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Institutions and positions

1.01.2012–present Associate Professor, School of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Tartu; PI of the Research Project [“Orthodoxy as Solidarity”](#)
2009–2011 Researcher, Tallinn University, The Estonian Institute of Humanities, Estonia
2001–2005 Lecturer in Modern European History, Department of History, University of Wales, Bangor, UK
2000–2001 Simon Research Fellow, Department of History, University of Manchester, UK
1998–1999 Senior Research Officer, Department of History, University of Essex, UK

Education

1.08.1994–26.03.1998 PhD in History, University of Essex, UK

- 1.09.1993–20.07.1994 MA in Central European History, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
- 1.09.1987–1.07.1992 BA in History and Social Science, The Urals Federal University, Department of History, Yekaterinburg, Russia

Social and public activity

- 2019 – present Executive director of the Foundation for Holistic Education
<https://fond.pjk.ee/et>
- 2012 a co-founder of the [Püha Johannese Kooli SA](#) (St John's private school, Tallinn, Estonia)
- 2012–... Member of the Board of Maarjamaa Haridusselts (Maarjamaa Educational Society)
- 2012 – 2020 Organiser or [seven international educational conferences](#) for Püha Johannese Kool, two (2018, 2019) in collaboration with [Arvo Pärt Centre](#)

Grants & awards

- 2019 Renovabis Foundation grant for the project 'From Creator to Creativity: Understanding Human Creativity' (PJK with Arvo Pärt Centre, 7 500 Euro)
- 2018 Renovabis Foundation grant for the project 'Teaching metanoia: Christian approaches to memory and reconciliation in a post-communist society, the case of Estonia' (27 000 Euro)
- 2017 Grants for the organisation of the conference "Love as pedagogy" (The Council of Estonian Churches, 10 000 Euro in total)
- 2014 Grant for conference organisation and book publication from the foundation "Sorabotnichestvo" (Russia, 12 000 Euro)
- 2004 Study-Leave Award by Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK (15 700 Euro)
- 2003 The British Academy Small Research Grants (6 000 Euro in total)
- 2000 Simon Research Fellowship (15 000 Euro)
- 1994 Soros Fellowship (14 000 Euro)

Research Funding

- 2022-2026 Estonian Research Council Personal Research Grant (183 250 Euro in 2022)

2021-2021 Estonian Research Council Personal Research Grant (168 750 Euro)
2018-2020 Tartu University Research Grant (84 000 Euro)
2014–2017 Estonian Research Council Personal Research Grant (184 240 Euro)
2005-2006 Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK) Research Leave Award (15 700 Euro)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Old Believers, religious dissent and gender in Russia, 1760-1859. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2003 (cited by 70).

Spiritual Elders, Charisma and Tradition in Russian Orthodoxy. Northern Illinois University Press, 2010 (cited by 63).

Edited volumes

Pravoslavie v Pribaltike: religii, politika, obrazovanie, 1840e-1930e gg. Tartu: Tartu University Press, 2018.

Mõtisklusi haridusest õigeusu valguses [Reflections on Orthodox education] (Tallinn: Püha Johannese Kool, 2014)

Journal articles and book chapters (peer-reviewed)

(with Catherine Gibson), 'Apostasy in the Baltic Provinces: Religious and National Indifference in Imperial Russia', *Past & Present* 255:1 (2022): 233-278 [ERIH+; H-Index 39; SJR 0.828; Q1]

'Conciliarity in the borderlands: the Riga Orthodox Council (Sobor) of 1905 and the Church Reform Movement in Imperial Russia', *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, April (2022): 1-23 [ERIH +; H-Index 20; SJR 0.125; Q3]

'Martyrdom, Massacre Narratives and Entangled Memory', *History & Memory* 34:1 (2022) [ERIH+; H-Index 24; SJR 0.136, Q2; Citescore 0.7]

'A Family Affair': Post-Imperial Orthodoxy in the Baltic and its Relationship with the Mother Church in Russia, 1917-1923. *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue Canadienne des Slavistes*, 71 (3-4) (2020) [ERIH+; SNIP 2018:1.418; SJR: 0.126; Citescore 0.32]

