

Pertti Kansanen recipient of the Academy Award 2015

The Finnish Academy of Science and Letters presented its Academy Award for 2015 to Professor Pertti Kansanen. Born in 1940, Kansanen obtained a doctorate from the University of Helsinki in 1973 and was appointed associate professor of teacher education there in 1978 and full professor in 1982. He was Dean of the Faculty of Education in 1983–1990. All told, he had a long career as a reformer of teacher education, and the success of the Finnish school system in the PISA evalua-

tions may be seen very largely as an outcome of his work.

Kansanen published extensively in international journals, mostly ones concerned with teacher education, his more recent research having dealt with syllabus comparisons, the pedagogical principles on which these are based and the long-term effects of teacher education. He established excellent contacts with researchers in Sweden and Germany and was granted an honorary doctorate by three universities.

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