

List of publications

A PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES (18)

A1 Original scientific articles (15)

Bontenbal, I., Ndomo, Q., Riikonen, R., & Calò, F. (2026). No man wants to be an island: Migrants' perspectives on the barriers undermining the formation of social ties with locals in Finland. *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*, 113, 102418. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijintrel.2026.102418>

Riikonen, R., Finell, E., Seppälä, T., Paajanen, P., & Stevenson, C. (2026). Identification with local mothers is related to mothers' attitudes towards their children's intergroup contact: A serial mediation model. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jasp.70052>

Riikonen, R., Bontenbal, I., & Kosonen, J. (2025). Boundaries of Finnishness: How military-related encounters with majority Finns shape experiences of belonging to Finland for conscripts with a migrant background. *Ethnicities*, 25(6), 843–864. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14687968251322296>

Bontenbal, I., Riikonen, R., & Kosonen, J. (2025). A Weberian analysis of the perspectives of individuals with a migrant background regarding joining military service in Finland. *Sociologia*, 62(1), 39–54. <https://journal.fi/sociologia/article/view/159736>

Bontenbal, I., Riikonen, R., & Kosonen, J. (2024). Inclusion of diversity: Experiences of (in)equality among conscripts with a migrant background in the Finnish Defence Forces. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 46(3), 405–422. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07256868.2024.2382749>

Bontenbal, I., Riikonen, R., & Kosonen, J. (2024). Examining the impact of conscript service on the labour market integration of migrants. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 25, 1593–1613. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-024-01140-1>

Riikonen, R., Finell, E., Seppälä, T., & Stevenson, C. (2024). The more diverse the better: Identifying with a diverse neighbourhood mother community predicts greater intergroup contact. *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*, 34(1), e2764. <https://doi.org/10.1002/casp.2764>

Paajanen, P., Finell, E., Riikonen, R., & Stevenson, C. (2023). 'Hey, teach these kids to eat their own food!': Institutional intergroup contact in immigrant mothers' talk. *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*, 33(6), 1426–1439. <https://doi.org/10.1002/casp.2746>

Seppälä, T., Riikonen, R., Stevenson, C., Paajanen, P., Repo, K. & Finell, E. (2023). Intragroup contact with other mothers living in the same neighborhood benefits mothers' life satisfaction: The mediating role of group identification and social support. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 51(3), 1365–1377. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22960>

Riikonen, R., Finell, E., Suoninen, E., Paajanen, P., & Stevenson, C. (2023). Who is expected to make contact? Interpretative repertoires related to an intergroup encounter between Finnish majority mothers and immigrant mothers. *British Journal of Social Psychology*, 62(1), 264–280. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjso.12580>

Paajanen, P., Seppälä, T., Stevenson, C., Riikonen, R., & Finell, E. (2023). Keeping apart on the playground: Construction of informal segregation on public playgrounds of multi-ethnic neighborhoods. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 86(1), 53–73. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725221116632>

Äijälä, J., Riikonen, R., Huhtinen, A.-M., & Sederholm, T. (2023). Adolescents and the dark side of social media - Law enforcement perspectives. *Frontiers in Communication*, 8, 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fcomm.2023.1106165>

Kaarkoski, M., Riikonen, R., Huhtinen, A.-M., Tillander, E., & Sederholm, T. (2022). Luotanko vai enkö luota? Nuorten luottamus sosiaalisessa mediassa leviävään informaatioon ja siihen liittyviä tekijöitä [Do I trust or not? Young people's trust in information spread on social media and related factors]. *Tiede ja Ase*, 79, 11–31. <https://journal.fi/ta/article/view/113761>

Seppälä, T., Riikonen, R., Paajanen, P., Stevenson, C., & Finell, E. (2022). Development of first-time mothers' sense of shared identity and integration with other mothers in their neighbourhood. *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*, 32(4), 692–705. <https://doi.org/10.1002/casp.2592>

Riikonen, R., Tallberg, T., Kosonen, J., & Puustinen, A. (2019). Vapaus, velvollisuus ja vastavuoroisuus – käsityksiä kansalaisen suhteesta valtioon ja maanpuolustukseen [Liberty, duty and reciprocity – Perceptions on relations between citizens, the state and national defence]. *Tiede ja Ase*, 77, 155–186. <https://journal.fi/ta/article/view/88685>

A3 Contributions to books/other compilations (1)

