

Mirka Hintsanen

recipient of the Jutikkala Prize 2014

The Finnish Academy of Science and Letters has awarded its Jutikkala Prize for 2014 to Mirka Hintsanen, professor of psychology at the University of Oulu. This prize of 15,000 euros intended for highly successful Finnish researchers in the humanities aged below 40 years who have gained an international reputation is now being awarded for the fourth time. The previous awards have been made in the fields of media culture, economics and theology (sociology).

Professor Hintsanen gained a doctorate in psychology at the University of Helsinki in 2007 and a degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Tampere in 2013 with education as her main subject. She has been working mainly in Helsinki, but was appointed to a professorship in psychology

at the University of Oulu in 2014.

Mirka Hintsanen has studied a wide range of topics and has produced almost 90 publications over the period 2005–2014, most of them in international journals of education, psychology or medicine. Her work has been concerned chiefly with the influence of the behaviour and ways of life of children and adolescents on their later lives as adults, including, for instance, the appearance of indicators of the risk of arteriosclerosis at a young age. Her most recent investigations have focused on university students and the psychological preconditions for success in their studies.

She has presented 16 papers at international conferences, beginning in 2008, and has supervised seven doctoral theses, mostly in psychology.

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