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# Introduction

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This catalogue contains information about on-going or recently completed academic research projects on Asia in Finnish universities and research institutes. The data was collected with an e-mail form that circulated among Finnish Asia researchers during the summer of 2014. Publications which are forthcoming or have been published in 2011, 2012 and 2013 are also included in the information about projects.

An electronic version of the catalogue is available on the website of the University Network for Asian Studies at <http://www.asianet.fi>.

## Cambodia

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### **Models in Energy System Design and Policy Planning**

MODESPO is a capacity building and research project targeting wider research, introduction and dissemination of energy systems modelling as a tool for energy systems design and energy policy planning. The overall target of the project is to support sustainable development in Cambodia through capacity building in modelling methods and tools and their use for analyzing and planning energy systems and their influence on the operation of the society. Tampere University of Technology is the lead organization of the project working in collaboration with Finland Futures Research Centre, Tamlink Ltd. and Institute of Technology of Cambodia. The project is funded by the Energy and Environment Partnership in the Mekong region, which is a development cooperation program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland. Duration 2011-2012.

# China

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**The aim of the project:** to establish interdisciplinary and international research network on women and gender in Chinese Studies in Finland. The project will be accomplished in two parts. First, by publishing the first scholarly compilation focusing on women in China in Finnish: *Enemmän kuin puoli taivasta? Naisten uudet roolit kiinalaisessa yhteiskunnassa* [More than half the sky? The new roles of women in Chinese society]. The compilation will be used as a textbook in Asian Studies at the University of Helsinki and the Finnish University Network for Asian Studies. The project aspires that other disciplines (gender studies, social sciences and political studies) and other universities, open universities and technical colleges can also employ the compilation as a textbook in their study requirements. The second part of the project was to organize an international seminar exploring the contemporary issues of women in China and the seminar was held at the University of Helsinki in December 2013.

Project team and the editors of the book: Tiina H. Airaksinen, PhD, University Lecturer in Asia-Pacific Studies, University of Helsinki; Elina Sinkkonen, PhD, Senior Researcher, Finnish Institute of Foreign Affairs; Minna Valjakka, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher (Academy of Finland), University of Helsinki

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## **From June 4th to Charter 08: a Historical Analysis of Liu Xiaobo's Political Engagement**

This doctoral dissertation examines the political engagement of the Chinese human rights defender and Peace Nobel Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo from a historical perspective. It provides a reconstitution of the trajectory of his political thought and activism spanning two decades from the late 1980s, including the 1989 protests, up to the release of Charter 08 before his arrest in December 2008 and his 11-years prison sentence in 2009. I argue that the significance and limits of his long struggle for fundamental human rights in China are best understood in relation to key changes within the Chinese polity and the transnational human rights regime. The last chapter further elaborates this argument by identifying the historical conditions under which rights defense has been evolving in China during the first decade of the 21st Century. To be completed by December 2014.

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## **Cultural Soft Power of China**

The aim of the PhD research is to provide a localized understanding of the present soft power enthusiasm in China. It attempts to explain how the academic and policy efforts centered on the concept of soft power are used to maintain a stable Chinese society amid economic reforms. According to the argument, the soft power rhetoric of China should not be perceived only as a willingness to generate attraction, but also as a policy tool. In the Chinese discourse cultural soft power (*wenhua ruan shili*, 文化软

实力) tackles the challenges of modernization by placing emphasis on cultural safety amid globalization in national image construction.

Publications:

- Aukia, Jukka, 2014, The Cultural Soft Power of China: A Tool for Dualistic National Security, *Journal of China and International Relations* vol 2, no 1, 71-94.
- Aukia, Jukka & Laš, Lukáš, 2013, Proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Globalization, Political factors of economic growth and regional development in transition economies, Regionalism and Localization in East Asia, 119-127, Ostrava: University of Ostrava.

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### **Cross-border higher education in China and its implications for Finland**

Publications:

- Cai, Y., & Kohtamäki, V. (Eds.). (2014). Transformation of higher education innovation systems in China and Finland. Tampere University Press.
- Cai, Y. (2012). Understanding employers' perceptions of international graduates: An investigation of the employment prospects of Finnish-educated Chinese graduates in Finnish companies operating in China, Tampere: Tampere University Press.
- Cai, Y., & Yan, F. (2014 forthcoming). Supply and demand in Chinese higher education. In S. Schwartzman, P. Pillay & R. Pinheiro (Eds.), Higher education in the BRICS countries: Investigating the pact between higher education and society: Springer.
- Cai, Y. (2014 Forthcoming) 'Enhancing Overseas Chinese Graduate Employability—the Case of Chinese Graduates with Finnish Academic Qualifications', *Frontiers of Education in China*.
- Cai, Y. (2014). Implementing the Triple Helix model in a non-Western context: an institutional logics perspective. *Triple Helix*, 1(1), 1-20. doi: 10.1186/s40604-014-0001-2
- Hayhoe, R., Marginson, S., Cai, Y., & Jang, K. (2014). Responses to Yang Rui's "China's Strategy for Internationalization of Higher Education: An Overview". *Frontiers of Education in China*, 9(2), 163-187.
- Cai, Y., & Liu, C. (2014). The roles of universities in fostering knowledge-intensive clusters in Chinese regional innovation systems. *Science and Public Policy*. doi: 10.1093/scipol/scu018
- Cai, Y., & Hölttä, S. (2014). Towards appropriate strategies for international cooperation with Chinese higher education: the Finnish case In Y. Cai & V. Kohtamäki (Eds.), Transformation of higher education innovation systems in China and Finland (pp. 323-342). Tampere: Tampere University Press.
- Cai, Y., Hölttä, S., & Lindholm, N. (2013). Establishing sub-campuses in China: A Finnish perspective. *Journal of Research in International Education*, 12(2), 142-154.
- Cai, Y. (2013). Erasmus mundus joint programme and EU's strategy on higher education cooperation with China--lessons from the MARIHE programme. *Journal of European Higher Education Area*, 2013(2), 95-112.
- Cai, Y. (2013). Chinese higher education: The changes in the past two decades and reform tendencies up to 2020. In L. d. C. Ferreira & J. A. G. Albuquerque (Eds.), *China and Brazil: Challenges and Opportunities* (pp. 91-118). Campinas: Anablumme.

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### **Climate Change Mitigation and Energy Efficiency Legislation, Finland/EU–China**

The Finland-China research co-operation of this Academy of Finland research project aims at improving the knowledge of Finnish/EU and Chinese policy-makers on energy efficiency legislation and policies applied in Finland/EU and in China; where European climate change mitigation policies have proved successful, this experience should be shared with our Chinese partners, and vice versa.

