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• RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social demography. Population and reproductive health in the global north and south. The effect of life course reproductive events on later health and wellbeing. Application of mixed methods and of advanced statistical methods, including event-history, structural equation, longitudinal, and multilevel-multi-process models to register and survey data.

• EDUCATION

- 2016 **PhD in Demography**, Department of Social Policy, London School of Economics (LSE), United Kingdom (UK); Thesis title *A life course perspective to Abortion in Finland*
Supervisors: Professor Michael Murphy and Dr Tiziana Leone.
- 2014 **Postgraduate Teaching Certificate in Higher Education**, LSE, UK.
- 2012 **MSc in Social Research Methods** (Population Stream), Department of Methodology, LSE.
- 2010 **Master in Social Sciences** (Major: Sociology, minor: gender studies and statistics), Department of Sociology, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2007–2008 Erasmus exchange, **Sociology and Ethnography**, École Normale Supérieure, France.

• CURRENT POSITIONS

- 2020–present **Tenured Researcher** (full-time since December 2020)
Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Unit, the French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED), France
- 2015–present **Lecturer in Social Statistics and Demography** (full-time until 2020, part-time since 2021)
Department of Social Statistics and Demography, University of Southampton, UK

• PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- 2015 **Research Assistant**, Department of Social Policy, LSE
- 2015 **Coordinator, E-conference on abortion research**, Department of Social Policy, LSE
- 2014 **Visiting Research Fellow**, Guttmacher Institute, New York City, United States
- 2012-2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Social Policy and Department of Methodology, LSE, UK
- 2009-2011 **Researcher and Coordinator**, Department of Behavioural Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland
- 2010 **Researcher**, Population Research Institute, Väestöliitto, Finland
- 2009 **Researcher**, City of Helsinki Urban Facts, Finland

• FELLOWSHIPS AND FUNDING

- 2022-2027 *United Kingdom Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC): Centre for Population Change (CPC) Connecting Generations*, co-investigator (Co-investigator, PI Prof Falkingham) (£8,26 million ≈ €9,8 million)
- 2020-2023 *United Kingdom Research and Innovation – Global Challenges Research Funds*. Rethinking the off-grid city: Expanding safe water and waste management service access to off-grid urban populations in Africa (Co-Investigator, PI Prof Wright) (£1,533,969 ≈ €1,820,250)
- 2019 *University of Southampton, UK, Global Research Initiator Scheme Travel Fund*: ‘Women’s health study in Accra’ (PI) (£3,090 ≈ €3670)
- 2018-2019 *University of Southampton, UK, Faculty of Social, Human and Mathematical Sciences, Strategic Interdisciplinary Research Development Fund*: ‘Medication abortion in restrictive settings: health literacy of women obtaining misoprostol’ (PI) (£9,745 ≈ €11,600)
- 2014 *ESRC Overseas institutional visit award, UK* (PI) (3 months, £3,250 ≈ €3860)
- 2011-2015 *ESRC Doctoral Training Centre Studentship, UK* (PI) (full award with additional advanced quantitative methods stipend, £77,769 ≈ €92,300)

- **AWARDS**

- 2021 **BSPS Early Career Award**, *British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)*
- 2016 *European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS)* conference **best paper prize** with paper ‘Timing of abortions, births and relationship transitions in Finland’
- 2014 **Best student poster**, *British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)*
- 2013 **Best MSc Dissertation**, *British Society for Population Studies (BSPS)*

- **PHD SUPERVISION**

- 2018-present Eunice Williams: *Women’s Economic Empowerment, Child and Household Welfare in Sub-Saharan Africa with a focus on Malawi*. University of Southampton.
- 2017-2020 Maria Herica La Valle: *Life events and changes in health-related behaviours: An investigation using the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing*. University of Southampton.

- **TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

- 2021 National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM), UK, online teaching resources on [binary](#), [multinomial](#) and [ordinal](#) regression.
- 2015– present Lecturer in Social Statistics and Demography
Department of Social Statistics and Demography, University of Southampton, UK
Lecturing and coordination of undergraduate and master’s courses in quantitative and demographic methods, population and reproductive health.
- 2012–14 Seminar leader Department of Social Policy and Department of Methodology, LSE, UK
Introductory and intermediate-level quantitative and demographic methods

- **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2021–present Co-organiser of ‘Lundis de l’Ined’ seminar series, INED, France
- 2019–2020 Co-director of Teaching Programmes, Department of Social Statistics and Demography, University of Southampton, UK
- 2016–2019 MSc programme coordinator, Department of Social Statistics and Demography, University of Southampton, UK
- 2015–2016 Organiser of Departmental Seminar Series, Department of Social Statistics and Demography, University of Southampton, UK
- 2013 Population@LSE brown bag seminar series co-organiser 2013

- **ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS**

- 2022 Session organiser: Contextual Influences on Fertility and Family Planning, *Population Association of America annual meeting, United States*
- 2021 *Beyond the Binary Variable: Feminist Approaches to Quantitative Science (FemQuant)* conference co-organiser
- 2019–2020 Fertility and Reproductive Health Strand organiser, *BSPS Annual conference*
- 2019 *Gender Data Gaps: FemQuant conference* co-organiser
- 2018 Feminist Quantitative Science Strand co-organiser, *BSPS Annual conference*
- 2014 Poster session co-organiser, *BSPS Annual conference 2014*

- **EDITORIAL AND REVIEWING ACTIVITIES**

- 2022–present Associate editor, *Demographic Research* journal
- 2021–present Associate editor, *Reproductive Health* journal
- 2021 Member of the Expert Funding Panel, DEMOGRAPHY call, *The Finnish Academy*
- 2021 Expert reviewer of a *European Research Council Starting Grant* application
- 2020–2022 Member of the *Commonwealth Scholarship Academic Adviser Panel*
- 2013–present Reviewer in over 20 journals including *Ageing and Society*, *BMJ Open*, *Demographic Research*, *Journal of Biosocial Science*, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, *PLOS One*, *Population*, and *Population Studies*.

