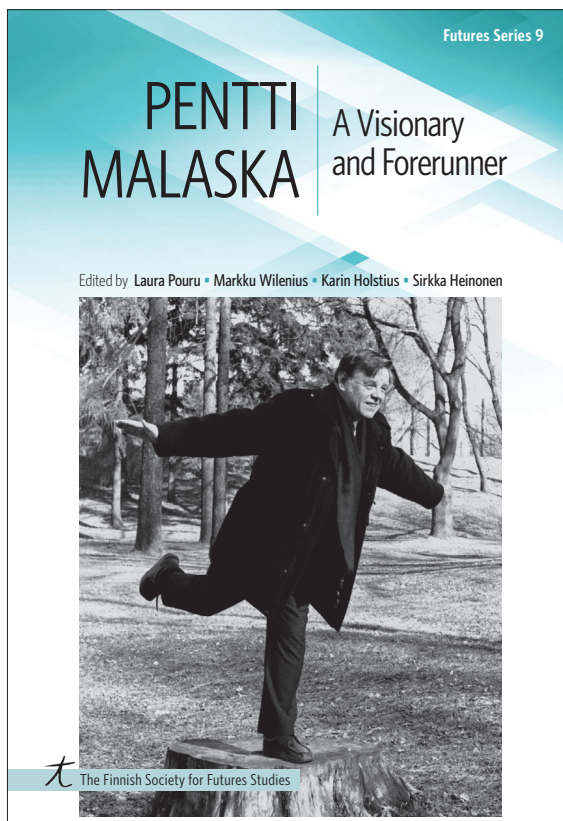


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This is an intellectual biography of the life and work of Professor Pentti Malaska (1934–2012). Pentti Malaska played a key pioneering role in developing and establishing the academic discipline of futures studies not only in Finland, but also internationally.

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"I met Pentti in Dubrovnik where he gave a lecture that was absolutely mind-blowing. It was one of the few truly futures-oriented lectures that were given there in this course on futures studies. And I said this is a tremendous intellect, and a warm person who is able to combine both – the mind and the emotion very well."

– Jim Dator, Director, Professor of the Hawaii Research Centre for Futures Studies

"We were two committed futurists, doing our best to understand and help create futures studies, encourage others to do so too, and even hoped the results of our work might help create a better world."

– Wendell Bell, Futurist, Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Yale University

"It is a truly momentous achievement to establish a new discipline out of nothing and to gain an academic status for that discipline. Without Pentti's resolve and his skills of cooperation, the discipline of futures studies and its institutions would not exist on the scale they do in Finland today. I have no idea who would have undertaken such a venture had it not been Pentti."

– Ilkka Niiniluoto, Academician of Science, Professor Emeritus of Theoretical Philosophy at the University of Helsinki



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