



FOHN – Finnish Oral History Network

MEMORY AND NARRATION

Helsinki, 15–17 November 2006

Wednesday 15.11.2006

Snellmaninkatu 3 (Arppeanum)

- 10.15 – 10.30 Opening words: Ulla-Maija Peltonen
- 10.30 – 11.45 Keynote lecture: Ronald J. Grele (Columbia University, USA)
The continuing challenges of oral history
Chair: Ulla-Maija Peltonen
- 11.45 – 13.15 Lunch
- 13.15 – 14.45 Parallel sessions:
Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences/House of Sciences and Letters)

A-1 Identity and narration (Room 401)

Chair: Marja-Liisa Keinänen (Stockholm University)

- a.) Hinkle, Maija (American Latvian Association Oral History Project): Changing Latvian-American émigré identity in life story narratives and group discussions
- b.) Siim, Pihla (University of Joensuu/University of Helsinki): Narratives told in transnational families
- c.) Tuomaala, Saara (University of Helsinki): “Keeping her apron clean”: Modernization of agrarian youth by means of feminine narration

A-2 Conflicts, survival and silence 1 (Room 505)

Chair: Claudia Lenz (Center for studies of Holocaust and religious minorities)

- a.) Jaago, Tiiu (University of Tartu): Popular autobiographical war narratives. Comparison of written narratives in two countries
- b.) Lintunen, Tiina (University of Turku): Stereotyping the enemy
- c.) Peltonen, Ulla-Maija (University of Helsinki/Finnish Literature Society): Testimony as a form of remembering

A-3 Memories of work 1 (Room 208)

Chair: Ingar Kaldal (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)

- a.) Ljungström, Åsa (Mid-Sweden University): To make school safe for diversity: Narratives from the classroom by students of education doing ethnography
- b.) Paaskoski, Leena (University of Helsinki): The forging of a forest professional
- c.) Uitto, Minna (University of Oulu): Teacher memories – recalled, told and felt

14.45 – 15.15

Coffee and tea

15.15 – 17.15

Parallel sessions:
Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences House of Sciences and Letters)

B-1 Everyday life and popular culture (Room 401)

Chair: Ulf Palmenfelt (Gotland University)

- a.) Berglund-Lake, Håkan (Mid-Sweden University): Imagining being present: To get in touch with people's everyday and unreflected routines in historical contexts.
- b.) Kortti, Jukka & Mähönen, Tuuli Anna (University of Helsinki): Media ethnography and oral history
- c.) Latvala, Pauliina (University of Helsinki): Oral history and changes in social activity in Finland
- d.) Matilainen, Riitta (University of Helsinki): Experiences of Finnish gamblers in an emerging consumer society and usefulness of oral-history type material

B-2 Fieldwork methodology 1 (Room 208)

Chair: Kirsti Salmi-Niklander (University of Helsinki)

- a.) Gehe, Ilze (University of Oslo): Creating a historical source. Latvian diaspora and oral-history interviews
- b.) Rantala, Pälvi (University of Lapland): To tell or not to tell?
- c.) Rossi, Leena (University of Turku): Power in oral history

B-3 Experience and narration (Room 505)

Chair: Tiina Kirss (University of Tartu/University of Toronto)

- a.) Bela, Baiba (University of Latvia): Narrative and reality
- b.) Garda, Ieva (University of Latvia): Biographical approach to the oral history and research of folklore narratives
- c.) Gunnemark, Kerstin (Gothenburg University): Memories of the spirit of the 1950s
- d.) Vakimo, Sinikka (University of Joensuu): Narrative gerontology in the context of oral history research

18.00. Reception: University of Helsinki

Thursday 16.11.2006

10.15 -11.45

Parallel sessions:

Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences/House of Sciences and Letters)

C-1 Memories of work 2 (Room 309)

Chair: Saara Tuomaala (University of Helsinki)

- a.) Kajamaa, Anu & Kerosuo, Hannele (University of Helsinki): Analysing social remembering of organizational change in storytelling events – case of Finnish hospital ward
- b.) Kaldal, Ingar (Norwegian University of Science and Technology): Cultural heritage of work – methodological problems and possibilities in interpretations of memories of work
- c.) Lappalainen, Niina (University of Helsinki): Deindustrialization and collective identity

C-2 Conflicts, survival and silence 2 (Room 401)

Chair: Ulla-Maija Peltonen (Finnish Literature Society)

- a.) Bjerg, Helle (Blaagard Teaching College) & Lenz, Claudia (Center for studies of Holocaust and religious minorities, Oslo): "If only grandfather was here to tell us..." Gender as a category in the culture of memory of the occupation in Denmark and Norway
- b.) Heimo, Anne (University of Turku) The 1918 Finnish Civil War and politics of history/memory

