

Short biographical note

Anne Maria Holli, PhD (political science), Docent, works as Academy Research Fellow (Academy of Finland) at the Department of Political Science at the University of Helsinki, Finland. She took her Master's in 1988; Licentiate in 1992; and her PhD in 2003, all from the University of Helsinki. In addition to academic positions in Finland, she held a position as Lecturer in Gender and Politics at Lillehammer College, Norway, in 1995-97.

Holli's major areas of research are in the fields of public equality policy, gender equality discourses, women's movements and gender, power and politics. She has published widely nationally and internationally on these topics. Her most recent publications include articles in *Representation, Politics & Gender* and *International Feminist Journal of Politics*; chapters in the international RINGS publications *Feminism and Political Representation of Women in Europe and North America* (Cambridge University Press, 2005), *Reconfigured States and Opportunities: Comparative Women's Movement Strategies since the 1990s* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007), and *Changing State Feminism* (Palgrave, 2007) as well as two co-authored books dealing with the parliamentary standing committees and gender and local politics in Finland (in Finnish).

Holli is very active in many domestic, Nordic, European and international research projects on gender and politics. She has also acted on several occasions as an evaluator and consultant to the Finnish government on gender issues.

Dr. Anne Maria Holli, together with her co-author Milja Saari, M.Pol. Sc., received the Wilma Rule Award for best paper in the field of gender and politics at the IPSA World Conference in Santiago, Chile, in 2009.