

# Kourula, Erkki (Finland)

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## Curriculum vitae

Date of birth 12 June 1948

Marital status Married, with two children

Languages Finnish, English, French, Swedish and German  
Understanding of Spanish and Russian

**Education and qualifications** PhD in International Law (Oxford)  
LL.Lic. (Helsinki)  
LL.M. (Helsinki)

## Professional experience

Vice-President and Arbitrator, Court of Conciliation and Arbitration within the OSCE (2019 to present)

Judge, International Criminal Court (Appeals Division) (2003-2015)

Director General for Legal Affairs, Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2002-2003)

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Finland to the Council of Europe, Strasbourg (1998-2002)

Deputy Director General for Legal Affairs, Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1995-1998)

Minister Counsellor and Legal Advisor, Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations, New York (1991-1995)

Director, International Law Division, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1989-1991)

Counsellor and Legal Adviser, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (1986-1989)

Various research posts in the fields of international, constitutional and administrative law (University of Helsinki, University of Oxford, Academy of Finland and United Nations, Geneva, 1972-1982, 1984-85)

Professor of International Law, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (1982-83)

District Judge (1979)

## Other legal functions

Agent of the Government of Finland before the European Court of Human Rights (Strasbourg) (2002-2003)

Agent of the Government of Finland before the European Court of Justice (Luxembourg) (2002-2003)

## Committees and conferences

Head of the Finnish delegation to the Ad hoc Committee as well as to the Preparatory Committee on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court

Lead negotiator of the Finnish delegation to the United Nations Diplomatic Conference (in Rome) on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court (member of the enlarged Bureau and Coordinator for jurisdictional issues) (1994-1998)

Participant in informal consultations for the establishment of the International Criminal Court (Siracusa 1995 and 1996, Zutphen 1998)

Chairperson of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization, New York (1994)

Special Adviser to the Chairman of the Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council, New York (1993-1995)

Member of the Finnish delegation to the United Nations General Assembly (Sixth Committee) (1986-1990 and 1995-1997)

Council of Europe:

- Rapporteur on Relations between the Council of Europe and the United Nations (1999-2002)
- Chair of the Rapporteur Groups on Human Rights and National Minorities (2000-2002)

Participation over the years in numerous international conferences, symposia and seminars on international law, mainly on humanitarian, human rights and criminal law as well as the law of international organizations, including annual lectures and research periods at the Hague Academy of International Law (1972, 1975 and 1977)

## **Publications**

*The Identification and Characteristics of Regional Arrangements for the Purpose of the United Nations Charter* (doctoral thesis, Oxford)

Contributions to publications and articles on key issues pertaining to the implementation of the Rome Statute, including victims' rights, as well as on activities of the United Nations and its bodies, collective security systems, peacekeeping, and civil crisis management

Numerous lectures on various topics of international law at universities and institutions in a number of European and Asian countries, the United States and the United Nations

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