Kosonen, J., Riikonen, R., & Bontenbal, I. (2023). Ulkomaalaistaustaisten suomalaisten maanpuolustussuhde ja sitä asemoivat tekijät. In A.-T. Pulkka & J. Hollanti (Eds.), *Sodankäynnistä ja sotilaskoulutuksesta* (pp. 77–109). Maanpuolustuskorkeakoulu, Julkaisusarja 1: Tutkimuksia nro 54. <https://urn.fi/URN:ISBN:978-951-25-3423-4>

A4 Articles in conference publications (2)

Riikonen, R., Huhtinen, A., & Norri-Sederholm, T. (2020). Not a problem for me: Young men's conceptions of their social media use and false information. In C. Karpasitis & C. Varda (Eds.) *Proceedings of the 7th European Conference on Social Media (ECSM)* (pp. 240–246). ACPI. <https://doi.org/10.34190/ESM.20.031>

Norri-Sederholm, T., Riikonen, R., Moilanen, P., & Huhtinen, A. (2020). Young People and the Dark Side of Social Media – Possible Threats to National Security. In T. Eze, L. Speakman & C. Onwubiko (Eds.) *Proceedings of the 19th European Conference on Cyber Warfare and Security (ECCWS)* (pp. 278–283). ACPI. <https://doi.org/10.34190/EWS.20.064>

B UNREFEREED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES (2)

B1 Unrefereed journal articles (1)

Riikonen, R. (2024). Book Review of Hoegaerts, Josephine, Liimatainen, Tuire, Hekanaho, Laura and Peterson, Elizabeth (Eds.) 2022. Finnishness, whiteness and coloniality. Helsinki: Helsinki University Press. 373 pp. *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*, 14(4), 1–4. <https://doi.org/10.33134/njmr.876>

B2 Book sections (1)

Finell, E., Paajanen, P., & Riikonen, R. (2024). Ulkomaalais- ja suomalaistaustaisten pienten lasten äitien väliset kohtaamiset omalla asuinalueella [Encounters between mothers of young children with foreign and Finnish backgrounds in their own residential area]. In T. A. Renvik & M. Säävälä (Eds.) *Kotoutumisen kokonaiskatsaus 2023: Näkökulmana väestösuhteet* [Comprehensive review of integration 2023] (pp. 175–185). TEM oppaat ja muut julkaisut 2024:1 FI. Helsinki: Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment. <http://urn.fi/URN:ISBN:978-952-327-703-8>

D PUBLICATIONS INTENDED FOR PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES (1)

D4 Published development or research reports (1)

Molarius, R., Jukarainen, P., Kekki, T., Keränen, J., Laitinen, K., Riikonen, R., & Norri-Sederholm, T. (2020). Alueellisen turvallisuuden tila (ATT) – alueellista turvallisuussuunnittelua ja varautumista tukeva seuranta-, arviointi- ja ennakointimalli [The state of Regional security (ATT) – a monitoring, evaluation and forecasting model to support Regional security planning and preparedness]. Valtioneuvoston selvitys- ja tutkimustoiminnan julkaisusarja 2020:21. <https://urn.fi/URN:ISBN:978-952-287-945-5>

E PUBLICATIONS INTENDED FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC (1)

E1 Popularised articles (1)

Riikonen, R. (2025, October 30). Suomalais- ja ulkomaalaistaustaisten äitien välisten kontaktien tukeminen asuinalueilla äitiyden kautta [Supporting contacts between mothers with Finnish and foreign backgrounds in residential areas through motherhood]. Kuukauden Alli. The Alli Paasikivi Foundation. <https://allinsaatio.fi/ajankohtaista/kuukauden-alli-suomalais-ja-ulkomaalaistaustaisten-aitien-valisten-kontaktien-tukeminen-asuinalueilla-aitiyden-kautta/>

G THESES (2)

G1 Bachelor's theses (1)

Riikonen, R. (2017). *Suomalaisen identiteetin rakentuminen itsenäisyyspäivän vastaanoton haastatteluissa* [The construction of Finnish identity in interviews from the Independence Day reception] [Unpublished Bachelor's thesis, social psychology]. Tampere University.

G2 Master's theses (1)

Riikonen, R. (2019). *Retorinen diskurssianalyysi suomalaisen identiteetin rakentumisesta saunan kontekstissa* [A rhetorical discourse analysis of the construction of Finnish identity in the context of sauna] [Master's thesis, social psychology, Tampere University]. Trepo. <https://urn.fi/URN:NBN:fi:tuni-201911045725>