

Prof. Erkki Sutinen short bio

Erkki Sutinen is full professor of *Computer Science (Interaction Design)* and *Chair of the Department of Future Technologies* at the *University of Turku, Finland*.

He received his PhD in Computer Science from the University of Helsinki in 1998. Before joining the University of Turku in 2015 to lead research in interaction design, he was the leading Computer Science professor in educational technology and ICT for development research at the University of Eastern Finland (University of Joensuu until 2001).

His research emphasizes the active role of users and their societal context when it comes to design tools for enhancing creativity and innovation in learning.

Prof. Sutinen has also been working as a visiting assistant professor at Purdue University, as an associate professor at University of Linköping in Sweden, as a visiting professor at University of Pretoria, and as an honorary research fellow at Massey University in New Zealand. In 2012-14, he was an extraordinary professor at North-West University in South Africa and, and is an adjunct professor at TUMAINI University in Tanzania. In 2010-12, he worked as the chief technical advisor of STIFIMO, a 22 M€ science, technology and innovation program between Finland and Mozambique.

He has supervised more than 30 PhD thesis and co-authored about 300 peer-reviewed papers. He has served as a reviewer at several international journals and conferences, PhD committees, and research proposals. He is also a pastor at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.