- **MEMBERSHIPS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

- 2017–present *FemQuant* Network co-ordinator
- 2013–present Member of *British Society for Population Studies*, *Population Association of America*, *Union of African Population Studies*, and *International Union for the Scientific Study of Population*.

- **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

1. **Väisänen, H.**, A.M. Moore, O. Owolabi, M. Stillman, A. Fatusi and A. Akinyemi (2021). Sexual and reproductive health literacy, misoprostol knowledge and use of medication abortion in Lagos State, Nigeria: A mixed methods study, *Studies in Family Planning*, 52(2): 217-237.
2. **Väisänen, Heini**, and Ewa Batyra (2021). Unintended pregnancy resolution among parous women in twelve low- and middle-income countries, *Journal of Biosocial Science*, DOI: 10.1017/S0021932021000225.
3. Stillman, M., Owolabi, O., Fatusi, A. O., Akinyemi, A., Berry, A. L., Erinfolami, T. P., Olagunju, O. S., **Väisänen, H.**, Bankole, A. (2020). Women's self-reported experiences using misoprostol obtained from drug sellers: a prospective cohort study in Lagos State, Nigeria. *BMJ Open*, 10(5): 1-10 [e034670].
4. Grundy, Emily, Sanna Read and **Heini Väisänen** (2020). Fertility trajectories and later-life depression among parents in England. *Population Studies*, 74(2): 219-240. [E-pub ahead of print in 2019.]
5. Heino, Anna, Mika Gissler, Maili Malin and **Heini Väisänen** (2020). Induced abortions by woman's country of origin in Finland 2001–2014. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*, 48(1): 88–95. [E-pub ahead of print in 2019.]
6. **Väisänen, Heini**, Päivikki Koponen, Mika Gissler and Osmo Kontula (2018). Contraceptive use among migrant women with a history of induced abortion in Finland. *The European Journal of Contraception & Reproductive Health Care*, 23(4): 274-281.
7. **Väisänen, Heini** (2018). Does the association between teen births or abortions and educational attainment vary by socioeconomic background in Finland? *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, 9(2), 245-256.
8. **Väisänen, Heini** (2017). The timing of abortions, births, and union dissolutions in Finland. *Demographic Research*, 37(28): 889-916.
9. **Väisänen, Heini** (2016). Educational inequalities in repeat abortion: A longitudinal register study in Finland 1975-2010. *Journal of Biosocial Science*, 48(6): 820-832.
10. **Väisänen, Heini** (2015). Labour Force Participation and the Likelihood of Abortion in Finland over Three Birth Cohorts. *Finnish Yearbook of Population Research*, 50: 5-20.
11. **Väisänen, Heini** and Rachel Jones (2015). Using Panel Data to Examine Pregnancy Attitudes over Time. *International Journal of Population Studies*, 1 (1): 109-121.
12. **Väisänen, Heini** (2015). The association between education and induced abortion for three cohorts of adults in Finland. *Population Studies*, 69 (3): 373-388.
13. **Väisänen, Heini** and Michael Murphy (2014). Social Inequalities in Teenage Fertility Outcomes: Childbearing and Abortion Trends of Three Birth Cohorts in Finland. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 46 (2): 109-116.
14. Berg, Venla, Anna Rotkirch, **Heini Väisänen**, and Markus Jokela (2013). Personality Is Differentially Associated with Planned and Non-planned Pregnancies. *Journal of Research in Personality* 47 (4): 296-305.
15. Rotkirch, Anna, Stuart Basten, **Heini Väisänen**, and Markus Jokela (2011). Baby Longing and Men's Reproductive Motivation. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research* 9: 283-306.
16. **Väisänen, Heini**, and Markus Jokela (2010). Fertility after Induced Abortion: a Register-Based Study in Finland 2000-2008. *Finnish Yearbook of Population Research XLV*: 25-44.

- **WORKING PAPERS**

1. **Väisänen, Heini** (2014). The Association of the Timing and Outcome of the First Pregnancy with Socioeconomic Position Later in Life in Finland. *IUSSP Working Paper*.
2. **Väisänen, Heini** and Jason Hilton (2018). Indirect estimation of age-specific induced abortion rates in Sub-Saharan Africa. *IUSSP Working Paper*.

- **POLICY BRIEFS**

1. Becquet, Valentine, **Heini Väisänen**, Isaure Martinot-Lagarde, Anne Roos-Weil, and Clémentine Rossier (2021). Making abortion safer: a vital necessity. *AFD Editions No 10/2021*. (Versions also in French, Spanish and Portuguese).

- **THESES**

1. **Väisänen, Heini** (2016). *A Life Course Perspective to Abortion in Finland*. PhD Thesis. London School of Economics and Political Science, UK.