



Roots of Research – Methods & Me

26.-28.10.2011 (group departing from Sweden)

27.-29.10.2011 (group departing from Finland)

The 4th floating seminar invites you to reflect upon one of the core questions of research – METHODOLOGY. As is known, having a good subject is rarely enough, what is needed is also a suitable method to meet the demands posed by the topic. At times, even collecting the research material might pose crucial questions and problems, which we also invite you to discuss.

The seminar is open for graduate students from the Nordic countries; we are happy to have been able to invite also a group from the UK to participate. To register for the seminar, please fill out an electronic form at <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/29311/lomake.html> by 19.9.2011. Maximum 40 PhD students will be selected based on the registrations. The organisers will cover travel costs and meals for the participants.

Prior to the event (dl 14.10.2011), the participating PhD students should write a max 10 000 signs (incl. spaces) abstract of their Ph D project, discussing the topic from the point of view of methodology. Questions to be considered are, for instance, the choice of a certain method or combination of methods, reflecting upon alternative choices; also, the pros and cons of certain theories; is there something in the material that doesn't comply with a given methodology? Furthermore, questions dealing with collection of the research material (archive, fieldwork, statistics) can also be treated in the paper.

The floating seminar offers a brilliant forum to discuss these questions in an interdisciplinary, international and innovative group of both senior researchers and PhD students, all specialising in Russian and East European studies! See the preliminary schedule below!

Organisers: the NordForsk-funded CERES network (www.helsinki.fi/aleksanteri/ceres), The Finnish Graduate Programme for Russian and East European Studies (www.helsinki.fi/vie-tutkijakoulu/english/index.html) and the Baltic and East European Graduate School (www.sh.se/beegs)

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Preliminary schedule

Wednesday 26 October

Swedish group: meeting at the harbour Värtan in Stockholm

17:00 M/S Silja Serenade departs from Stockholm to Helsinki

17:30 Dinner

Thursday 27 October

09:55 Arrival of the Swedish group to Olympia terminal in Helsinki.

10:30 Opening of the seminar (venue: Aleksanteri Insitutute, Unioninkatu 33)
Sari Autio-Sarasmo, Head of Ceres network

10:45 Keynote lecture

11:45 Coffee

12:00 Methods & More – presentations by senior researchers

13:15 Lunch

14:00 Workshops, session 1.

17:00 M/S Silja Serenade departs from Olympia terminal in Helsinki.

17:30 Workshops, session 2.

20:00 Dinner

Friday 28 October

09:30 Arrival to Stockholm. Bus transfer from harbour Värtan to Huddinge, Södertörn University.

11:00 Keynote lecture

12:00 Workshops, session 3.

13:45 Lunch

14:45 Closing panel

15:30 Departure of Finnish group to harbour

17:00 M/S Silja Serenade departs from Stockholm to Helsinki

17:30 Dinner

Saturday 29 October

09:55 Arrival to Helsinki