

9th International Symposium of the Finnish Oral History Network FOHN  
**Memory in Movement: Pace, Connection & Introspection**

28<sup>th</sup>–29<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Jyväskylä, Finland

## Programme

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

9:00–9:30 **Registration & Coffee and Snacks**

*Seminarium Old Assembly Hall S212*

9:30–9:45 **Opening Remarks**

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Hannah Kaarina Yoken, *Chair of FOHN*

Katri Kivilaakso, *Head of Collections at Finnish Literature Society*

Outi Fingerroos, *Professor of Ethnology, Department of History and Ethnology,  
University of Jyväskylä*

9:45–10:45 **Keynote 1: Kirsti Jõesalu** (Chair: Outi Fingerroos)

*Seminarium Old Assembly Hall S212*

10:45–11:00 **Time to Move Between Venues**

11:00–13:00 **Panels 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5**

*Seminarium S304; Historica H306 & H501; Educa D209 & D304*

**Panel 1: Exploring, Negotiating, and Problematizing Temporalities S304**

Chair: Samira Saramo

Anne Brædder (Roskilde University): *Environmental Times in the Environmental Movement NOAH*

Rasmus Marjanen (Åbo Akademi University): *"It cannot be Compared to Our War Veterans": Crisis Management Personnel and the Historical Context of a 21st Century Veteran Status*

Bradley Reynolds (University of Helsinki): *Sauna Diplomacy Decanted: Steaming Away Cold War Images and the Shifting Geographies of Acceptable Diplomatic Practice*

**Panel 2: Travelling Legacies D209**

Chair: Anne Heimo

Adrienne Cain Darough (Baylor University Institute for Oral History): *"Fiat Lux", Let There be Light: The Legacy of Bishop College*

Niina Hanhinen (University of Turku): *The Travelling Rückenfigur in Nora Krug's Heimat*

Ranjana Saha (University of Turku): *A Global History of Baby Weeks: Past & Present*

Liv Helene Willumsen (UiT The Arctic University of Norway University of Tromsø): *Oral Transfer of Blåkulla Witchcraft Ideas*

**Panel 3: Movement of Memories across Generations and Media in Russia and Beyond D304**

Chair: Liisa Lalu

Meeri Siukonen (University of Helsinki): *Oral Histories and Intergenerational Memories of Stalinist Repression*

Irina Kapitonova (University of Helsinki): *Stitching the Past: Creative Memory Practices in Contemporary Russia*

Karina Lukin (University of Helsinki): *Intergenerational Ties of Indigeneity in Vasili Ledkov's Prose*

Ulla Savolainen (University of Helsinki): *Complicated Complicity through Intergenerational Memory in Arvi Perttu's "Dreams of War"*

**Panel 4: Home, Identity, and Belonging *H306***

Chair: Anna Kajander

Amir Abdelamir (University of Jyväskylä): *Petrodollars and Foreign Expertise: Microhistories of Finnish Professionals in Iraq in the 1970s and 1980s*

Peter Bjorklund (University of Manchester): *Meanings of Home Through Ceremonies for Karen Refugees from Burma in Sheffield*

Kristiina Korjonen-Kuusipuro (Juvenia - Youth Research and Development Centre (Xamk)) & Anna-Kaisa Kuusisto (Tampere University): *Memory Encounters: Thinking of Homes and Belonging in an Art Workshop*

Lu Zhang (University of Nottingham/University of Helsinki): *Roots and Routes: Searching My Family History in Migration, Memory, and Modern China History*

**Panel 5: Queer Memory and Queer (Oral) History: Interview perspectives, cross-temporal connections and transnational movements (Session 1) *H501***

Chair: Varpu Alasuutari

Tuula Juvonen (Tampere University): *Straight to the Field: Conducting Oral History Interviews with Queer Informants*

Pauliina Lukinmaa (University of Eastern Finland): *Gay Love Greetings from Leningrad: Gay Activists in Helsinki and Leningrad Crossing Borders in the Early 1980s*

Riikka Taavetti (University of Turku): *Remembering Munaristeily Queer Cruises*

13:00–14:15 **Lunch**

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14:15–16:15 **Panels 5, 6, 7, & 8**

*Historica H306 & H501; Educa D209 & D304*

**Panel 6: Movement, Memory, and Materiality *D209***

Chair: Anna Kajander and Eerika Koskinen-Koivisto

Kirsti Salmi-Niklander (University of Helsinki): *Heroes of Melted Iron: Oral histories of Workplace Safety Measures and Accidents in Högfors Ironworks*

Kaisa Vehkalahti (University of Jyväskylä): *Enchanted Objects of Childhood: Re-Reading the Story of Post-War Rural Finland through Material Memories*

Helena Ristaniemi (University of Oulu): *Small Matters and Everyday Histories: Making Historical Consciousness Matter*

Siiri Savinotko (Tampere University): *"Touching (the) archive: Tangible Documents in Archival Research*

Anna Kajander (University of Jyväskylä) and Eerika Koskinen-Koivisto (University of Jyväskylä): *Interpreting Contradictions on Material Memories and Lived Objects*

