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Short info

Welcome to my personal space in the UEF Wiki. At the moment I am taking a leave of absence from my work at the School of Forest Sciences, Faculty of Science and Forestry, University of Eastern Finland, having taken a position as a Senior Research Advisor (starting on 1.10.2014) at the University of Helsinki. The info in this page concerns my work related to UEF

My main interests are the areas of:

- Bioenergy (socio-economic aspects, issues of acceptance and perceptions, and the bioenergy-related conflicts)
- Forestry and nature resource management education (competencies, curriculum, pedagogics, ICT)

My latest projects are:

- [Developing Bioenergy Governance](#) (project funded under the call for innovative research projects of the University of Eastern Finland)
- [Contested Bioenergy Governance](#) (project funded by the Academy of Finland)
- [BIODEV: Building Biocarbon and Rural Development in West Africa](#) (project coordinated by the World Agroforestry Center)
- [Strengthening Forestry Education in Kenya](#) (HEI.ICI project funded by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs)
- [Supporting Kenyan Forestry Education through North-South Mobility](#) (NSS project funded by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs)
- [Improving Forestry Education in Venezuela](#) (HEI.ICI project funded by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs)
- [Support for Vocational Training in Sustainable Forestry](#) (Tempus project coordinated by the University of Lleida)

Background

I have the degree of Doctor of Science (Agr. & Forestry) from the University of Eastern Finland, as well as a MSc (Agr. & Forestry) from the University of Joensuu and another MSc level degree in forestry (*Ingeniero de Montes*) from the Polytechnical University of Madrid. You can read more information about my background and experience [here](#).

Teaching

I have participated in the teaching of various courses and modules. Find [here](#) a list of my teaching activities.

Publications

I have published some articles (peer and non-peer review), abstracts and acted as editor in a book. Find [here](#) a list of my academic publications

More about my professional interests and activities

In addition to my interest in bioenergy and forestry education, I am also interested in intercultural communication, and I have conducted some intercultural workshops as well as some basic research on this. I am also a founding member of [EduSilva](#), an organization that develops forestry and environmental education.


I have been involved in few other activities such as:

- The Indian Forest Service-Mid Career Training (a capacity building project funded by the Government of India)
- The development of bioenergy curricula in Northwest Agriculture & Forestry University in Yangling, Shaanxi Province, China
- A worldwide assessment of forest conflicts in cooperation with the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- The activities of the IUFRO working group on forestry education
- The assessment of required competencies for forestry graduates in Europe, within the work of the Education Group of the Forest Technology Platform (FTP)

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