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### **Ethnic Interaction and Adaptation in Amdo Qinghai**

This is an international multidisciplinary project that invites the cooperation of scholars and students specializing on ethno-linguistic and development issues of the Amdo Qinghai region. The project is based at the University of Helsinki, Finland, and comprises currently a dozen members with varying backgrounds and goals. The members include both under-graduate and postgraduate students, as well as doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers. Their topics of research cover comparative linguistics and areal typology, comparative cultural and religious studies, as well as socio-economic development studies.

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### **Public Interest Litigation in Contemporary China**

Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been a popular legal practice as well as a noteworthy social phenomenon in China since the mid-1990s. By examining PIL in the interaction between the state and civil state against the backdrop of socio-economic transition, this study explores how PIL activists make use of legal instrument for their rights defence and public cause. It argues that PIL, as an idea and a litigation instrument based on social justice, rights protection and public participation, is a rightful resistance to the state from civil society in which Chinese citizens have demonstrated their civic spirit. It also shows that PIL has had profound impact on state-society relations.

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### **International student flows: A Comparative Study of the Recruitment of Foreign Degree Students in Finland and China in the 21st Century**

Publication:

Jokila, S. (*forthcoming*). The Internationalization of Higher Education with Chinese Characteristics: Appadurai's Ideas Explored. *Asia Pacific Journal of Education*. 10.1080/02188791.2014.940029.

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### **Macao: A Gambling City**

- Ongoing 2013-
- An ethnographic research project including film documentary
- Research team: Jukka Jouhki (Univ. Jyväskylä) and Ronan Browne (independent film producer)
- Funding: The Finnish Foundation for Gaming Research (grant for preliminary field research)
- Website: <http://macaofilm.blogspot.fi/p/our-plan.html>

Publications:

- Jouhki, Jukka 2014 (in press). Rahapelaamisen narratiivinen rakentuminen moraalisenä ilmiönä. Havaintoja rahapeliteollisuuden nopean nousun kokeneiden macaolaisten suhtautumisesta pelaamiseen. Pelitutkimuksen vuosikirja 6 (1).
- Browne, Ronan & Jouhki, Jukka 2014. Macao: A Gambling City. Short documentary based on preliminary fieldwork in 2013. <http://vimeo.com/80546341>
- Jouhki, Jukka & Browne, Ronan 2013. Macao as a Gambling City: Observations through Visual Anthropology. Paper presented at the Second Asia Pacific Conference on Gambling & Commercial Gaming Research (APCG2013) 1-4 December 2013, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. <http://www.gamblingstudies.org/ojs/index.php/apcg/article/view/105>

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### **Borrowed place, Finnish cultural export to China today and hundred years ago**

The postdoctoral project examines under what conditions physical premises, with strong ideology and mission to influence other cultures, actually cross the cultural boundaries. The study examines two cases: the Finnish Missionary Society stations in the early 20th century Hunan and Aalto-Tongji Design Factory, a university cooperation platform in the 21st century Shanghai.

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### **Probing the "Confucian" core of a Chinese International Relations Model**

China's soft power dissemination efforts and the rhetorical uses of traditional values as the core of China's soft power, especially in formulating China's foreign policy goals and ambitions as a global power. Discussion on a "Chinese (Confucian) IR theory".

Publications:

- Mestari Kongin keskustelut. Kungfutselaisuuden ydinolemus. (A critical translation into Finnish of the Analects, a study of early Confucianism based on selected texts from the Guodian corpus, and an introduction to later Confucianism, incl. contemporary "new Confucianism".) Gaudeamus, September 2014.

- Towards a harmonious world? Emerging thinking on a Chinese International Relations Model. "China's Role in the International Community in the 21st Century" Conference proceedings (Turku 2012) published by Hong Kong City University Press, forthcoming 2014.

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### **Comparing Arctic Law and Governance in China and Finland**

The general objective of this Academy of Finland research project is to identify similarities and differences between the positions of Finland (as an EU member state) and China on the Arctic law and governance. The project will first undertake comparative studies on Finnish and Chinese legal and policy stances in specific policy-areas of relevance for the Arctic, including maritime sovereignty, scientific research, marine protected areas, Svalbard Treaty, and Arctic Council participation.

The project will be implemented in 2014 within the Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law in the Arctic Centre, at the University of Lapland with Research Professor Timo Koivurova as the Principal Investigator, in close cooperation with researchers from Wuhan University and Shanghai Jiaotong University under the leadership of Professor Tianbao Qin.

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The on-going PhD project focuses on China's rise and its implications for world affairs, especially for international climate politics and great power relations. It examines the interplay between the domestic and international developments of China's climate change practices and analyses how Chinese practices embody and act out responsibility.

Publications:

- Kopra, Sanna. 2013. "Kiina – vastuullinen kehitysmää? Kiinan ilmastodiskurssit ja globaali vastuu." *Alue ja Ympäristö* 42:2, 64-73.
- Kopra, Sanna. 2013. "China's Arctic Interests." *Arctic Yearbook* 2013, 107-122.
- Kopra, Sanna. 2013. "A Responsible Developing Country: China's National Image Building and International Negotiations on Climate." *Quarterly Journal of Chinese Studies*, vol. 1(3), 121-137.
- Kopra, Sanna. 2012. "Is China a Responsible Developing Country? Climate Change Diplomacy and National Image Building." *Social and Cultural Research Occasional Paper*, no. 13.

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### **Finnish companies' labour relations in the emerging market of China**

The completed research project examines China's changing business environment, particularly related to the local labour force. The aim is to find out what kinds of challenges and opportunities the rapidly changing Chinese labour markets offer to Finnish companies. We analyze, in particular, issues related to the companies' human resource management.



Publications:

- Lu, W. (2014) Localization of human resource management practices in China: a qualitative comparative analysis approach. Doctoral dissertation. Helsinki: Aalto University.
- Kosonen, R., Kettunen, E. & Penttilä, A. (2012) Challenges of Finnish and Japanese Companies in the Chinese Business Environment: Relations with the Local Labour Force. CEMAT Papers 1/2012.

