



E.MA Director

Prof. Elina Pirjatanniemi

Fields of competence: Public international law, criminal justice, constitutional law, human rights and the environment, minority rights, asylum and migration.

Other academics involved in E.MA 2016/2017

Dr Viljam Engström (University Teacher), JD Magdalena Kmak (Associate Professor) and Catarina Krause (Programme Director), and other persons according to the specific needs.

The university and the city

Åbo Akademi University is situated in the city of Åbo, or Turku in Finnish, located on the South-West coast of Finland. Åbo, with 183.000 inhabitants, is a bilingual town with Finnish as the majority language and Swedish as the minority language. In addition to the regular inhabitants the town's student population amounts to some 30.000 persons, which caters for a lively student life.

Åbo Akademi University is Finland's only Swedish language multi-faculty university. The university offers both undergrad and postgrad studies and extensive research opportunities to some 8.000 students. More than 800 international students from around 70 countries enroll at the university every year.

Geographical proximity and an overlapping campus area has resulted in various forms of cooperation between the two universities in Åbo, that is, Åbo Akademi University and the University of Turku, which is a university operating in the Finnish-language. Turku Law School is a cooperation structure that provides foreign students with a broad range of law courses in English. It is also possible to choose relevant courses from other academic fields.

Åbo Akademi University is characterised by its manageable size, close student-teacher relations, rich traditions and its highly flexible study programmes. Åbo Akademi University provides an excellent opportunity to get to know a part of Swedish-speaking Finland where tradition and innovation are combined in a lively campus milieu. For more information, visit the university at www.abo.fi.

Second semester courses

Courses available for E.MA students: Mainly law, but also political science and social science as well as gender studies are possible.

- Thesis Seminars (compulsory; included in the credits of the E.MA Thesis);
- Course on the Rights of the Child (10 ECTS; lectured course);
- Autonomy and Participation (5 ECTS + 5 ECTS for optional essay);
- International Protection of Women's Rights (10 ECTS; lectured course)
- Migration, Development and Human Rights (5 ECTS; web based course), separate application.

Websites:

www.abo.fi

www.abo.fi/fakultet/en/humanrights

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Law / Faculty of Social Sciences,
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Further information on the courses is found at <http://www.abo.fi/fakultet/en/studyprogrammes>
See also available courses at Turku Law School at <http://www.utu.fi/en/units/law/studying/turku-law-school/Pages/home.aspx> Other relevant courses from other academic fields may also be chosen, subject to agreement with the E.MA Director.

Deadline for enrolment in the courses: Normally on the basis of an individual Learning Agreement, signed by the European Programme Director and filed in advance (preferably in December or early January) so that the actual enrolment can be done after arrival in Turku/Åbo. Please consult also the web information of the Institute for Human Rights at Åbo Akademi University and of Turku Law School (see addresses above).

Examination procedures: Procedures vary depending on the course and may consist of written examinations, essays and take-home exams as well as virtual studies.

Thesis

Research areas:

The area is very wide, covering topics in, e.g.

- Economic and social rights
- Civil and political rights
- Minorities and indigenous populations
- Self-determination, autonomy, participation (including elections and referendums)
- International institutions/organizations
- UN human rights system
- European Convention on Human Rights
- EU constitutional law (especially AFSJ)

Thesis supervision: The thesis supervision includes regular meetings with the supervisor as well as participation in thesis seminars.

Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university: 2 (+ 1 copy to the EIUC Secretariat)

Library

The ASA Library (address: Fänriksgatan 3 A) includes a very well equipped section with books and journals on human rights as well as public international law. The opening hours of the ASA Library are Monday to Thursday, 9–20 and Friday 9–16. The Institute's reference database of literature on human rights found in the library, Findoc, is also available online (<http://trip.abo.fi/aadb/findoc/welcomee.htm>). Reading rooms can be found in the ASA Library as well as in the building of the Department of Law (/Gezeliusgatan 2).

Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

The Department of Law and the Åbo Akademi University Institute for Human Rights have close contacts with a broad range of NGOs, IGOs and research institutions within the field of human rights from all over the world.

Administration and logistics

Information concerning visa arrangements: Foreign nationals' entry into and residence in Finland is subject to the provisions of the Finnish Aliens Act and the Schengen Acquis of the European Union. As a rule, foreign nationals of countries outside the EU and who require an entry visa are requested to apply for one from the diplomatic mission that represents Finland in their home country. Detailed information in English on the visa requirements is found on the home pages of the Foreign Ministry of Finland, see <http://formin.finland.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=49459&contentlan=2&culture=en-US>.

The Abo Akademi University has an Office of Student and Academic Affairs/International Office. Address: Tavastgatan 13, FI-20500 Åbo. Finland. Phone: +358-2-215 4836. E-mail: admission@abo.fi.

IT and logistics: PCs with internet connection are available in the reading room of the Department of Law and in the ASA building. Also hubs for connection to an optic cable and WLAN- connections are available for students using their own laptops. The apartments provided by the Student Housing Foundation are all equipped with internet access.