

Mia Panisse

Short biography

Mia Panisse is the Administrative Director at the Language Centre at Åbo Akademi University in Turku, Finland. Prior to her current appointment, she pursued a career as a French teacher. Her professional experience as a teacher and lecturer spans over 30 years including all stages of the Finnish school system from comprehensive school to university, the focus being on adult learning. Before joining the language centre in 2004, she was a lecturer at the Department of French Language and Literature at ÅAU. In 2012, she earned her PhD in French contemporary literature.

Her native tongue is Swedish, but she is also fluent in Finnish, French and English. In addition, she has studied German, Italian and some Spanish.

She has published on the topic of French and Francophone modern literature as well as book chapters on the intercultural aspects of the national core curriculum (defines the values and the objectives for the national school system) and local school curriculum. Her articles and blogs include topics on digitalization in a language centre environment from student and teacher perspectives, inclusion, serious games and etandem.

She is a member of the Language Centre Directors Board of FINELC (the Network of Finnish University Language Centres). She has also contributed to the work of several working and advisory groups, projects and committees.