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**The role of Chinese state actors in mitigating negative societal effects of Chinese companies' activities in selected African countries**

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**China's soft power and China in Africa.**

Publications:

- Anja Lahtinen. 2014. "Transforming China: Working Women" [In:] More than a half sky? New roles of women in Chinese society. Helsinki: Gaudeamus. (Forthcoming)
- Anja Lahtinen 2015. China's Soft Power: Challenges of Confucianism and Confucius Institutes. Article. (Forthcoming)
- Anja Lahtinen. 2015. China's Soft Power in Africa. Monograph. (Forthcoming)
- Anja Lahtinen. *Governance Matters. China's Western Region Development with a Focus on Qinghai Province*. Scholar's Press, Saarbrücken, Germany, 2013.
- Anja Lahtinen. "Challenges of Qinghai Province." *Studia Orientalia*, 2013.
- Anja Lahtinen. "Hyvä hallintotapa Kiinan kehityksen haasteena". [In:] Aunio ja Janhunen, ed. *Miten minusta tuli tohtori, Itämaiden tutkijat kertovat*. Suomen Itämainen Seura, 2012.
- Anja Lahtinen, Challenges to China's Internal Development – Qinghai Province as an example. *The China Monitor*, Issue 59, February 2011, Centre for Chinese Studies, Stellenbosch University.

*Project Leaders: Nari Lee, Professor of Intellectual Property, Hanken School of Economics; Niklas Bruun, Professor of Intellectual Property, Hanken School of Economics, Director of IPR University & Principal Investigator at Helsinki University  
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**Legal Transplant for Innovation and Creativity – A Sino-Finnish Comparative Study on the Governance of Intellectual Property Rights (TranSIP)**

The Finnish Academy project "Legal Transplant For Innovation And Creativity: a Sino-Finnish Comparative Study On the Governance of Intellectual Property Rights" (TranSIP) is a comparative law project that explores the concept of legal transplant as a method to induce social change, in particular to promote innovation and creation. The Consortium collaborates with Chinese Academy of Social Science and Shenzhen University in China. At the core of the project is the interaction between Chinese intellectual property (IP) law and social change - how IP laws foster innovation and creativity. Chinese IP law is going through a transformation due to international conventions, which are based on Anglo- European IP norms. It is well known that legal

transplants create tension in the legal system, and such transplants may work differently than in the source country. Therefore this process needs to be critically analyzed from the perspective of comparative law. The recent proposal to adopt a Nordic model of extended collective licensing (ECL) into Chinese copyright law as well as implementation of international IP norms concerning enforcement enshrined in the trade agreements into local IP laws are two good examples to start. We aim to study how norms have been adopted, how they work in practice and what – expected or unexpected – effects can be seen as a result of the transplantation. Through two sub-projects on IPR governance - collective IP management and IP enforcement, the Consortium would explore if the transplant thesis should be modified in terms of international relations theory of norm transformation, and to what extent.

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### **ILO Core Labour Standards Implementation in China: Legal Architecture and Cultural Logic**

This research project, funded by the Academy of Finland, examines the implementation of the International Labour Organization (ILO) core conventions in China and seeks to improve understanding of the structural forces and local cultural logics that influence this process. The objective of the project is to sketch a blueprint for a Chinese legal architecture that will be able to implement the ILO core labour standards effectively. The project, by bringing together experts from international law, labour law, comparative law, social anthropology and Chinese law, is a collective effort that draws on the distinctive but complementary research expertise. The project has strong international connections and cooperates with several partners in China, Europe and the US.

Publications:

- Roger Blanpain (general editor), Ulla Liukkunen and Yifeng Chen (volume editors), *China and ILO Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work*, Kluwer, 2013
- Ulla Liukkunen and Yifeng Chen (eds.) *Fundamental Labour Rights in China: Legal Implementation and Cultural Logic*, Springer (forthcoming)

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### **Employee Participation and Collective Bargaining in the Era of Globalization – Nordic and Chinese Perspectives**

This Academy of Finland funded research project examines workplace governance through collective bargaining and employee participation from a comparative perspective. The project explores the legal framework and experience in collective bargaining and employee participation in Finland, and the other Nordic countries, and China and assesses the roles of these mechanisms in adaptation to changes caused by globalization.

The project being a joint effort between the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) Institute of Law and the University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law, the research team

consists of Chinese and Finnish scholars who offer distinctive yet complementary areas of expertise and experience.

Research team: (Finnish side) Professor Teemu Ruskola, Post-doctoral Researcher Li Haiming, Doctoral Candidate Marja Paavilainen; (Chinese side) Associate Professor Xie Zengyi, Post-doctoral Researcher Deng Li, Post-doctoral Researcher Wu Xiaodan.

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### **Urban Governance in China: sustainable development, ecocities and social issues**

#### **Management of international migration**

#### **Ethnic issues in East Asia**

Publications:

- Forthcoming: 社区志愿者服务资源的差异性分布与城市治理: 天津市四个市区的比较 [Differential Distribution of Community Volunteer Resources and Urban Governance: Comparison between Four Districts in Tianjin] in Jude Howell and Wang Chuanlan, eds, 非政府租住与社会发展 [Non-governmental organizations and the development of the society]. Shanghai: Fudan University Press, 2014.
- International Migration and Economic Development in Northeast China - The Acquisition and Transfer of New Migrant Capital, Howard Duncan & Zhang Jijiao (eds), *China Migration in China and Asia: Experience and Policy*. Springer, 2014.
- Divergent Trajectories among Chinese Community Volunteer Associations and Urban Governance: Comparing Four Districts in Tianjin, *Journal of Comparative Asian Development*, December 2013.
- Ekokaupungit – utopiasta käytäntöön, esimerkkinä Kiina. Turun kaupunkitutkimus- ja tietoyksikön julkaisu 2011:5.
- Community Volunteers' Associations in Contemporary Tianjin—Multipurpose Partners of the Party-State," *Journal of Contemporary China*, November 2011

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### **China and European Union in the context of global climate change: Analysis of changing economic structures and related policies (CHEC)**

This project aims to understand how climate change impacts the changing economic structures, focusing particularly on China and EU. China and EU are two major world economies and they play a critical role in the international climate processes. The project's goal is to raise awareness on this crucial issue and it is central for policy planning and making. The CHEC is funded by the Academy of Finland during 2012-2014.

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#### **Chinese law on food safety**

#### **Chinese law on animal welfare**

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### **Self-initiated expatriate employability: perceptions, maintenance and labour market fit in China**

The main purpose of this project is to increase our understanding of the self-initiated expatriation in the context of Chinese organisations in the mainland China. The main topics of this study are development of subjective perceived employability and process of labour market fit adjustment by different types of mechanisms.

