

THE PHD SUPERVISOR? – COACH – MENTOR – LEADER FOR TOMORROW’S WORLD?

Traditionally the PhD was an apprenticeship for a single career – the academic. This still tends to be a dominant model. Growth in the number of PhD candidates, older candidates working full time, the wider needs of society for high-level skills in all occupations prompt the question are PhDs fit for purpose? What high level competences should society expect from Doctoral graduates?

Wider doctoral personal development and skills training needs are a challenge for supervisors. The panel will explore these ‘leadership’ challenges from different perspectives: practitioner, pracademic, supervisor, doctoral graduate. Participants will contribute to the discussion.



Katarina **E**llborg

Recent PhD graduate & senior lecturer (Sweden)

Katarina defended her thesis in 2021, and now works as a Senior Lecturer in Linnaeus University where she is pedagogic coordinator of her faculty. Her research focus is entrepreneurship education in higher education. She is also active in theatre, and experienced in using drama as a method in learning processes.



Piret **E**hin

Associative Professor of Comparative Politics, University of Tartu (Estonia)

Piret holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Arizona

(2002), and works as an Associate Professor in Tartu University. Her research focuses on voting behavior, European and Estonian politics, e-voting and EU- Russia relations. She has notable experience in supervising PhD students.



Robert Kitt

Experienced executive & pracademic (Estonia)

Robert has a considerable wealth of experience in business and banking. In addition, Robert Kitt has contributed to the development of the higher education sector. He has a PhD in technical physics from Tallinn University of Technology, where he has later worked as a researcher and lecturer.



Seppo Tikkanen

Senior Ecosystem Lead; Founder of PoDoCo (Post Docs in Companies); a pracademic Finland)

Seppo is an experienced professional with a demonstrated history of working both in the university and industry. Skilled in Mathematical Modeling, Innovation Management, Project Management, Product

Development, and Research and Development (R&D). Strong education professional with a Doctor of Technology focused on fluid power, hybrid powertrains, combustions engines and mobile machines.



Jan **T**ollet

Experienced public healthcare executive (Finland)

Jan is currently CEO for Kuopio University Hospital. Jan is also a global business leader experienced in change management covering health care, electronics manufacturing services as well as the energy sector. He has lived abroad over 22 years in Asia, Central Europe and USA.



Andrzej Kraslawski

Professor of Systems Engineering (Finland)

Andrzej is Professor of Systems Engineering (LUT University) and Safety Engineering at Lodz Technical University, Poland. He is also Visiting Professor at South China University of Technology, Guangzhou, and Mining Institute, Saint-Petersburg, Russia. Professor Kraslawski has published over 200 research papers and promoted 20 PhD students.

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Format: Hybrid

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For in person meeting join us here:

University of Tartu Delta building

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AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP CONSTRUCT



Demet **S**chaefer

Healthcare executive & recent PhD graduate (Switzerland)

Demet has worked in the last few years as director of a public hospital in Switzerland, and held different leadership positions in the Swiss Leading Private Hospitals Group Hirslanden and as CEO in an IT company. She holds an Advanced Postgraduate Diploma from University of Gloucestershire and studied Economic Science in Bern in Switzerland. Her research interest is leadership in health care management and the power building process in politics. In 2021, she successfully defended her doctoral dissertation titled “A study of Authentic Leadership in Organizations: A Case of Public Hospitals in Switzerland”.

SUPERVISION ACROSS FIELDS OF SCIENCE



Aki Mikkola

*Professor of Mechanical Engineering
(Finland)*

Aki is working as a Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at LUT, Finland. Currently, he leads the research team of the Laboratory of Machine Design. He has been awarded five patents, has

contributed to more than 110 peer-reviewed journal papers and has presented more than 100 conference articles. His major research activities are related to flexible multibody dynamics, rotating structures, and biomechanics.