

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### **Research, Politics, and the Autoethnographic Method: Located selves & situated knowledges**

A PhD workshop by Research Collective *Bordering Actors*  
to be held at Faculty of Social Sciences  
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi  
Monday 15 December 2014  
10 am – 4 pm

#### **Program**

##### Monday 15 December

10.15 am – 12.00 (LS 2)

Lecture: “Bordering Solidarity and Decolonization: Paradoxes of Research-Activism and Autoethnographies of Unlearning” / Hanna Laako, Laura Junka-Aikio, and Tiina Seppälä, Research Collective *Bordering Actors*

12.45 pm – 3.45 pm (ss 5)

Workshop: Presentation of papers, ideas and/or research plans, comments and discussion

3.45 pm – 4 pm (ss 5)

Concluding discussion

The workshop explores the different ways in which personal history, experiences, ethical and political considerations may intersect in the context of academic research, and seeks to introduce the autoethnographic method as a means of developing these intersections into a visible, productive, methodologically and theoretically significant resource.

The workshop is grounded on a lecture by the Research Collective *Bordering Actors* (VTI Hanna Laako/Universidad Autónoma de Mexico, PhD Laura Junka-Aikio/Giellagas-institute, Oulu, and YTI Tiina Seppälä/University of Lapland). The lecture will be followed by a seminar dedicated for the seminar participant’s own work and concerns. Detailed research papers are not required, but all workshop participants are expected to bring with them some examples of their work, and a preliminary list of ideas of their work that has formed in conjunction with, or related to their own identity, experiences, history, and political or ethical considerations.

To apply for the workshop, please submit an example of your work and a list of ideas by 4 December to Tiina Seppälä <[tiina.seppala@ulapland.fi](mailto:tiina.seppala@ulapland.fi)>.

Credits: 2–5 ECTS

Requirements: Participation and a short presentation at the workshop (2 ECTS), and an optional essay (3 ECTS).

Maximum number of workshop participants: 12 PhD students.

The lecture is open for all.

## Research Collective *Bordering Actors*

VTT Hanna Laako holds a PhD in Social Science from the University of Helsinki (2011). Currently she is carrying out postdoctoral research in the *Programa de Investigaciones Multidisciplinarias de Mesoamérica y el Sureste* (Proimmse-IIA-UNAM), Chiapas, Mexico, on the politicization of midwifery. She has also carried out postdoctoral research in *El Colegio de la Frontera Sur* (ECOSUR), Chiapas, Mexico (2013–2014) on the meaning of the Mexican southern border. She has been a visiting fellow of *El Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología* (CIESAS-Sureste), Chiapas, Mexico (2010-2012) and a consultant for the UNESCO Mexico and Central American office (2011). She has facilitated an activist-photography exposition on the Zapatistas in the Finnish Museum of Photography (2010). Her publications are related to social and indigenous movements, decolonization, globalization, International Relations and Borderlands Studies. She has published for broader audiences on a variety of topics running from Mexican political conflicts to contemporary Mexican midwifery. She is engaged with various pro-Zapatista and research-activist networks.

PhD Laura Junka-Aikio is a post-doctoral researcher at the Giellagas Institute for Saami Studies, University of Oulu (Finland). Her work engages broadly the politics of knowledge and anticolonial thought in the framework of postcolonial late modernity, often combining research and visual practice. Junka-Aikio's ongoing, post-doctoral research project examines the politics of knowledge and research in the context of the Sámi in Finland.

YTT Tiina Seppälä holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of Lapland, Finland, where she works as a post-doctoral researcher. Her PhD thesis (2010) was published by Routledge in 2012 under the title *Globalizing Resistance against War: Theories of Resistance and the New Anti-War Movement*. Seppälä is interested in resistance, activism, social movements, critical development studies, biopolitics, postcolonial and feminist theory. Seppälä has worked as a visiting research fellow at Calcutta Research Group, in Kolkata, India, and Nepal Institute of Peace, in Kathmandu. Her research project 'Governance, Resistance & Neoliberal Development: Struggles against Development-Induced Displacement and Forced Evictions in South Asia' is funded by the Academy of Finland (2013–2016). As an activist-researcher Seppälä has engaged with anti-war and peace movements in Europe, anti-land acquisition and anti-eviction movements in India, and slum activist movement in Nepal.

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