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Petrin dosentuurit: Vesihuollon ja yhdyskuntien infrastruktuurin kehitys (Tampereen yliopisto), Ympäristöhistoria (Tampereen yliopisto), Tekniikan historia (Oulun yliopisto) ja Suomen historia (Turun yliopisto).

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Previously he has acted as Head of Publications (2014-15, UTA), Visiting Professor in University of South Africa (2017-21), North-West University (2011, 2012, 2016) and University of Johannesburg (2007, 2009, 2010, 2013), South Africa, Senior researcher in WaterTime -project funded by European Commission, Assistant Professor (2002-2004) and earlier as researcher in University of Tampere, Tampere University of Technology and Ministry of the Interior and has also worked in business life.

His major area of interest is environmental history, especially the interaction between the society and the nature has been in the focus in his research projects. He is also interested in water history, urban environment, city-service development, urban technology, pollution, public policy, political history, development studies, and economic history. He is the author or co author of more than 40 referee articles and over 50 books, few latest ones are *Dispelling Myths about Water Services* (IWAP 2025, London & New York), *Resilient water services and systems*, 2019 (IWAP 2019, London & New York), *Valkea kaupunki, mustat vedet* (2015) *Water Services Management and Governance. Lessons for a Sustainable Future* (2013), *Metropoli ja meri* (2010), *Brief History of Wells and Toilets* (2005), *Water, Time and European Cities* (2005), *Environmental History of Water* (2007), etc.

He has been granted four international and two national awards. He was also an extraordinary professor in the North-West University, South Africa. Now he is guest professor in Hubei University, China and visiting professor in North-West University, South Africa. He was member of the executive council of International Water History Association, IWHA from 2009 to 2017 and President from 2017 to 2019). Hobbies: reading, marathon running (PB 3:12, total number of marathons over 600), movies, travelling.