



**FOHN – Finnish Oral History Network**

**ORAL HISTORY AND ETHICS  
International research symposium**

Helsinki, 3 – 4 December 2008  
House of Sciences and Letters (Tieteiden talo), Kirkkokatu 6

**Wednesday 3.12.2008**

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| 9 – 10.15.      | <b>Registration</b>   |                  |
| 10.15. – 11.45  | Opening words: Aili Nenola (Finnish Literature Society)   | <b>Room 104</b>  |
|                 | Keynote lecture: Robert Perks (British Library):<br><b>Confidentiality, Control, Consent and Co-Construction:<br/>Evolving Ethics in Oral History</b><br>Chair: Outi Fingerroos (University of Jyväskylä) |                  |
| 11.45. – 13.15. | Lunch   |                  |
| 13.15.– 13.45.  | Ulla-Maija Peltonen (Finnish Literature Society):<br><b>Silenced narratives of war – Ethical reflections</b>  | <b>Room 505</b>  |
| 13.45. – 14.15. | Coffee  | <b>5th floor</b> |
| 14.15. – 16.30. | Parallel sessions:  |                  |
|                 | <b>A. Silenced memories in an intergenerational context</b><br>Room 505<br>Chairs: Kaisa Vehkalahti (University of Turku) and Kirsti Salmi-Niklander (University of Helsinki)                             |                  |

- 1.) *Fyrstén, Marjatta* (University of Oulu): Legends of her life
- 2.) *Koskinen-Koivisto, Eerika* (University of Jyväskylä): Studying a Close Relative
- 3.) *Ljungström, Åsa* (Mid-Sweden University): Discretion of Child Abuse. A Case Study of the Protection of the Third Party for Generations versus the Public Interest
- 4.) *Selyaninova, Gulsina* (The Perm State Teacher-training University): Ethical principles of relations of narrators and interviewers at the process of recording life-stories and reminiscences

### **B. Confidentiality and building trust**

Room 401

Chairs: Helena Jerman (University of Helsinki) and Anne Heimo (University of Turku)

- 1.) *Kudela, Wiktoria* (The Jagiellonian University): “The starry skies above me and the moral law inside me...” The researcher in the face of an interviewee’s traumatic experiences while conducting oral history research
- 2.) *Lidman, Satu* (University of Joensuu): Talking about delicate matters with total strangers. A survey on shame and honor.
- 3.) *Melnikova, Ekaterina* (The European University of St. Petersburg): Fears and Hopes: What Do “We” share with “Them”?
- 4.) *Strandén, Sofie* (Åbo Akademi University): The narrator figure – the interviewee as an anonymised construction

18.00.

### **Symposium Reception**

Great Hall, 2nd floor, Hallituskatu 1 (Finnish Literature Society)

Reception is hosted by Tuomas M.S. Lehtonen

**Thursday 4.12.2008**

10.15. – 11.30. Keynote lecture: *Arja Kuula* (University of Tampere):  
Room 104  
**Qualitative research and ethics of data archiving.**  
Chair: Ulla-Maija Peltonen

11.30. – 13.15. Lunch

13.15. – 14.45. Parallel sessions:

**C. The predictability of ethical questions**

Room 401

Chairs: Riina Haanpää (University of Turku) and TBA

- 1.) *Bouška, Tomáš* (Charles University in Prague):  
Oral Histories of Czechoslovak Political Prisoners
- 2.) *Latvala, Pauliina* (University of Helsinki): Folklorists  
and the Finnish society: Are we making culture  
understandable?
- 3.) *Rossi, Leena* (University of Turku): Interviewer's  
dilemma – Am I the right interviewer for this particular  
person?

**D. Space, place and ethics**

Room 208

Chairs: Ene Kõresaar (University of Tartu) and Saara Tuomaala  
(University of Helsinki)

- 1.) *Laakkonen, Simo & Karreinen, Lari* (University of  
Helsinki): Faces of the environment. Working class,  
environmental reminiscences, and ethics
- 2.) *Lappalainen, Niina* (University of Helsinki): "I wanted  
to tell you this, but please, keep it to yourself!"
- 3.) *Kouri, Jaana* (University of Turku): Narrated  
environment as a moral witness

14.45. – 15.15. Coffee  
1st floor

15.15. – 17.00 **Final discussion**  
Room 104  
Chair: Outi Fingerroos