



Turun XI lesbo-, homo- ja queer-tutkimusseminaari

Pervot Parantumiset / Parantumiset Queer Healings

20.–21.10.2016 Turun yliopisto
Sirkkalan kasarmi, Kaivokatu 12, Turku

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Society of Queer Studies in Finland (SQS) together with our organizing partners warmly welcome you to join us in Turku for the 11th Gay, Lesbian and Queer Studies Research Seminar! Our theme this year is Queer Healings, both in the meaning of to heal and to be healed. The theme includes the ways of thinking and acting in society, arts and culture both in the past and in the present. We focus on the healing technologies and the (liminal) spaces and cultures of healing. We offer critical inquiries in various topics of sexuality and gender and the definitions, discussions and practices of health, sickness and well-being.

Queer Healings takes place October 20-21, 2016 at University of Turku. Our bilingual academic program features keynotes and papers in Finnish and in English. We also host three non-academic workshops: Drumming Circle (in Finnish), Virtual Queer Walk & Storytelling (in Finnish) and Winter Swimming & Sauna which we strongly encourage you to attend. We also hope to see as many of you as possible at the conference dinner Thursday night.

The entire academic program is free of charge. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the chairs of the organizing committee

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Schedule of Events & Academic Program

Thursday October 20, 2016

Venue University of Turku, Sirkkala Campus, Janus Hall (located in the 1st floor, wheelchair accessible). Address: Kaivokatu 12, Turku.

9.00–9.30 Opening of the Seminar

- Welcoming words from Sari Miettinen, President of Society of Queer Studies in Finland (SQS)
- A bioethical welcome from Helena Siipi (UTU Philosophy, Center for the Study of Bioethics Finland, TIAS)
- Greetings and some practicalities from Queer Healings organizing committee chairs Tiia Sudenkaarne and Varpu Alasuutari

9.30–10.30 Keynote 1: Leena-Maija Rossi, University of Jyväskylä

Mitä queer paransi? Mikä queer? Ylpeyden, uushäpeän ja normatiivisen tunnistamisen jälkeen

Chair: Sari Miettinen

Break 15 min

10.45–11.15 Keynote 2: Lance Wahlert, University of Pennsylvania

Queer Bioethics: On the Historical Legacy and Contemporary Stakes of Health Care for LGBT Communities

Chair: Tiia Sudenkaarne

11.45–13.00 Lunch (not provided)

13.00–14.30 Working Group 1: Sukupuoli, uhka, mahdollisuus

Chair: Sade Kondelin

- **Sari Irni:** Hormonihoitojen riskit trans/feministisestä näkökulmasta: lääketieteellisen yksilökeskeisen riskikäsityksen vaihtoehtoja kartoittamassa
- **Jukka Lehtonen:** Intersukupuolisuus koulutusta ja työelämää koskevissa tutkimuksissa
- **Sami Suhonen:** Sukupuolenkorjausjärjestelmä hyvinvoinnin edellytyksenä ja esteenä

14.30–14.45 Coffee and Tea (courtesy of Queer Healings)

14.45–16.15 Working Group 2: Kulttuuri, pervo, parantuminen

Chair: Mikko Carlson

- **Helinä Ääri:** Pervo pako. Kaunokirjallisuuden karkaavat kanat
- **Jarkko Oraharju:** Hänen elämänsä parhaat vuodet. Sukupuolimuistojen parantuminen Raija Siekkisen novellissa.
- **Touko Vaahtera:** Alastomuuden helppouden kulttuurinen politiikka

16.20–17.30 Working Group 3: Taide, pervo, parantaminen

Chair: Tom Linkinen

- **Lotta Kähkönen:** Taiteentekemisen prosessi ja olemisen kokemus Chelsea Thompton teossarjassa “Embodying”
- **Milla Pystynen ja työryhmä:** Reittiavauksia taiteella – Voimaantumishetkiä queer-kalenterin tekoprosessissa

17.30 End of Academic Program

18.00–19.30 Workshop 1: Rumpupiiri (Drumming circle)

Please see the Finnish version of the schedule for details.

20.30– Conference Dinner

Delhi Darbar (Hämeenkatu 8) <http://www.delhidarbar.fi/>

Dinner at your own expense. Vegetarian and vegan options available.

Sign up and inform us of dietary requirements via email to [vaalal\(at\)utu.fi](mailto:vaalal@utu.fi) by October 13!
Room for 30 people in sing-up order.

Friday October 21, 2016

Venue University of Turku, Sirkkala Campus, Janus Hall

Kaivokatu 12, Turku

9.00–10.00 Workshop 2: Virtuaalinen queer-kävely ja tuokiokirjoittamisen työpaja (Virtual Queer Walk & Storytelling)

Please see the Finnish language version of schedule for details.

