



## Professor Erkki Sutinen

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Professor Erkki Sutinen received his PhD in Computer Science from the University of Helsinki in 1998. He is a professor of University of Turku, Finland, leading an Interaction Design Group at the Department of Information Technology.

For many years he was a leader of a research group at Joensuu (University of Eastern Finland) in educational technology and ICT for development, running also an international online PhD program [www.impdet.org](http://www.impdet.org).

In 2010–2012, he was an extraordinary professor at North-West University in South Africa and an adjunct professor at TUMAINI University in Tanzania. He is also an ordained pastor at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, and has a secondary school's teacher's qualification.

### Expertise Areas

Prof. Sutinen has been working as a visiting assistant professor at Purdue University, as an associate professor at University of Linköping in Sweden, as a visiting professor at University of Pretoria, and as an honorary research fellow at Massey University in New Zealand. In 2010-12, he worked as the chief technical advisor of STIFIMO, a 22 Million Euro science, technology and innovation program between Finland and Mozambique. He has served as a reviewer at several international journals and conferences, PhD committees, and research proposals.

### Research Experience

Prof. Sutinen's research interests are in the uses of information and communication technologies for development (ICT4D), computer science and ICT education, creative problem solving, contextual design, and text tools for learning. He has been designing innovative educational approaches in developing countries and for special education. He has a 6 M Euros portfolio of R&D projects, funded by various EU sources, Academy of Finland and the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation Tekes. The latest are Improving the contextual impact of ICT education in southern Tanzania: Engaging stakeholders towards innovation (Academy of Finland, 2009-12, 400,000 Euros), Towards e-leadership: higher profitability through innovative management and leadership systems (TEKES,ESDF, 2009-12, 710,000 Euros) and Detecting and visualizing changes in emotions in texts (Academy of Finland, 2010-13, 524,000 Euros). He has supervised or co-supervised 19 PhDs.