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Born 1980

Married, three children

Professional Degree	2007	M.Sc. Arch. HUT, SAFA 7771, FISE ARK 1564
Current Position	Since 2012	Founder Arkkitehtitoimisto Esa Ruskeepää Oy Helsinki, Finland
Past Positions	2007; 2009–2012	Architect Arkkitehtuuritoimisto Heikkinen-Komonen Oy Helsinki, Finland
	2007	Intern OMA New York, USA
	2005	Intern Atelier Peter Zumthor Haldenstein, Switzerland
	2002–2004	Intern Arkkitehtitoimisto Pekka Salminen Oy Helsinki, Finland
Current Academic Position	Since 2021	Lecturer Aalto University Helsinki, Finland
Past Academic Positions	2008–2015; 2017	Adjunct Instructor Aalto University Helsinki, Finland

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Built Work	2016–2020	Städtische Kindertagesstätte Campus Hellwinkel Wolfsburg, Germany									
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Commissioned Work (unbuilt)	2023	Kirkkokadun kampus Seinäjoki, Finland									
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Select Advisory Work	Since 2025	Itä-Uudenmaan uusi hyvinvointikeskus Porvoo, Finland
		Program Hospital; healthcare center Size 50 000 GFA m ² (540 000 GFA sq ft) Client City of Porvoo Role Consulting architect Stages Pre-design
	2023–2024	Malmin uusi sairaala Helsinki, Finland
		Program Hospital Size 80 000 GFA m ² (860 000 GFA sq ft) Client City of Helsinki Role Secretary of the jury Stages Pre-design
	2020–2022	Sammontalo Lappeenranta, Finland
		Program Comprehensive school; preschool Size 12 000 GFA m ² (129 000 GFA sq ft) Client NERVIN arkkitehtuuri Oy Role Principal designer ¹ Stages Schematic design; design development
Artwork and Temporary Installations	2005	Mafoombey Helsinki, Finland
		Program Pavilion Size – Client University of Art and Design Helsinki Role Lead architect (with Martti Kalliala) Stages Schematic design; design development; construction documents

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Select Competition
Entries

2024

Museum of Architecture and Design
Helsinki, Finland

Program Architecture and design museum
Size 10 000 GFA m² (108 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Foundation for the Finnish Museum
of Architecture and Design
Role Lead architect
Type Open two-stage competition
Status First-stage submission

2024

Kurikkatalo
Kurikka, Finland

Program Municipal office building
Size 4 200 GFA m² (45 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Kurikka
Role Lead architect
Type Open competition
Status Single-stage submission

2022

Ecole Secondaire II à Confignon
Geneva, Switzerland

Program High school
Size 28 000 GFA m² (300 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Office cantonal des Bâtiments
Role Lead architect
Type Open two-stage competition
Status First-stage submission

2020

Kruunuvuorenrannan palvelukortteli ja puisto
Helsinki, Finland

Program Comprehensive school; preschool
Size 14 300 GFA m² (154 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Helsinki
Role Lead architect
Type Limited competition
Status Single-stage submission

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2018

Campus Bern BFH
Bern, Switzerland

Program University of applied sciences
Size 77 000 GFA m² (830 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Bern University of Applied Sciences
Role Lead architect
Type Open competition
Status Single-stage submission

2018

Projekt Albert
Tammisaari, Finland

Program Art museum
Size 1 200 GFA m² (12 900 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Albert de la Chapelle Foundation
Role Lead architect
Type Invited competition
Status Single-stage submission

2017

Konzerthaus Nürnberg
Nürnberg, Germany

Program Concert hall
Size 13 700 GFA m² (147 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Nürnberg
Role Lead architect
Type Open two-stage competition
Status First-stage submission

2017

WHO Headquarters (extension and refurbishment)
Geneva, Switzerland

Program Office building
Size 25 000 GFA m² (270 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer World Health Organization
Role Lead architect
Type Open two-stage competition
Status First-stage submission

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2017

Gerhart-Hauptmann-Schule
Heilbronn, Germany

Program Comprehensive school
Size 3 700 GFA m² (40 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Heilbronn
Role Lead architect
Type Limited competition
Status Single-stage submission