10.15–11.15 Keynote 3: Salla Sariola, Univeristy of Turku, University of Oxford
Negotiating health and sexuality: LGBTIQ activists and HIV vaccine research in Kenya

Chair: Roosa Toriseva

Break 15 mins

11.30–12.30 Keynote 4: Julian Honkasalo, University of Helsinki
Treatment or torture? A counter history of medical and therapeutic treatment for gender nonconforming youth

Chair: Lotta Kähkönen

12.30–13.30 Lunch (not provided)

13.30–15.30 Working group 4: Queer Healing Bodies, Minds and Places

Chair: Lance Wahlert

- **Tiia Sudenkaarne:** Trans, Gender, Experience: Grounds for a Comparative Queer Bioethical Analysis
- **Polaris Koi:** ADHD and Agency: Questioning the Neuroscientific Paradigm of Self-Control
- **Tuula Juvonen:** Lesbians, the incurable serial monogamists
- **Johanna Pohtinen:** Kink community as a place for healing

15.30–15.45 Coffee and Tea (courtesy of Queer Healings)

15.45–17.00 Closing panel: Queer Healing Utopias – How Things Should Be

Chair Kaisa Ilmonen. Panelists (tbc): Lance Wahlert, Julian Honkasalo, Salla Sariola, Jan Wickman, Tom Linkinen

17.00-17.10 **Closing words** by SQS President Sari Miettinen

17.10 End of Academic Program

18.00–20.00 Workshop 3: Winter Swimming & Sauna

Sauna is an ancient, central place of healing in Finnish culture. For generations, people were born and often also conceived there. Sauna was the last (or only) ointment available to the sick, and the dead were often prepared in its solemn, soft darkness for burial. Today, sauna remains a ritual cleansing the mind and the body. A city by the sea, Turku offers an excellent setting to combine this healing ritual with another traditional practice, winter swimming. Perhaps counter-intuitively, a dip in the Baltic Sea whose gnawing chill you escape into the hot embrace of sauna works miracles on body and soul. You feel the effects of the endorphin-fuelled, mental and physical bliss for days to come. The sea will not be frozen in October yet, but its dark-emerald waters will be sublimely cold.

We will have a wood-burning sauna at our private disposal. As the purpose of winter swimming is less to bathe your body and more spiritual replenishment, there is no running water at the best, old school facilities. This is one of them. (To answer nature's calls, there is an outhouse.) Keeping it old school, you start and finish your experience in the sea. However, it is important to listen to your body: if you feel the sea is simply too much, you're welcome to only enjoy the sauna.

You use sauna in swimming attire (no nudity). The sauna itself is not gendered to men's and women's side, but the changing rooms are. As the facilities are at our private disposal, we can discuss how you feel the space should be facilitated. There will also be a member of the sauna-maintaining organization present. We at Queer Healings will inform them of our arrangements once you have agreed on them.

Place Ruissalo, Saaronniemen Saukot Winter Swimming. See pics of the venue <http://www.saaronniemensaukot.fi/kuvagalleria> and learn more about winter swimming (in Finnish).

We will take bus number 8 at 17.35 o'clock from Kauppatori to Ruissalo. The bus departs at stop number T39. The bus back leaves from Ruissalo at 20 o'clock. The sauna can fit up to 80 people, so car-pooling is also highly recommendable. If you plan to come by car, please let us know about that when you sign up. Also let us know your preferred solution to the gendered changing rooms.

Bring with you a swimming attire, a towel and plenty of drinking water. Consumption of alcoholic beverages — unfortunately, including that one traditional Finnish sauna beer — is prohibited by the rules of the sauna-maintaining organization.

Note: Bus fare (single ticket 3 euros, valid for 2 hours) at your own expense.

Even though the exposure to hot and cold temperatures is scientifically proven to offer relief in several medical conditions, if applicable, do consult your medical professional before attending.

Sign-up by October 13 to [tiijun\(at\)utu.fi](mailto:tiijun(at)utu.fi). Remember to mention car-pooling and/or your preferred solution to the gendered changing rooms

21.00→ After Party & Danceoke

Place: Turku Book Café, Brinkkala Inner Courtyard, Vanha Suurtori 3. <http://www.kirjakahvila.org/>
Accessibility: <http://www.turkukaikille.info/php/kartoitus2.php?id=2603-020&lang=eng>

The after party takes place in Turku Book Café, where you will get a chance to familiarize yourself with danceoke, that is, dance karaoke. Danceoke is often described as an empowering way to take over the dance floor even if dancing is not usually your cup of tea. In danceoke people take over the dance floor as a one big group and follow the dance moves of the music videos chosen by the danceoke dj. The purpose is to dance freely and have fun!

The after party is free of charge and open for all.

Welcome!

Organizing partners

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UTU Gender Studies
UTU Sociology
Out of the Ordinary: Challenging Commonplace Concepts
in Anglophone Literatures (UTU English)
Center for the Study of Bioethics Finland
UTU Philosophy