Publications:

- Self-Initiated Expatriates and Employability: Keeping up with the Careers. Presented at The first International Interdisciplinary Conference on Reserach on Work, 21-23 August 2013, Turku Finland
- Turbulent economics, changing industries: Self-initiated expatriates in China. 27<sup>th</sup> Australian and New Zealand Academy of Management (ANZAM) Conference, 4-6 December 2013, Hobart, Tasmania

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### **Inclusive Education from Teacher' perspective in Mainland China**

The main purpose of the project was to produce new knowledge on how inclusive education looks from teachers' perspective in Mainland China. Inclusive education (全纳教育, 全纳教育 or 融合教育) is a complex and problematic concept which is understood differently in different contexts. In my PhD project, as well as in Chinese context in general, inclusive education is understood primarily as teaching children with disabilities in regular classrooms, not in separate special classes or schools. This PhD project is closely related to a wider international comparative research project that deals with inclusive education in China Mainland, Finland and South Africa. The main research themes of the project are:

- Chinese teachers' sentiments, attitudes and concerns related to inclusive education
- Chinese teachers' efficacy to implement inclusive practices
- Chinese teachers' conceptualisations of inclusive education e.g. the focus groups of inclusion.

Duration: 2009 - 2013

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### **"The Three Protections": Protecting the People, Protecting the Nation, Protecting the Party**

This PhD project explores the relationship between Chinese state nationalism (the officially approved and promoted version of nationalism) and the legitimation efforts of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). Nationalism has often been mentioned as an important legitimating factor for the rule of the CCP. Both the scholars of Chinese nationalism and legitimacy acknowledge that "nationalism matters" for the legitimacy, but the analysis often stops here, the exception being the research on the Patriotic education campaign. To better understand the relationship between state nationalism and the legitimation efforts of the CCP, this research analyses discourses and narratives related to Wenchuan earthquake that caused major damage in the Sichuan province in

2008. The project will be carried out in the years 2011-2015 and is at present funded by Kone Foundation as a part of the Dealing with Danger: China's Approaches to Calamities on Local and Global Levels (2011-2013) research project.

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### **China's Changing National Role Conceptions in its Territorial Disputes**

PhD research on the development of China's national role conceptions and how they have influenced Chinese foreign policy behaviour related to China's territorial disputes in Central Asia, Southeast Asia and with Japan between 2002 and 2012.

Publications:

- 1) monograph dissertation China's Changing National Role Conceptions in its Territorial Disputes (estimated 2015-2016).
- 2) article "China in Global Food Security Governance" (with Niall Duggan), Journal of Contemporary China Vol. 24, No. 95, September 2015 (forthcoming).

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### **Gendered Choices in Structures of Law and Gender**

In this research project we study law and gender as the central social structures constricting the choices by women and men. Post-modern gender studies, approaching gender as identity, performance or construction, have a difficult relation to earlier feminist theories that emphasized gender as social structure. In this project we want to acknowledge the structural power of law and gender but also want to lift up the agency of women and men when they make important choices in their lives. Especially, we take up two areas of regulation that are central for the construction of genders and the female body: the regulation of prostitution and the regulation of pregnancy in anti-discrimination law.

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### **A Disaster City - Tianjin City in Famine, Flood and Earthquake 1958-1976.**

Manuscript under review with an international publisher, due to be finished in late 2014.

Publication:

- The Maoist Urban State and Crisis: Comparing Disaster management in the Great Tianjin Flood in 1963 and the Great Leap Forward Famine, *The China Journal*, Issue 66, July 2011, pp. 1-27

### **The Internet and the politics of technology in contemporary China**

Publication:

Lauri Paltemaa and Juha A. Vuori: Kiinan kansantasavallan historia [A History of the People's-Republic of China]. Gaudeamus, Helsinki 2012, 504 pages.

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**Valuation of the Trademark for the Transfer Pricing Purposes; A research of the problems related to the valuation of the trademark in applying and interpreting the arm's length principle in Finland's and China's international tax law.**

This on-going PhD research project examines the difficulties faced by multinational enterprises when setting the internal transfer prices due to the royalties and transfer of the trademark in Finland's and China's cross-border transactions. The purpose of the study is to find out how valuation of the trademark is done for the transfer pricing purposes in the income tax law point of view. The dilemma of applying and interpreting arm's length principle could be described as the universal problem that touches every developed state as well as multinational enterprises around the globe. That is why in this study there will be done a bilateral comparative legal research between Finland and China. The purpose of the comparative research is to find practical solutions to the valuation problem of the trademark, and to consider if there are any legal solution methods that could be adopted in some way to the declaratory Finnish tax act. The study is expected to be completed on 2015.

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**Heritage-making in a Chinese village**

Heritage-making is a process whereby the objects and customs of a particular group of people in a particular location are represented and displayed often in the name of preservation; thereof, generating a display of culture firmly rooted in locality. My research revisits the notion of heritage-making by considering locality as a contested terrain through which structural relations of power are enforced. By conducting ethnographic fieldwork in a Dong ethnic minority village in Guizhou province, southern China, I intend to observe the transformation of a village into a cultural heritage site. Taking into account both local and national representations of history and identity, I intend to explore how heritage-making is being negotiated amongst Dong villagers living both inside and outside the village itself.

*Iris Ruoho, Senior Research Fellow, University of Tampere, Journalism and Mass Communication*

**Imagined Everyday Life: Television drama and modernization of society in China**

*Marita Siika, University of Turku*

**Nordic Relations with China  
The Five Principles of Peaceful Co-Existence in Chinese foreign policy  
Development of Asian studies in Europe**

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**Intercultural communication of Chinese investment facilitation initiatives in Finland**

The aim of the study is to gain insight into dynamics of intercultural communication between the Finnish and Chinese sides of Chinese investment facilitation projects to Finland by exploring situated cultural meanings manifested in working life. The study will contribute new empirical data with significant conceptual importance to ethnographic research in multicultural workplaces. While the phenomenon of rising China persists, it is expected that there will be more initiatives and projects in the Baltic Sea Region utilizing Chinese interest and resources. Thus, this research can provide valuable insights to those who are working with similar tasks or working as consultants to the sides involved.