C-3 Environment and memory (Room 505)

Chair: Jyrki Pöysä (Finnish Literature Society)

- a.) Laakkonen, Simo (University of Helsinki):
Methodological issues concerning environmental reminiscences in Finland
- b.) Mustonen, Tero (University of Joensuu): Eternal Kantele and the end of time – reflections on retraditionalization of traditional knowledge in the face of rapid ecological changes in the Arctic
- c.) Nagy, Daniel (University of Turku): Testing digital storytelling in industrial heritage research
- d.) Supulis, Edmunds (University of Latvia): Experiencing city – problems of verbalizing urbanism in lifestories

11.45/12.15 –13.15 Lunch

13.15 – 15.15 Parallel sessions:
Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences and Letters)

D-1 Fieldwork methodology 2 (Room 309)

Chair: Pekka Hakamies (University of Turku)

- a.) Jerman, Helena (University of Helsinki): Memory and the creation of belonging
- b.) Selyaninova, Gulsina (Perm State Teacher Training University): Researching History of everyday life by means of oral history
- c.) Tenkanen, Salla (University of Turku): Amateur films in constructing life stories

D- 2 Life stories and genre (Room 505)

Chair: Annikki Kaivola-Bregenhøj (University of Turku)

- a.) Bormane, Dace (University of Latvia): A capital of space in thinking of one's own life
- b.) Palmenfelt, Ulf (Gotland University): Narrating memories

- c.) Pöysä, Jyrki (Finnish Literature Society): Genre as an ancillary concept in oral history studies
- d.) Pranka, Maruta (Latvian University): Events of the past in the mirror of the present: life story as the method and source

D-3 Panel: Environmental reminiscences of the Baltic Sea countries: Networks, approaches and themes (Room 401)

Chair: Simo Laakkonen (University of Helsinki)

- a.) Mara Zirnite (Latvian University): *Oral history and biographies as resources for local and cross-cultural studies: development of Baltic-Nordic co-operation*
- b.) Baiba Bela (Latvian University)
- c.) Tiiu Jaago (University of Tartu)

16.15 – 17.30

Keynote lecture: Joanna Bornat (Snellmaninkatu 3, Arppeanum):
Oral history and its use and reuse in relation to issues of age and ageing

Chair: Sinikka Vakimo

18.00

Reception

Great Hall, 2nd floor, Hallituskatu 1 (Finnish Literature Society)
Reception is hosted by Finnish Literature Society

Publication of a book on methodological issues in oral history:
Muistitietotutkimus. Metodologisia kysymyksiä. Tietolipas 214.
(Eds. Outi Fingerroos, Riina Haanpää, Anne Heimo, Ulla-Maija Peltonen.) Finnish Literature Society.

Friday 17.11.2006

10.15 – 12.15

Parallel sessions:

Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences and Letters)

E-1 Social and collective memory (Room 309)

Chair: Åsa Ljungström (Midsweden University)

- a.) Hinrikus, Rutt (Estonian Literary Museum): The narrative of the White Ship in Estonian tradition
- b.) Kurkowska, Marta (Jagiellonian University, Krakow): Memory on a turn: oral history in contemporary Poland

- c.) Makkonen, Elina (University of Joensuu): The Oral history of the University of Joensuu

E-2: Oral and literary narration (Room 505)

Chair: Lena Marander-Eklund (Åbo Akademi University)

- a.) Kirss, Tiina (University of Toronto/Tartu University): Memory work and the life histories writing group: Estonian comparisons
- b.) Kurki, Tuulikki (University of Joensuu): Written and read villages in Soviet Karelia and beyond
- c.) Meskova, Sandra (University of Daugavpils): Memories textualized and “live”: The early 1940s in Anita Liepa’s fiction and L. Dage’s memoirs
- d.) Salmi-Niklander, Kirsti (University of Helsinki): Oral history, manuscript culture and literary tradition. The mystery of the working-class writer Kasper Tantt (1886-1918).

E-3 Popular historiography (Room 401)

Chair: Jorma Kalela

- a.) Fingerroos, Outi (University Consortium of Pori/University of Turku): Traces, clues and forbidden memories of the Karelia
- b.) Keinänen, Marja-Liisa (Stockholm University): “The Finn Wars” – The narrative construction of Forest Finnish popular history
- c.) Saleniece, Irena (University of Daugavpils): Oral history in the studies of the 20th century history of Latvia

12.15 – 14.15

Lunch

14.15 – 15.30

Final discussion

Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences and Letters, Room 505)

Commentators: John Miles Foley (University of Missouri-Columbia, USA) and Seppo Knuutila (University of Joensuu)

Chair: Lauri Harvilahti (Finnish Literature Society)

15.30

Coffee and tea