(with James White) "Reimagining the Diocese: Administrative, Communal, Sacred, Imperial and Ecclesiological Space in Imperial Russia (1800-1917)", Introduction to Special Issue "Reimagining the Diocese", ed. by Paert and White, *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue Canadienne des Slavistes*, 71 (3-4) (2020). [ERIH+; SNIP 2018:1.418; SJR: 0.126; H-Index 12; Citescore 0.32]

(with James White). 'Pis'ma pravoslavnykh sviashchennikov o nemetskoj okkupatsii Estonii v pervuiu mirovuiu voinu' [Letters of the Orthodox priests about German occupation in Estonia during the First World War], *Quaestio Rossica*, 8:1 (2020), 222–241. [ERIH+; SJR 2019: 0.150, Q1]

'In search of lost tradition. Orthodox pedagogy and the desecularisation of education studies in Russia'. *Religion, State and Society*, 48 (2-3) (2020) <https://doi.org/10.1080/09637494.2020.1757373> [DGO: A; ERIH+; SNIP 2018: 1.231; SJR 2018: 0.364; Citescore 0.72, rank: 22/456]

'O videniakh vo sne i naiavu. Vizionerstvo i otnoshenie k nemu v Russkoi pravoslavnoi tserkvi v 30e-60e gody XIX veka' [Visions while asleep and awake: visionary experience and the approach to it of the Russian Orthodox church in the 1830-60s], in Julia Mannherz, ed. *Irratsional'noe v russkoi kul'ture* [*Irrational in the Russian Culture*] Moscow: Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie, 2020, 48–73.

'Tallinna vikaarpiiskopkonna taastamine 1917. aastal ja piiskopi valimine kui 'kirikurevolutsiooni' ilming Riia piiskopkonnas' [Elections of the suffragan bishop of Tallinn in 1917 as an expression of 'church revolution' in Riga diocese], *Ajalooline Ajakiri* [Historical Journal], 1:167 (2019), 69–118. [ranking 30859, h-index 2]

'Pravoslavnoe dukhovenstvo i narodnoe obrazovanie v Lifliandii i Estliandii v 1840-1914 gg.' In Paert, Irina, ed. *Orthodoxy in the Baltic: religious life, policy and education 1840s -1945* (229–267). Tartu University Press, 2018.

Kino i avtokommunikatsiia. *Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie*, 5 (147) (2017), 87–102. [

'Semiotika Ju.M.Lotmana i analiz kino', *Novoe literaturnoe obozrenie*, 5 (147) (2017), 56–58.

'Orthodox education in the Lutheran environment 1840-1917', *Nordost-Archiv: Zeitschrift für Regionalgeschichte*, XXVI (2016) 74–91.

'Monasticism in the Soviet Borderlands: a Russian Orthodox Convent in Estonia, 1945-1953', in Mertelsmann, Olaf, ed. *The Baltic States under Stalinist Rule*. (Köln: Böhlau, 2016) 209-223.

'Memory of Socialism and the Russian Orthodox Believers in Estonia'. *Journal of Baltic Studies*, 47:4 (2016), 497–512. Published also in in Ene Kõresaar, ed. *Baltic Socialism Remembered: Memory and Life Story since 1989* (London: Routledge, Taylor&Francis Group, 2018), 67–83.

'Religion and generation: exploring conversion and religious tradition through autobiographical interviews with the Russian Orthodox believers in Estonia', in R. Nugin, A. Kannike, M. Raudsepp, eds. *Generations in Estonia: Contemporary Perspectives* (Tartu University Press, 2016).

'Religious Dissent', in Deborah A. Martinsen, Olga Maiorova, eds. *Dostoevsky in Context*. (Cambridge, London, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016), 194–201.

'The Russian imperial practices of language and religion in the classroom in the Baltic provinces: the case of the Orthodox schools in Livland (1880-1914)'. *Procedia - Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 236 (2016): 362–367. [ERIH+; citescore 2018: 2.15; SNIP: 1.192; SJR 2018: 0.725]

'Visions and dreams in Russian Orthodox culture as border-crossing. In: Anu Kannike, ed. *Dynamics of Cultural Borders*. Tartu: University of Tartu Press, 2016 (Approaches to Culture Theory), 133-147.

(with Schvak, T.) 'Haridus ja õigeusu kirik Eestis' [Education and Orthodox church in Estonia], in Liina Eek, ed. *Mitut usku Eesti IV. Valik usundiloolisi uurimusi: õigeusu eri* [Many faiths of Estonia. Orthodoxy Special Issue] (171–192). Tartu: Tartu Ülikooli Kirjastus, 2015.