*Pilvi Vainonen, Curator of education (MA), National Board of Antiquities, Museum of Cultures, Social and Cultural Anthropology*

### **Collecting Souls and Artefacts in the Himalayas. Missionary collections and representations of Tibet**

The post-grad. research is connected to the discussion of the ways to analyze material culture and to the discussion concerning ethnographic museum collections in particular. The main interest lies in the process of making interpretations and creating meanings while the artefacts move in time and space and cross cultural boundaries. The starting point of the study is the activity of missionary Hilja Heiskanen, who worked for the Finnish Free Church in north-eastern India in 1899–1911, mainly in Darjeeling district and Baksa Duar near Bhutanese border. She gathered two collections of mainly Tibetan artefacts, which were shifted to the National Museum of Finland in 1908 and 1911. In addition to the ethnographic collections, there is a rich text vast body of written materials available. Theoretically, as such an artefact is meaningless, and it gains significance only in relation to the subjects who use and handle it. The symbolic dimension of an artefact is a link to people's value systems and world views. We can speak about the communication chain of an artefact: the intentions of the manufacturer, the mediators and the users may be independent from each other, and the symbolic substance of an artefact is created in relation to the backgrounds of the people who handle it, and to those roles in which they act in different phases of the circulation. An artefact 'communicates' between its users' and holders' values and intentions, world views and symbol systems, and manufacturing and using it in specific and particular ways expresses something about these variables.

Duration: The study was started in 2005 and will be continued in 2012 (after finishing another training in 2009–2012).

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### **Dealing with Danger: China's Approaches to Calamities on Local and Global Level**

This research project examines the ways in which the People's Republic of China has perceived and responded to a range of major calamities on various levels of politics, domestic as well as international, and how these responses have influenced the country's emerging global agency and relations with other actors. Issues covered in the project include the Cold War, anti-nuclear campaigns, the "war on terror", global climate change, natural disasters, economic crisis, and poverty. The project is multidisciplinary in nature, combining International Politics approaches with those of International Political Economy and Contemporary History. The theory of securitization and the governance perspective in the context of the global economy are among theoretical frameworks applied in the project. The research project is funded by Kone Foundation. Duration of the project: 2011-2013

*Juha Vuori, Senior Assistant, University of Turku, Political Science and Contemporary History*

**Doing Security with Words – A Grammar of Securitisation in the People’s Republic of China**

PhD thesis defended in Sept 2011

**Macrosecuritizations with Chinese Characteristics: China’s Alignment within Global Security Discourses**

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**Gender, Politics, Market--The Power Structure of Chinese Contemporary Art**

On-going post-graduate research project (since 2012 Autumn)

*Qingbo Xu-Susiluoto, Doctoral Candidate, University of Helsinki, Gender Studies*

**Meeting by chance – Zhang Kangkang and evolutionary feminism, 2007–2011**

From the title, it is obvious that there are two seemingly odd, confusing and far-fetched combinations: Zhang Kangkang and feminism, and Zhang Kangkang and evolutionary theory. The first combination seems strange because among all the contemporary Chinese women’s writers, Zhang Kangkang (1950- ) will be the last one whom researchers would link with a feminist writer. The second one causes even more uncomfortable feelings because evidently I try to mingle literature and biology/psychology, humanities and science. I have two goals in the mind. One is to prove that Zhang Kangkang actually has strong feminist concerns in her works. The second ambition is to harmonize literature and science. I summarize five meeting points between Zhang and evolutionary theory: 1. about femaleness and sex differences; 2. violence, dominance and the Cultural Revolution; 3. ambitious mothers and “avoidantly attached” infants; 4. infanticidal male/females and the birth control policy in China; 5. mating system.

Publications:

- 2012. Mating Systems – a Comparison between Zhang Kangkang and Evolutionary Feminism. Submitted to *Journal of Chinese Studies*
- 2012. Ambitious Mothers and “Avoidantly Attached” Infants. Submitted to *Evolutionary Psychology*
- 2012. Womanhood and Sexual Difference – Convergence of Zhang Kangkang and Evolutionary Feminism. Submitted to *Women’s Studies International Forum*.
- 2012. Reproduction, Kinship and Violence during the Cultural Revolution – Convergence of Zhang Kangkang and Evolutionary Theory. Submitted to *The China Review*.
- 2011. Infanticide and the birth control policy: an analysis of Zhang Kangkang’s Zhima from the evolutionary perspective. Submitted to MCLC (*Modern Chinese Literature and Culture*).
- 2011. Pregnancy Complications and Different Phenotypes – Feminist Literary Theory in the Mainland of China. *Women’s Studies: an inter-disciplinary journal*.



# India

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*Reija Hietala, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Turku, Department of Geography and Geology and the Research Team*

## **Livelihood security in a changing socio-economic environment in Himachal Pradesh, India**

The present study identifies and analyses the environmental and socio-economic impacts on the livelihoods in urban and rural settings of the mountainous state of Himachal Pradesh. All studies are conducted by researchers from the University of Turku in Finland and University of Delhi, Government PG College, Chamba, and University of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla. The project is funded by the Academy of Finland (2011-2015). The study approach in most studies is exploratory, with a broader aim to understand the relationships between land use patterns and livelihood within the local communities and as perceived by different groups and organizations. The methodologies deployed cover a broad range from literature-based surveys to different types of field research.

The findings of the project deal with the broader objectives of the changing patterns of agricultural production with special reference to diversification, as well as forest-based livelihood outcomes, Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) forest project activities, the roles of different ethnic groups and non-governmental organizations, and the benefits and shortcomings of tourism as a livelihood source. The research suggests that for better agricultural performance and improved land productivity; irrigational facilities need to be strengthened; an overall governmental programme for supporting the farmers of small land holdings should secure the farmers' livelihood utilities and stop the process of scattered land transforming into wasteland, also the stray of wild animals shall be controlled. Moreover, the forestry CDM projects have been found to involve several financial, ecological, and social challenges which should be urgently recognized, and the conditions of the plantations and the impacts the projects have on livelihood properly and continuously followed by an independent monitoring agency in Himachal Pradesh, and in the other areas as well. The role of the NGOs is acknowledged due to their operations in health and social sector, and the fact that they concentrate on the very poorest and the most marginalized people.

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- Ma, M., Singh, R.B. & Hietala, R., 2012. Human driving forces for ecosystem services in the Himalayan region. *Environmental Economics* 3,1: 51–55.
- Ma, M., Haapanen, T., Singh, R.B. & Hietala, R., 2014. Integrating ecological restoration into CDM forestry projects. *Journal of Environmental Science & Policy* 38: 143-153. DOI: 10.1016/j.envsci.2013.11.008
- Singh, R.B. & Hietala, R. (eds.), *Livelihood Security in Northwestern Himalaya. Case Studies from Changing Socio-economic Environments in Himachal Pradesh, India.* Springer Japan. ISBN: 978-4-431-54867-6. 249-258 pp. (More information on the book, see <http://link.springer.com/book/10.1007%2F978-4-431-54868-3>)

*Jukka Jouhki, Senior Researcher, University of Jyväskylä, Department of History and Ethnology  
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**Slum democracy: Political participation among the poor of Chennai, India**

- Ongoing 2014-
- An ethnographic research project about attitudes, modes and practices of political participation among the urban poor in Chennai, India
- Research team: individual research project
- Funding: Department of History and Ethnology, Univ. of Jyväskylä (first field research Jan-Feb 2014), Emil Aaltonen Foundation (2nd field research, 1 month, upcoming 2014-2015).

