ryba, T. V. (2015). "Vielä yksi kausi?" Mies- ja naisjuoksijoiden urheilu-urat tarkastelussa [One more season? Examining male and female runners' athletic careers]. *Valmentaja*, June 2015, 10-12.

Ronkainen, N. (2011). Discovering the spiritual meaning of running. *European Network of Young Specialists in Sport Psychology (ENYSSP) Newsletter*, 8, 6-7.

Invited Talks

Ronkainen, N. (2021). Meaningful sport. Early career researcher keynote at Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise Student & Early Career Researcher Conference. Online.

Ronkainen, N. J. & Ryba, T. V. (November, 2018). Identity, future orientation and learning: Updates from the Finnish Longitudinal Dual Career Study. TASS Dual Career Forum, London, UK.

Ronkainen, N. J. (May, 2017). Coaching philosophy, club culture, and meaning in coaching practices. Invited presentation in Research Institute Seminar Series (RISES), Liverpool John Moores University.

Ronkainen, N. J. (October, 2017). Coaching philosophy, culture, and meaning in coaching practices. Invited presentation in the Sport Coaching research group at Leeds Beckett University, Leeds.

Ronkainen, N. J., Ryba, T.V., & Selänne, H. (January, 2015). Human practising in rehabilitation. Invited presentation in Human Practising workshop, Oslo, Norway.

Academic Teaching Experience

Aarhus University: BSc module leader, *Sport Psychology* (10 ECTS; Spring 2013); Teaching assistant, MSc module *Body Culture* (10 ECTS; Autumn 2011)

University of Jyväskylä: MSc module leader, *Alternative Sport Cultures* (1 ECTS; Autumn 2012); Teaching assistant, MSc module *Integrated Research Communication* (2 ECTS; Spring 2012)

Liverpool John Moores University: Visiting lecturer, MSc *Applied Sport Psychology* (7 lectures; 2014, 2017, 2018), BSc *Sport Science* (1 lecture, 2017)

Other Academic Merits

Guest Editor: *Special issue – New perspectives on identity in sport. Journal of Sport Psychology in Action (forthcoming, 2020)*

Review Editor: *Frontiers in Psychology / Section of Movement Science and Sport Psychology, 2019-2021*

Reviewer for Academic Journals: *Qualitative Health Research, Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise and Health, International Journal of Sport Coaching, Science and Medicine in Football, Sociology of Sport Journal, Environment and Planning A, Annals of Leisure Research, Sport Management Review, International Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology, Psychology of Sport and Exercise, Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychology, The Sport Psychologist, International Journal of Sport Psychology, Scandinavian Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology, European Journal of Adapted Physical Activity, Performance Enhancement & Health, Frontiers in Psychology, Scandinavian Sport Forum*

Reviewer for Academic Conferences: *International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP) congress 2017, International Symposium: Is Exercise a Medicine or What? Shanghai Jiao Tong University, 2015.*

Professional Memberships: *IAPS (International Association for Philosophy of Sport), 2018; SUPY (Finnish Association of Sport Psychology) 2016; ISSBD (International Society of Behavioural Development) 2016; BASES (British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences) overseas member, 2014-2016; ISSP (International Society of Sport Psychology), student member, 2013 and full professional member 2016-; ECSS (European College of Sport Sciences), student member, 2012; ENYSSP (The European Network of Young Specialists in Sport Psychology), 2010-2011.*

Supervised Research Students

Nikander, Aku (in progress). PhD thesis, University of Jyväskylä. Second supervisor.

Ely, George (Summer 2018). Acculturation in European American football: a thematic narrative analysis. MSc thesis, Liverpool John Moores University.

Sleeman, Emily (Summer 2018). The professionalisation of women's football and its impact on coaches' philosophy of practice. MSc thesis, Liverpool John Moores University (co-supervisor).

King, Eoin (Summer 2018). An existential perspective on the idea of sport as a vocation or calling for amateur athletes and coaches. MSc thesis, Liverpool John Moores University.

Whitehead, Stephanie (Fall 2014). The Person Who is an Athlete. MSc. thesis, Liverpool John Moores University (co-supervisor).

Geranosova, Kristina (Spring 2013). The Experience of Dual Career through Slovak Athletes' Eyes. MSc thesis, Aarhus University.c

Lund, Lisbeth (Spring 2013) 'The Moment You Just All Of A Sudden Have It!': Flow Experiences Of Danish Female Judo Athletes. BSc thesis, Aarhus University.