2017

Heinolan lukio
Heinola, Finland

Program High school
Size 4 700 GFA m² (51 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Heinola
Role Lead architect
Type Limited competition
Status Single-stage submission

2017

Multifunktionsgebäude Freilichtmuseum
Zeiteninsel
Weimar (Lahn), Germany

Program Archaeological museum; visitor
 center
Size 600 GFA m² (6 500 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Municipality of Weimar (Lahn)
Role Lead architect
Type Limited competition
Status Single-stage submission

2015

Jätkäsaaren peruskoulu
Helsinki, Finland

Program Comprehensive school
Size 8 000 GFA m² (86 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Helsinki
Role Lead architect
Type Open two-stage competition
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2014

Neubau Sekundarschule Laufen
Laufen, Switzerland

Program Lower secondary school
Size 9 600 GFA m² (103 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Kanton Basel-Landschaft
Role Lead architect
Type Limited two-stage competition
Status Second-stage submission

2014

Lapin keskussairaala (extension)
Rovaniemi, Finland

Program Central hospital
Size 39 000 GFA m² (420 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Lapin sairaanhoitopiiri
Role Lead architect (with Thomas
Miyachi)
Type Open two-stage competition
Status Second-stage submission

2014

New National Gallery and Ludwig Museum
Budapest, Hungary

Program National gallery; art museum
Size 50 000 GFA m² (540 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Városliget
Role Lead architect
Type Open two-stage competition
Status First-stage submission

2013–2014

Bildungshaus
Wolfsburg, Germany

Program Public library; education center
Size 16 500 GFA m² (178 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Wolfsburg
Role Lead architect
Type Open two-stage competition
Status First prize

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2012–2013

Aalto Campus
Espoo, Finland

Program School of arts, design, and
architecture
Size 47 000 GFA m² (506 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer Aalto University
Role Lead architect (with Thomas
Miyauchi)
Type Open two-stage competition
Status Second prize

2012

Camley Street Viewpoint
London, UK

Program Pavilion
Size –
Organizer London Wildlife Trust
Role Lead architect
Type Invited competition
Status Single-stage submission

2011

Opinmäki
Espoo, Finland

Program Comprehensive school; preschool
Size 17 200 GFA m² (185 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Espoo
Role Lead architect (with Thomas
Miyauchi)
Type Open competition
Status First prize

2008–2009

Porvoon kaupungin virastotalo
Porvoo, Finland

Program Municipal office building
Size 9 000 GFA m² (97 000 GFA sq ft)
Organizer City of Porvoo
Role Lead architect (with
Péter Paalanen)
Type Open two-stage competition
Status Second prize

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Notable Awards	2017	Mies van der Rohe Award Fundació Mies van der Rohe Barcelona, Spain Opinmäki (nomination)
	2015	Finlandia Prize for Architecture Finnish Association of Architects SAFA Helsinki, Finland Opinmäki (nomination)
	2006	Forum Prize for the Best Nordic Architectural Object Forum AID Stockholm, Sweden Mafoombey (nomination)
	2006	Emerging Architecture Award The Architectural Review London, UK Mafoombey (high commendation)
Major Exhibitions	2017 May–Jun	Mies van der Rohe Award 2017 Palacios de Alfonso XIII y Victoria Eugenia Barcelona, Spain Opinmäki (catalogue, pp. 70–71)
	2016 Jun–Oct	Finnish Architecture Biennial Review 2015–2016 Museum of Finnish Architecture Helsinki, Finland Opinmäki (catalogue, pp. 40–49)
	2006 Jun–Sep	Finnish Architecture Biennial Review 2004–2005 Museum of Finnish Architecture Helsinki, Finland Mafoombey (catalogue, pp. 45–47)

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Scholarships	2009; 2016–2018	Arts Promotion Centre Finland Artist Grant ² Helsinki, Finland
	2010	Carin and Erik Bryggman Foundation Scholarship Turku, Finland
	2006	Alvar Aalto Academy Scholarship Jyväskylä, Finland

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