



Dr. Pilvi Torsti has served in leadership and expert roles in the fields of education, learning, research, science, innovation, public policy and start-up companies in Finland and globally since 1990s. Torsti have worked in large organizations and created and developed new organizations in private, public and NGO sectors. She is United World College graduate (1995) and Eisenhower fellow (2013).

In addition to education issues during past ten years Dr. Torsti has also been involved in broad range of issues as a State Secretary of three ministries in Finland. Such issues include employment, communication and network policy (5G), AI, digitalization, data politics, immigration, culture, strategic planning of transport and climate policies.

2021 two publications on education, one for global audience and other in Finnish on 100 years of Finland. Last large public lectures include a presentation in annual conference of schools heads and policymakers of Estonia (September 2021) and Presentation in Eisenhower Fellowships global conference Future of Education in Columbia (February 2020).

Dr. Torsti's duties and work in various sectors is described below. Full bio+cv is attached.

State Secretary in Three Ministries

State Secretary in the Ministry of Education and Culture 2013-2015 and Ministry of Employment and Economic Affairs & Ministry of Traffic and Communications 2019-present. Responsibilities have included participation in the ministry leadership teams, head of the cabinet, law preparations, working group and process leadership responsibilities and vice-ministerial duties abroad. As the State Secretary for Education 2013-2015 special focus on science policy and Finnish education export globally.

Member of the Parliament

MP and member of the education and future committees of the Finnish parliament 2017-2019. As an MP in charge of the preparation of the education future vision 2030 of the social democrat party. A goal to reform secondary education was formulated in that process and implemented 2019-2021.

Adjunct Professor and Director of Research Projects

Director of two major internationally organized research projects 2008-2011 and 1999-2003, teaching and research positions at the university of Helsinki. Doctor of political history with emphasis on didactics 2004. Adjunct professor 2012 and adjunct professor of the year 2020. Experience of the university administration as vice-chair of the department council 2010-2011.

Helsinki City Government and City Council

Helsinki city council and city board 2012-present, currently vice-chair of the council. Vice-chair of the board of Directors of Helsinki port 2017-2019.

Founder and CEO of HEI Schools growth company

Helsinki International Schools Group (HEI Schools) focuses on early education in global context. Founder of the company in 2015, university of Helsinki joined as a co-founder at the early stage. In 2017 in charge of the process of founding an affiliated company of HEI School in China. In 2021 company works in over 40 countries and there are soon HEI Schools Kindergarten in all continents. Finnish Industry Investment Ltd joined the company as investor in 2021.

Co-Founder and Chair of the Board of United World College in Mostar

2005-2006 in charge of the UWC-IBO Initiative in Bosnia and Herzegovina start-up phase organisation and leadership after several years of volunteer preparatory work. The goal was to start United World College - school in post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina, teacher training centre and influence on policy reform. IBO Secretary General a key negotiator and member of the first executive committee. 2006-2011 the director of the UWC Mostar Foundation and secretary of the executive committee. As duties approval of budgets and personnel planning and the development of operative structures as the organization was new. Since 2016 the chair of Board of the background foundation of UWC Mostar called Education in Action.

Global experience and Positions of Trust

2013 Finnish representative in two-month Eisenhower Fellowships Multination leadership development Programme. After that an education expert in the EF global network including major roles in two global conference Future of Work (2018) and Future of Education (2020).

2021 nominated as a member of the advisory board of a growing Indian NGO Dream a Dream that has actively and effectively supported school reform processes in India.

1998 three-month-service as an international volunteer in Kathmandu Nepal in an NGO Maiti Nepal supporting girls and women to earn their livelihood after having been abandoned by their families.

1993-95 scholarship student in United World College of the Adriatic in Italy with broad IB programme and social service programme including work with refugees.

Selected Presentations of Dr. Pilvi Torsti

What are the recent lessons of Finnish Education? Estonian School Heads Annual Conference, Pärnu, Estonia. 17 September 2021.

State Secretary Dr. Pilvi Torsti – summary of CURRICULUM VITAE 2021

Finnish Education and Role of Teachers and Teacher Training. TABLA project of Save the Children and Education in Action Foundation, workshop in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. 17 June 2020.

Unusual times. How is the future of Corona generation? (Poikkeuslinjalla: Millainen on koronasukupolven tulevaisuus?) Discussion at the University of Helsinki, rector Sari Lindblom, professor of practice Pekka Sauri and State Secretary & Adjunct professor Pilvi Torsti. 22 April 2020.

The Future of Education. K12-discussion and HEI Schools -presentation in Eisenhower Fellowships Future of Education global conference. Cartagena, Kolumbia 14-16.2.2020.

Urbaria Forum: City School of the Future! New tools to solve segregation challenges in Helsinki and Amsterdam. Opening speech. Helsinki University Science corner 3.9.2019.

Finnish Education. Gala Dinner Speech. CFA Institute EMEA Society Leadership Conference. Helsinki, 19.1.2019.

World requires a lesson Discussion on education export and role of Finland. Ambassador Marianne Huusko, professor Arto Kallioniemi, Unesco professor Hannele Niemi and Adjunct professor Pilvi Torsti. Moderator Anu Partanen. Helsingin yliopisto, Helsinki University Science corner 15.11.2018.

Future of work. Presentation in Eisenhower Fellowships conference. Malaga, Spain 15-17.9.2017.

Finnish Education. State Secretary of Education Pilvi Torsti as invited guest keynote speaker, Mayor's Education Conference. London, UK, November 2014.

Finnish Education. State Secretary of Education Pilvi Torsti as guest speaker to the personnel of the Peru Ministry of Education. Lima, Peru 30.10.2013.

Selected Publications of Dr. Pilvi Torsti

Article on secondary school reform in *Obligatory School 100 years in Finland (Oppivelvollisuus 100 vuotta)*. School and History Annual book 2021. Helsinki: School History Society.

Chair Pilvi Torsti's Editorial pieces in Annual Reports of United World College in Mostar 2016-2021.

Reid, Colin, Macle hose, Andrew, Thomas Henry and Torsti Pilvi (ed.) 2021. David Sutcliffe. Pioneer of International Education. His Life, His Words and His Legacy. Sarajevo: Bridge to the Future.

Impossible State of Bosnia and Herzegovina needs help from outside world to fix itself (Bosnian mahdoton valtio tarvitsee muulta maailmalta korjausapua). Guest editorial with minister Elisabeth Rehn 14.11.2020 in Helsingin Sanomat.

Schools must develop climate hope (Koulun täytyy olla rakentamassa nuorille ilmastotoivoa). Suomen Kuvalehti 18.4.2019 together with Jukka O. Mattilan kanssa.

The vision for higher education requires more science and university employees require better contracts (Korkeakouluvisio kaipaa tiedettä ja korkeakoulut kunnan työsuhteita) Suomen Kuvalehti 1.12.2017

Torsti, Pilvi, Sutcliffe David, Besse, Antonin and Tanovic, Lamija 2013. United World College in Mostar. Facts, figures, stories and reflections. Sarajevo: Education in Action.

Basic School more important than the Winter War? (Peruskoulu talvisotaa merkittävämpi – Aineistoon perustuvaa tulkintaa vai tutkijan asenteita?) Tieteessä tapahtuu 1/2013, editorial.

Rival histories & textbook reform in Bosnian textbooks, 1992–2009. In: Listhaug, Ola and Ramet, Sabrina P. (eds.) 2012. Civic and uncivic values in Bosnia: The record since Dayton. Budapest: Southeast European University Press.