**Panel 7: Methodological Explorations D304**

Chair: Meeri Siukonen

Tomas Jonsson (University of Regina/Dunlop Art Gallery): *Re-Earthing Family Narrative*

Elina Laakso (University of Helsinki): *Emotional History of Spouse Companionship in 20th Century Finland: Methodological Issues in Researching Personal Narratives*

Maria Syväniemi (University of Turku): *How to Research Nonverbal Emotions from Written Memory Datasets?*

**Panel 8: Feminism, my family: From livingrooms to archives H306**

Chair: Essi Jouhki

Liisa Lalu (University of Turku): *"Oh It Felt so Liberating when One hadn't had to Care Anymore for the Ideology." Women's Shift to Feminism After Marxist-Leninism*

Katja Lautamatti (Aalto University): *How to Film the Intimate Memory of Feminist Activists' families?*

Turunen Arja (University of Jyväskylä): *Oral History Life Stories of Finnish Second-Wave Feminists: New Narratives of the Movement*

**Panel 9: Queer memory and queer (oral) history: Interview perspectives, cross-temporal connections and transnational movements (Session 2) H501**

Chair: Pauliina Lukinmaa

Kate Sotejeff-Wilson (KSW Translations): *How Long till Queer Future Month?*

Varpu Alasuutari (University of Turku): *Memories of Queer Loneliness*

Rebeka Põldsam (University of Tartu): *Imagining Queer Aging Futures in Estonia*

16:15–16:30 **Time to Move Between Venues**

16:30–17:30 **Keynote 2: Lynn Abrams** (Chair: Hannah Kaarina Yoken)  
*Seminarium Old Assembly Hall S212*

17:30–19:30 **Reception: sparkling wine and hors d'oeuvres**  
*Seminarium Old Assembly Hall S212*

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

9:00–9:30 **Coffee and Snacks**  
*Seminarium Old Assembly Hall S212*

9:30–10:30 **Keynote 3: Daniele Salerno** (Chair: Riikka Taavetti)  
*Seminarium Old Assembly Hall S212*

10:30–10:45 **Time to Move Between Venues**

10:45–12:45 **Panels 9, 10, 11, & 12**  
*Seminarium S304; Historica H306 & H501; Educa D209*

**Panel 10: Art, creativity, and remembrance S304**

Chair: Wiivi-Maria Jouttijärvi

Maarja Merivoo-Parro (University of Jyväskylä): *Vulnerability on the Move: Informants, Information and the Problem of Forgotten Intimacies*

Brigitta Davidjants (Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre): *Women's Experience in Estonian Punk Movement during the Transition from Soviet to Post-Soviet Society*

Andrew Lochhead (Toronto Metropolitan University): *Monumental: Animating Oral History as Creative Memory Activism*

Annika Tammela (University of Jyväskylä): *Music as a 'Time Machine' into the Past: Emotional and Bodily Memories*

**Panel 11: Migration and displacement D209**

Chair: Bradley Reynolds

Aniek Smit (Red Star Line Museum Antwerp): *Moving stories: conducting oral histories in the context of a migration museum*

Ali Emre Eldem (Istanbul Esenyurt University - Galatasaray University) & Duygu Yayla Eldem (Istanbul Esenyurt University - Marmara University): *Narratives in Motion: Memory, Identity, and Displacement among Turkish Population Exchange Descendants*

Hanza Diman (Universität der Bundeswehr München): *Trust and Time in Oral History: Insights from Beninese Pédah and Hwɔla Migrants to Ivory Coast (1970-2000)*

Katja Hrobat Virloget (University of Primorska): *"Silence in motion": Creations of Memory and Silence on the Istrian Exodus across Time and Space*

**Panel 12: Environment, Physicality, and Body H306**

Chair: Pete Pesonen

Silja Heikkinen (University of Oulu): *Karelians' relationship with nature from the perspectives of memory studies and environmental history*

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Tuija Hovi (University of Turku): *Hiking through History: Experiences of Present Day Pilgrims in Finland*

Minna Uusivirta (University of Turku): *Evoking Bodily Remembrance of Sporting Bodies*

Mia Vrijens (Florence Nightingale Institute-V&VN): *Case-Study: How Corona Shed an Unexpected New Light to HIV/Aids*

### Panel 13: Wars, Conflicts, and Contested Spaces **H501**

Chair: Eerika Koskinen-Koivisto

Selma Čatović Hughes (University of Turku): *[EXTRA]Ordinary People: Transcribing Oral Testimonies through Remembrance, Erasure and Healing Ruptures*

Olga Davydova-Minguet (Karelian Institute, University of Eastern Finland): *"How to Immigrate into History": Russian-speaking and Ukrainian Immigrants Relating to Finnish War Memory*

Petra Kavrečič Božeglav (University of Primorska): *To Be an Italian Living in a Slovene Village in Italy: Stories, Conflicts, Ignorance and Perceptions*

Greta Paskociumaite (The Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore): *Independent Partisan War Memory: Between Expectations and Reality*

12:45–14:00 **Lunch**

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14:00–15:00 **Keynote 4: Samira Saramo** (Chair: Ulla Savolainen)

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15:00–15:30 **Final Remarks**

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