(with Schvak, T.) 'Orthodox Education in a Baltic Province of Imperial Russia and Independent Estonia from 1840s till 1941'. *Quaestio Rossica*, 3 (2015): 142–158.

'Mediators between heaven and earth: the forms of spiritual guidance and debate on spiritual eldership in present-day Russian Orthodoxy', in Tolstaya, Katya, ed. *Orthodox Paradoxes. Heterogeneities and Complexities in Contemporary Russian Orthodoxy*. (Leiden/Boston: BRILL Academic Publishers, 2014): 134–153.

'Letters to and from Spiritual Elders (Startsy)', in Heather Coleman, ed. *Orthodox Christianity in Imperial Russia: a Sourcebook on Lived Religion*. (Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2014), 58–71.

(with Altnurme, Riho) Religion and resistance: introduction. *Usuteaduslik Ajakiri*, 64:1 (2013), 3–11. [ERIH+; SJR 2019: 0.13; h-index 3, impact factor 0.09]

(with Altnurme, Riho) (2013), eds. 'Religion and resistance.' A Special Issue, *Usuteaduslik Ajakiri*, 64:1 (2013), 3–11.

'Two or twenty million?' The Languages of Official Statistics and Religious Dissent in Imperial Russia", *Ab Imperio*, 3 (2006): 75-98. [ERIH+; SJR 2019: 0.14; H-index: 8; impact 0.26], cited by 12.

'Preparing God's Harvest: the Sect of Wanderers in Imperial and Soviet Russia', *The Russian Review* 64:1 (January 2004): 44-61. [ERIH+; citescore 2018: 0.59; SNIP: 0.93; SJR: 0.254], cited by 6.

'Regulating Old Believer marriage: religious dissent, legality and conversion in Nicholas I's Russia, 1825-55,' *Slavic Review*, 63:1 (2004), 555-77. [ERIH+; citescore 2018: 0.8; SNIP: 1.346; SJR: 0.343], cited by 21.

Articles and book chapters (non peer-reviewed)

'Praktiki sobornosti v Rizhskoi eparhii: sjezdy dukhovenstva v nachale XX veka'. *Tserkov i vremia*, 3 (84) (2018), 109–148.

'Духовний авторитет, старціство та "криза свободи" в пострадянській Росії', in K. Sigov, ed. *Свобода. Авторитет. Служіння. Успенські читання.*, (Kiev: Duh i Litera, 2018), 124–134.

'Pravoslavnye shkoly v Pribaltiiskikh provintsiiakh (1840-1914): problemy religioznoi i etnicheskoi identichnosti', in Tokareva, E., M. Inglot, eds, *Religioznoe obrazovanie v Rossii i Evrope XIX v. (187–202)*. St Petersburg: Rossiiskaja khristianskaia gumanitarnaia akademiia, 2016.

'Uchebnaia literatura v pravoslavnykh shkolakh Lifliandii vo vtoroi polovine XIX -nachale XX vv. kak sposob vklucheniia inorodtsev v imperskoe prostranstvo'. *Problemy sovremennogo obrazovaniia*, 4 (2014): 5–31.

(with Dubjeva, Ljudmila; Schvak, Toomas) 'Õigeuskoolid Eestis. Arengulugu (1840-1918)', in Toomas Hirvoja, Irina Paert, Carl Erik Simmul, Liivika Simmul, eds. *Mõtisklusi haridusest õigeusu valguses* (Tallinn: Püha Johannese Kool, 2014): 173-192

Transmitting knowledge and identity and the "accidental diaspora": the case of the Russian Orthodox in Estonia. in Nelly Elias and Julia Lerner, eds. *New Religiosity in Migration: New Religiosity in Migration; Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel; 27-30.05.2013*. 62–65.

'Jumalaotsingud "jumalata" maal: usku pöördumine, traditsioon ja põlvkonnad vene õigeusuliste seas', in Aili Aareleid-Tart, Anu Kannike, eds. *Nullindate kultuur: põlvkondlikud pihtimused* (Tartu: Tartu University Press, 2012): 150–181.

'Monastyrskoe starchestvo v atmosfere krizisa Russkoi pravoslavnoi tserkvi na rubezhe XIX - XX vv.' *Ural'skii istoricheskii vestnik*, 4:21 (2008): 20–30.

