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### **Short CV**

Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Jur. Dr., associate professor in international law, has worked at universities in Sweden and Finland and has been guest researcher in several international research institutions. She is currently director at the Åland Islands Peace Institute. Dr Spiliopoulou Åkermark received her doctoral degree at the Faculty of Law, Uppsala University.

In the period 2001-2006 she was a member of the Advisory Committee of Experts on the Framework Convention on National Minorities of the Council of Europe where she also serves anew since June 2010. Main academic interests: minority protection, autonomy as a conflict solution device, diversity in law, treaty law, demilitarisation and neutralisation in the Åland Islands, the role of developing countries in the formation of international law, and external relations of the European Union.

She has extensive experience as advisor, consultant and board member in various international governmental and nongovernmental organisations and she headed an interdisciplinary research project entitled 'International obligations and national debates minorities around the Baltic Sea' 2003-2006 with the final research volume published in 2006 by the Åland Islands Peace Institute. Among her other publications one may mention the books, 'Justifications of Minority Protection in International Law' (1997) and 'Human Rights of Minority Women' (2000) in addition to numerous articles on a variety of international law matters. Dr Spiliopoulou Åkermark is currently one of the senior researchers involved in the interdisciplinary research project ELDIA

2010-2012 (European Language Diversity for All) funded by the EU 7th Framework Programme for Research. She has been a member of the scientific committee of the Institute for Minority Rights (EURAC) since 2009.

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