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**Regional challenges of Finnish firms in the emerging market of India**

The completed study analyzes the opportunities and challenges in different regions of India from the perspective of Finnish companies. On the basis of company interviews, we examine the development of India's major business regions, as well as the institutional environments and the strategies of Finnish companies operating in the various areas of India.

Publication:

- Kettunen, R., Penttilä, A. & Kosonen, R. (2012) Location factors of Finnish firms in India's three business regions. CEMAT Papers 2/2012.

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**Mobile Childhood. Children of Western Lifestyle Migrants in Goa, India**

Postdoctoral Research project, Academy of Finland. This anthropological research investigates the lives of Western children whose parent(s) have decided to repeatedly spend part of the year in Goa, India. Globalisation means new opportunities for many people and an increasing number of people are taking advantage of the fact that they can move abroad to seek a better quality of life - often conceptualized in terms of a more relaxed life. This research investigates how Western children in Goa experience such a lifestyle. The research asks in what kind of social and cultural environment the Western children (aged 0-10 years) grow in Goa, how they experience it and how they contribute to creating it. The research also examines how the children define their identities and how they experience the mobile lifestyle their parent(s) have chosen. The study is ethnographic; the research methods are participant observation and interviews. Duration: 2011-2013.

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**The Consequences of the Mining Industry for Disadvantaged Groups in Northern Finland and Northern Odisha**

The Academy of Finland post-doctoral research project (2014-2017) explores the nexus of the ecological, social and economic consequences of mining industry for local minority and low income groups at two regions of mineral extraction, Northern Finland and Northern Odisha (Eastern India), and the implications of these consequences to social work. The research is grounded on the notion that environmental resources are particularly important for poor rural people and indigenous people in developing and developed countries alike, and that social work should be at the forefront in shaping effective responses to situations of rapid environmental, and related social and economic, changes or crisis. The study aims to produce new knowledge from social work perspective about the local socio-environmental impacts of mineral extraction; to reflect the knowhow, commitments and primary ethical responsibilities of social work in situations in which various stakeholders view and experience the impacts of the extractive industry differently; and to discuss these concerns against different spatial and temporal perspectives.

Publication:

Ranta-Tyrkkö, Satu (forthcoming 2014) Out of sight, out of mind? The mining industry in the peripheral regions of Finland and Odisha, Eastern India. In Kristin Loftsdóttir & Lars Jensen (eds.) Crisis in the Nordic Nations and Beyond. At the Intersection of Environment, Finance and Multiculturalism. Ashgate.

*Project lead: Professor Mikko Ruohonen and Professor Markku Turunen. Research team: professor Himadri Das, senior researcher Jaakko Hakulinen, researcher Pekka Kallioniemi, researcher Vivek Kumar, researcher Juhani Linna and researcher Gururaj Mahajan. University of Tampere, School of Information Sciences  
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### **RuralVoice - Mobile Voice Service Deployment for Developing Countries: Case Rural India's Bottom of the Pyramid**

RuralVoice aims in developing viable mobile and multimodal services and business models for rural India to help the underprivileged. In addition, the project aims in finding joint business opportunities for Finnish and Indian companies. This is achieved through ecosystem modeling, development and deployment of new multimodal services and ethnographic research among the stakeholders. On a larger scale, RuralVoice is pursuing towards utilization of voice-based services and innovative business models also in other developing areas in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The RuralVoice project consortium consists of research institutes (the University of Tampere from Finland and the International Management Institute, New Delhi and the University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad from India), Finnish internationalization and funding experts and technology partner IBM India. The project is funded by Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation. See <http://www.ruralvoice.fi>

Publications:

- Ruohonen, M., Turunen, M., Hakulinen, J., Mahajan, G., Linna, J., Kumar, V., Das, H., Nanavati, A. & Rajput, N. (2012) Puhepohjaisten matkapuhelinpalvelujen kehittäminen Intian maaseudulla. Futura 2/2012 <http://doria17-kk.lib.helsinki.fi/handle/10024/89294>.
- Ruohonen, M., Turunen, M. & Nykänen, P. (2013) Voice-based Mobile Service Innovations for Primary Healthcare in Rural India; Research in Progress. FIIB Business Review (FBR) 2(3), July – August.
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*Research group: Prof. Markku Turunen, Jaakko Hakulinen, Pekka Kallioniemi, Sumita Sharma, Speech Based and Pervasive Interaction Group, TAUCHI – Tampere Unit for Computer-Human Interaction, University of Tampere  
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### **City Compass: Learning a Foreign Language through Embodied Interaction Games**

The Speech and Pervasive Interaction (SPI) group at Tampere Unit for Computer Human Interaction (TAUCHI) is working with Deepalaya.org, a non-government organization in Delhi, India, on an embodied game for learning English as a foreign language, called CityCompass.

Collaborating with Deepalaya students, the aim of this research is to study the challenges in designing all-inclusive educational games that merge cultural boundaries. Deepalaya Schools (deepalaya.org) work with marginalized children from the slums in Delhi and provide them education and vocational training. For older children enrolled in nearby government schools, Deepalaya teachers conduct afternoon remedial educational classes.

This is the first part of our user study as described below:

Field Studies with Indian and Finnish students

Aug-Sep 2014: pilot studies with about twenty Deepalaya school students between 11-13 years and a Finnish researcher in Tampere, using the mouse interface

Nov-Dec 2014: field studies with Deepalaya school students and Finnish school students between 11-13 years using CityCompass Kinect-based interaction application

Spring 2015: longitudinal field studies with Deepalaya school students and Finnish school students using the mouse interface of CityCompass with newer Finnish and Indian cities.

