



FOHN – Finnish Oral History Network

ORAL HISTORY AND FIELDWORK The (Re)use and Interpretation of Research Materials

Helsinki, 2–3 December 2010

Thursday 2.12.2010

10.00 – 10.15

Registration

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

10.15 – 11.30

Opening: Ulla-Maija Peltonen (Finnish Literature Society, SKS)
Keynote lecture: Selma Leydesdorff (University of Amsterdam):
**Is it possible to overcome the obstacles in the case of interviews with
traumatized people?**

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

11.30 – 12.30

Lunch

12.30 – 13.00

Keynote Lecture: Antti Häkkinen (University of Helsinki)
**From bush to bay street: The Finnish community of Thunder Bay as
memories, narratives and experiences**

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

13.15 – 14.45

Parallel sessions:

1.) **Fieldwork and archives: a multitemporal perspective**

Lecture Room 208, Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences)

Chairs: Tiiu Jaago & Tomáš Bouška

- a.) Wiktoria Kudela-Świątek: Through the keyhole... about practical and methodological problems (re)using an oral history materials
- b.) Tytti Steel: Reinterpreting images of female dockers
- c.) Olga Sveshnikova: The role of oral history in studying the lifeworld of archeological expeditions

2.) **Temporality and the use of multiple sources**

Lecture Room 313, Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences)

Chairs: Simo Laakkonen & Elina Makkonen

- a.) Liisa Granbom-Herranen: Life stories open a gate to the oral past

- b.)Heli Kananen: Deliberations and research results – The use of oral history material in a study of social control and adaptation
- c.)Leena Rossi: From one to many – my interview material

14.45 – 15.00

Tea & coffee
Ground floor, Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences)

15.00 – 17.00

Parallel sessions:

3.) Re-use of research material: questions of past and present

Lecture Room 208, Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences)

Chairs: Kirsti Salmi-Niklander & Kaisa Vehkalahti

- a.)Gunilla Bjerén: Tracing historical change through biographical interviews in Ethiopia
- b.)Leena Paaskoski: The reuse of forest professionals' life stories
- c.)Edmunds Supulis: Comparing distant memories on soviet past in Latvia

4.) Communication and emotions in fieldwork

Lecture Room 313, Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences)

Chairs: Niina Lappalainen & Ulf Palmenfelt

- a.)Riikka Kiuru: Remember your scholarly responsibility: anticipate the (re)use
- b.)Jaana Kouri: Row down the time – learning methodology by doing
- c.)Minna-Liisa Salonsaari: Remembered and narrated remigration of ethnic Finns from the area of former Soviet Union

5.) Archives reflecting (political) history

Lecture Room, 1st floor, Hallituskatu 1(Finnish Literature Society)

Chairs: Pauliina Latvala & Ulla-Maija Peltonen

- a.) Tomáš Bouška: Czech archives and oral history
- b.)Tiiu Jaago, Kirsti Jõesalu, Ene Kõresaar, Aigi Rahi-Tamm:Studying continuities and discontinuities of remembering the 20th century: discussing possible sources
- c.)Joni Krekola: The oral history collection of the Finnish ex-parliamentarians as research material

17.00 – 18.00

Baltic-Nordic network meeting

Lecture Room, 1st floor, Hallituskatu 1(Finnish Literature Society)

18.00

Symposium reception (for the registered participants)

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

Reception is hosted by Finnish Literature Society

Opening words: Chairman of the SKS's Council, Professor Emerita Aili Nenola

Friday 3.12.2010

10.00 – 10.15

Registration

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

10.15 – 11.30

Keynote lecture: Molly Andrews (University of East London):

Understanding life backwards: The shifting ground of interpretation

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

11.30 – 12.30

Lunch

12.30 – 13.00

Keynote Lecture: Anne Heimo (University of Turku):

Multiple sources and the social process of history making

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

13.15 – 15.15

Parallel sessions:

6.) Methodological challenges related to dialogical texts in archives

Lecture Room 208, Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences)

Chairs: Outi Fingerroos & Riina Haanpää

a.) Baiba Bela: The dialogical nature of life story and biographical research

b.) Ieva Garda-Rozenberga: Oral history and folklore: Genre, Performance and Intertextuality

c.) Maija Santikko: Researcher and varied writings

d.) Ulla Savolainen: Interaction in the production of written evacuation journey narratives and the role of the researcher

7.) The demands of fieldwork encounters

Lecture Room 313, Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences)

Chairs: Anne Heimo & Helena Jerman

a.) Mari Kervinen: Reflections from my one year data collection experiences from northern Namibia

b.) Annikka Konola: Recalling and reusing of memories – bodily ageing remembering work

c.) John MacDonald: Twenty-five years of Inuit oral history (The iglulik oral history project, Iglulik, Nunavut, Canada)

8.) Participation and the use of various tools

Lecture Room 405, Kirkkokatu 6 (House of Sciences)

Chairs: Annikki Kaivola-Bregenhøj & Niina Lappalainen

a.) Philip Donner: Navigating towards historical reality

b.) Tiina-Riitta Lappi: Narrating spatial experiences

c.) Maruta Pranka: Methodological aspects of use life history research for investigation social processes

d.) Māra Zirnīte: An audio-visual memorial to the last inhabitants of Luž kila: The beginning of the National Oral History archives

9.) Recreated memories of life and family

Lecture Room, 1st floor, Hallituskatu 1 (Finnish Literature Society)

Chairs: Kerstin Gunnemark & Annika Nordström

- a.) Dagmara Beitnere: Life stories: looking for self-references
- b.) Kerstin Gunnemark: Reusing autobiographies – with focus on time and family
- c.) Rutt Hinrikus: Boundaries and Norms for Presenting the Family Narrative
- d.) Annika Nordström: Personal memories as intangible cultural heritage

15.15 – 16.15

Final discussion, tea & coffee

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