

# SONJA SAVOLAINEN

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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### University of Helsinki

Research Assistant

8/2020 - 1/2021

Teaching Assistant, Bachelor's programme in Politics, Media and Communication

8/2019 - 5/2020

### Protest for a Future II project

1/2020 - 2/2020

Research Assistant

### GMMP+ Project

6/2020 - 1/2021

Research Assistant

## EDUCATION

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### University of Helsinki

1/2021 - Present

PhD, Political Science

Doctoral Programme in Political, Societal and Regional Changes

Research funded by Kone Foundation, grant no. 202011093

### University of Helsinki

11/2018 - 9/2020

MSS, Political Science

### University of Helsinki

8/2016 - 11/2018

BSS, Political Science

### UWC Atlantic College

8/2014 - 5/2016

International Baccalaureate (IB)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-reviewed journal articles

Sonja Savolainen and Tuomas Ylä-Anttila. 2021. "The climate change movement and political parties: Mechanisms of social media and interaction during the 2019 electoral period in Finland" *Nordic Journal of Media Studies*, vol.3, no.1, 2021, pp.40-60. <https://doi.org/10.2478/njms-2021-0003>

### Other publications

Sonja Savolainen, Tuomas Ylä-Anttila, Eeva Luhtakallio and Maija Jokela. 2020. "Country report: Finland". *Protest for a future II: Composition, mobilization and motives of the participants in Fridays For Future climate protests on 20-27 September, 2019, in 19 cities around the world*. Open Society Foundations (OSF). <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/ASRUW>

### Master's thesis

Sonja Savolainen. 2020. "The Climate Change Movement and Political Parties : Social Media Interaction During the Electoral Period 2019 in Finland" University of Helsinki. <http://urn.fi/URN:NBN:fi:hulib-202009024006>

## WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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Sonja Savolainen, Ville Saarinen and Ted Hsuan Yun Chen. "How Police Repression Shapes Social Movements Online: Evidence from Climate Activists in Finland."

Sonja Savolainen. "Fluctuations in VPN demand during Black Lives Matter protests."

## TALKS, CONFERENCES AND OTHER APPEARANCES

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Upcoming lecture: "Social movements and networks" in Special Issues in Governance and Organisations: Political Networks course. Feb 2023.

"How technology shapes the political context of social movements" Science corner, The Night of Science (public science and research event). Jan 2023.

"How Police Repression Moves Social Movements Online: Climate Protests in Finland." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Sep 2022.

"Do Social Movements Adapt to Offline Repression by using Social Media? Evidence from Police Repression of Climate Protestors in Finland." ISA 2022 Annual Convention. Apr 2022.

"Do Social Movements Adapt to Offline Repression by using Social Media? Evidence from Police Repression of Climate Protestors in Finland." The 14th Annual Political Networks Conference hosted by The Pennsylvania State University. Jul 2021.

## SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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**Programming** R, Python, Git

**Languages** Finnish, English, Swedish and Skolt Sámi