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### **Stone carving and tourist arts with religious motifs in Mamallapuram, South India**

With the term "tourist arts" I refer to art and craft products that are produced for an external audience who are usually unfamiliar with the culture and aesthetic criteria of the producer's society. Mamallapuram is one of the stone carving centres of India but also a popular international tourist destination. The town is most famous for its ancient rock-carved monuments and it is one of the UNESCO world heritage sites. In addition, there is an on-going, vibrant stone carving industry that attracts both domestic and foreign visitors. Hundreds of carvers produce mainly sculptures of different Hindu gods and goddesses and their work is based on the age-old Hindu stone carving tradition. Deity sculptures are made for Hindu temples and shrines around the world but also to be sold as souvenirs on the international tourist market in Mamallapuram. The tourist statues are fairly similar to the temple sculptures but usually differ in terms of the stones that are being used, production techniques, size, details and sometimes even iconography. My research focuses on the artistic and religious or spiritual meanings and agency of these tourist sculptures and I am analysing them based on the views of the foreign tourists and local people, mainly stone carvers. In addition, I am also looking at the possible changes that have occurred in the Hindu stone carving tradition as a result of tourism in Mamallapuram.

*Sirpa Tenhunen, Professor, University of Helsinki, Social and Cultural Anthropology*

**Appropriation of mobile technology in India**

As my previous research projects on women's wage labour in urban India or gift giving in rural India, this project seeks to understand unexpected cultural manifestations of market economy.

*Mikko-Pekka Väänänen, Doctoral Candidate, University of Jyväskylä, Philosophy*

**Philosophical Encounters Between India and the West in the 1960's**

I am at the early stage of my doctoral thesis on the dialogue between Indian and Western thought. My purpose is to take a look on three different cases of dialogue happening in the 60's. Basing on gadamerian hermeneutics I study meetings of two cultural horizons and their mergings through the concept of 'experience'. I study how Indian ideas around this them are passed on and understood in the dialogue happening in the decade commonly known as 'the sixties'. The thesis will consist of three different articles. The first one will discuss the case of Gandhism in the West. The second one will elaborate on the how Krishnamurti was understood in the West and the third one will study take a look on the dialogue between Indian poets and Allen Ginsberg. A fourth article will be written later to analyse and elaborate on the outcomings of my research. I am expecting to finish my PhD program by 2015. This autumn I am conducting a field work in India. I will spend some time in Benares Hindu University in Varanasi and make a visit to a Gandhian research insitute. My supervisor is PhD Olli-Pekka Moisio from Department of Philosophy at the University of Jyväskylä.

## Indonesia

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**Political Culture in Indonesian Parliament: a study of regional parliament of the national parliamentary debates 1999-2009**

The purpose of my research is to analyze the political culture in Indonesian parliament, the *Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat* (DPR) by studying the parliamentary procedure and debates of bills related to local parliament in the timeframe of 1999-2009.

The thesis applies a rhetorical approach to study the language in the parliamentary debates. The study offers an analysis on concepts used at the parliamentary contexts and how each concept applied differently at the Indonesian DPR. My argument was that the distinct features in the parliament were shaped from the Indonesian political culture and affected to the legislative process. The results highlight distinction features of Indonesian parliamentary culture, such as the forum-style of parliament; the compromise deliberation process; the debate in the form of discussion and including all

faction, instead of *pro-et-contra* style and all these shaped the vague concept yet an ideal format of local parliament.

The usage of parliamentary debates shed new lights to the study the democratization process in Indonesia, as it focuses on the activities inside the parliament.

This research has a timeframe limit for a decade, **1999-2009**, under 3 periods of the DPR members: 1997-1999; 1999-2004; and 2004-2009. A decade timeframe included important years when the parliament was under the authoritarian regime, during the transition era and in the process of the country's democratization.

*Timo Kaartinen, Professor, University of Helsinki, Social and Cultural Anthropology*

### **Ethnic Diasporas and Urban Society: Harbours in Eastern Indonesia**

*Jann Christoph von der Pütten, Doctoral Candidate, University of Tampere, Department of Political Science and International Relations*

### **The China Threat Theory in an Indonesian Context**

The PhD research project analyzes the contemporary threat perception of the People's Republic of China in Indonesia.

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### **Developing disaster preparedness education via broadcast media and community involvement**

This is the title of my doctoral dissertation in the area of Organizational communication and PR. The research covers Banda Aceh and Padang in Sumatra, Indonesia.

It is now being reviewed and I hope to have its debate in the end of 2014. It will be publicised in the publishing unit of the University of Jyväskylä.

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### **Contested Values in Indonesia: Values Creation and Value Relations in Contemporary Borneo**

Four year Academy of Finland Research Project (2014–2018) based at the University of Helsinki.

Abstract: This research project proposes to make a contribution to the anthropological theory of value through a study of value creation and value relations. The researchers adopt an action approach to values to illuminate how they are constructed and articulated through social action. The study focuses on a specific empirical context where the question of value is a vital and pressing concern. It is set among a group of indigenous societies of Indonesian Borneo – shifting cultivators with pluralistic value orientations – who occupy sparsely populated frontiers of natural resource extraction which are subject to radical environmental change and associated expansion of state and corporate control. These processes have destabilized the conditions for making a livelihood and sustaining local social and cultural institutions among these populations, and occasioned contestation of associated values. Analysis of this empirical material will enable the research project to examine value creation in change, as well as how different spheres of value and associated transactional orders are articulated in

societies with pluralistic value orientations. The research is based on multi-sited participant observation by the members of the research team in three Borneo societies (Bentian, Luangan, and Ngaju), and will be carried out in cooperation with colleagues who form part of their international research network.

Publications:

- *Anarchic Solidarity: Autonomy, Egalitarianism and Fellowship in Southeast Asia*. Eds. Thomas Gibson and Kenneth Sillander. New Haven: Yale University Press 2011.

- *Ancestors in Borneo Societies: Death, Transformation, and Social Immortality*. Eds. Pascal Couderc and Kenneth Sillander. Copenhagen: NIAS Press 2011.

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### **Justification and Morality in East Javanese Politics**

The research is about party politics in East Java, focusing on the contradictions of the Indonesian political system. The following questions are emphasized: What kinds of conflicts do politically active people face in their decision-making and discussions? Can any of these conflicts be thought of as moral conflicts? How are political decisions justified? Through what kind of ideologies are these conflicts and decisions framed and interpreted?

## Japan

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### **Finland as Japan's Ideal Other: The Construction of Otherness in Japanese Reviews of Aki Kaurismäki's Films**

The dissertation examines the complexities of the construction of otherness in Japanese media. It focuses on reviews of the Finnish director Aki Kaurismäki's films in Japan, and "Finnish cultural boom/Finland boom," a media trend in which Finnish people and culture are represented as Japan's role model, created by Japanese media. The study demonstrates the ways in which an imaginary 'Finland' as the Other is created for the construction of Japaneseness as a collective identity.