'Razgovory o "drugom": otrazeniye Estonii i estontcev v biograficheskom diskurse russkih', in Hatshaturjan, Aida, ed. *Dialog kultur II* Tallinn: Tallinna Ülikooli Kirjastus, (2007) 141–158.

'Two or twenty million?' The Languages of Official Statistics and Religious Dissent in Imperial Russia'. *Ab Imperio: Studies of New Imperial History and Nationalism in the Post-Soviet Space*, 3, (2006): 75–98. [Cited by 12].

(under the maiden name Korovushkina, Irina) 'Memory and Survival: Old Believers in the Urals', in Bertaux, Daniel, Thompson, Paul, Rotkirch, Anna, eds. *On Living through Soviet Russia (195–213)*. Routledge. (Memory & Narrative), [2003](#). [Cited by 12].

'Demystifying the Heavens: Women, Religion and Khrushchev's anti-religious campaign, 1954-64', in M. Ilic and S.Reid (eds.), *Women in Khrushchev's Russia* (Palgrave, 2004), 203-22. [Cited by 10].

Professional activities

2016–...	Co-chair of the Section "Asceticism, Monasticism, Spirituality" (IOTA, International Orthodox Theological Association), co-organiser of the inaugural conference in Iasi in January 2019
2014–...	Member of the Baltic Association of Historians of Pedagogy (BAHP)
2014–...	Co-organiser of the Conference of CIHEC (Commission Internationale d'Histoire et d'Etudes du Christianisme), Tartu, Estonia
2010–...	Member of The Association of the Studies of Eurasian, East European and Slavic Studies (ASEEES)
2015–...	Contributing member of the International research network Orthodox Kaleidoscope and Theology after Gulag (INaSEC, Free University of Amsterdam, Dr Tolstaya)

- 2015 Organiser of International Conference "Orthodoxy in the Baltic Rim: Religion, Politics and Education 1840-1940", 6-8.11.2015, University of Tartu, Estonia
- 2009 An external reviewer for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft
- 2003–2004 Chair of Teaching and Learning Committee, History Department, University of Wales, Bangor
- 2001–2003 Member of Teaching and Learning Committee, History Department, the University of Wales, Bangor
- 2001–2005 Co-ordinator of a study-group "Religion in Russia and Eastern and Central Europe", organiser of three research conferences in London (University of Surrey, 2002), and Gregynog (University of Wales, 2003 and 2004).

Guest lectures and professorships

- 2018 Visiting Fellow of Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics" University of Münster

PhD external examiner and supervision of postdoctoral researchers

Supervisor: Dr Catherine Gibson, Mobilitas Plus postdoctoral fellow 'Seeing Through Numbers: Counting and Mapping Religious Communities in the Baltic Provinces, 1840-1914 (1.09.2019–31.08.2021)' University of Tartu, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, School of Theology and Religious Studies

Examiner: Dr James White, "A bridge to the Schism: Edinoverie, Russian Orthodoxy and the ritual formation of confessions 1800-1918" (European University Institute, Florence, 2014, supervisor Prof. Stephen Smith)

Examiner: Dr Alison Kolosova, Narodnost` and Obshchechelovechnost` in 19th century Russian missionary work: N.I.II`minskii and the Christianization of the Chuvash". (University of Durham, Department of Theology, 2016, Supervisor Prof Adnrew Louth).

Examiner: Dr Vitalii Petrenko, The concept of authority in the Russian Orthodox Church (University of Durham, Department of Theology, 2005, Supervisor: Prof Andrew Louth)

Examiner: Dr Narantiya Danzan, Religion and Community in Post-Socialist Mongolia (University of Essex, Department of Sociology, 2004, Supervisor: Prof Paul Thompson)

Teaching (last 10 years)

2017-2019 God on Film: How to understand theological and religious aspects in cinema, School of Religion and Theology, University of Tartu (one semester course for BA and MA students)

2014-2016 The Ways of Eastern Christianity: Russian and Estonian Orthodoxy in focus School of Religion and Theology, University of Tartu (one semester course for BA and MA students)

2012 Charisma and spirituality in Russian Orthodox Church history (one semester course for BA and MA students)

2011 Russian Cultural History (EHI, Tallinn, University)

Additional information

Languages: Russian (native), English (fluent), Estonian (good), Ukrainian (good)