Publication:

- Rie Fuse "Kamome Shokudo (Kamome Diner)" *Directory of World Cinema Finland*. Bristol, Chicago: Intellect. (2012)

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### **Changing Finnish image work in Finnish-Japanese relations from the 1950's to the 1980's – Public diplomacy, nation branding and the origins of "Finland Boom" in historical perspective**

In my doctoral dissertation, I aim at examining how and why Finland's image changed in Japan during the Cold War years (what was the image like in the 1950's as opposed to that of the late 1980's?), and which Finnish actors contributed to that change, how and why. Likewise, how were the Finnish efforts of "nation branding" and public diplomacy received and, what was the logic behind Finland's significance to Japan, as reflected by both Japanese and Finnish source materials? In historical perspective, how was the groundwork laid for the development of the so-called "Finland Boom" in the 2000's and for the build-up of Finland's image in Japan into its present form? By studying the reception of Finland's image, the research opens also windows into issues prevailing in Japanese society today. An on-going research, scheduled for 2012-2016.

*Annamari Konttinen, University Teacher, University of Turku, Centre for East Asian Studies*

### **Politics of the Environment, Politics of the Self. Actor Perspective on the Era of Crystallization of the Environmental Movement in Japan**

*Kristian Kurki, Doctoral Candidate, University of Turku, Centre for East Asian Studies; Researcher, Finnish Institute of International Affairs*

### **A Narratological Study on Metaphorical Constructions of the North Korean Threat in Japan**

*Jarmo Nikander, Doctoral Candidate, University of Turku, Turku School of Economics, Economic Geography*

### **Institutional Entrepreneur in Innovation-Driven Regional Industrial Evolution: Evidence from Japan**

Doctorate thesis study set out to develop theoretical understanding in the emergence of new firms by taking explicitly into account the role of entrepreneurial skills and resource mobilization processes within different spatially delimited institutional contexts. Further conceptualization on entrepreneurship that conceives spatially diverse institutional resource mobilization and legitimization as a focal aspect in regional development. The latter part of the thesis study gathers empirical evidence from Japanese nascent - developing networks of innovative startup-entrepreneurs of the digital age economy.

*Eija Niskanen, PhD Candidate, University of Helsinki, Department of World Cultures*

### **Between Art and Popular: Studio Ghibli and the Development of Japanese Prestige Animation.**

PhD thesis research on the development of so called "Ghibli style", i.e. the current Studio Ghibli, established by Miyazaki Hayao and Takahata Isao. The research will cover influences from Toei Doga since early 1960s via the Miyazaki-Takahata television animation series of 1970s and early 80s, which developed the themes and technical style of the current Studio Ghibli. I am also conducting research about the Moomin brand in Japan.

*Pilvi Posio, Doctoral Candidate, University of Turku, Centre for East Asian Studies*

### **Community, place and citizen participation in post-tsunami Tohoku**

This research is a PhD dissertation project started in 2014. It studies the relation of sense of community, place attachment and citizen participation in the recovering



communities of the tsunami-stricken areas in Tohoku, Japan. The aim is to examine how these factors contribute to the building of social capital during the reconstruction process. The research is to be completed in 2017.

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### **Touching News, Sticky News: Affect in Journalistic Content and its Circulation in Media Ecosystems**

By focusing on Finnish news about the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster that shook Japan in March 11th, 2011, this post-graduate research project explores the ways news content is shared and circulated in social media networks and seeks to make sense of what exactly makes certain pieces of news more likely to be shared than others. The project looks at disaster news, images and videos from the point of view of affect theory. From that perspective, the project also tries to evaluate what kind of consequences circulating and sharing of news in social media might have for journalism, publicity and the traditional media ecosystems.

The project began in September 2014.

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### **Finland's Trade Relations with Japan, 1919-1974**

My ongoing dissertation examines networks of trade (export, import, transportation, trade policy) between the two countries, especially from the Finnish perspective. The research demonstrates reasons and results of trade, which ultimately made Japan one of Finland's most important trade partners.

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### **Recreating a region: Allied occupation of Japan and its legacy to the postwar Hokkaido (September 2012 - August 2015)**

The concept of a region has become an important catchphrase in academic and political discourse during the past decades. This research approaches the concepts of region, regional identity, region-building and institutionalization of region through a specific spatial and temporal context, i.e. early postwar Hokkaido. This study is built on a hypothesis that years from 1945 until 1952 formed an exceptional period in the history of Hokkaido, during which it was remolded by foreign actors.

The starting point of this study is a conception that regions can be conceptualized as social and historical processes that gain their boundaries, symbolism and institutions in the process of institutionalization. The theory of institutionalization of regions offers one solution to the conceptualization of the dimensions of region-building processes. Study is based on archival sources located both in Japan and the United States, as well as, diaries, memoirs and other introspective material.

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**Relationship management of information technology managers in Japanese technologically advanced hospitals**

This research addresses the relationship management of information technology managers in Japanese technologically advanced hospitals, in particular with respect to the implementation of new information system projects. The research hopes to contribute to understanding of management mechanisms and relationships between the information technology staff and the clinical staff which help these advanced hospitals implement new technologies rapidly. Duration: Ongoing from 1. January 2014.

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**Are they ready to teach 'global issues'? A comparative study of students in Finland and Japan**

his research examines the process of becoming 'globally oriented' educators, in particular, by analyzing the voices shared by students in teacher education at University of Oulu and University of Hiroshima. In my research, I try to explain: how students in teacher education envision skills and attitudes needed for their future pupils as 'global citizens', how they perceive the importance of becoming 'globally oriented' teachers, and ways in which teacher education foster competences necessary for becoming global-minded educators. The conceptual framework of critical global citizenship education is used as theoretical lens for this study. The extended model adopted from Gaudelli (2009) is used as analytical tool to examine themes and conceptualizations arising from questionnaires and interviews of Finnish students and Japanese students. A mixed methodology of quantitative and qualitative methods will be applied to analyze students' perceptions, which are collected through questionnaire and interviews with students in teacher education. The implication of this research shed light on discerning areas to be further examined and critically reflected upon by teacher educators in an effort to foster socially responsible global teachers in the selected research context.

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**Media events, circulation and emerging social media practices. Tracing the meaning of Fukushima (MECER)**

The MECER research project examines the relationship of social media and mainstream media in the case of Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant accident. The project is jointly conducted by Japanese and Finnish scholars together with an international network of researchers in five additional countries. The project asks 1) How are the Fukushima incident and issues of nuclear safety represented in the social and mainstream media? 2) How do the representations circulate globally in social media and mainstream media and how are the representations localized and domesticated in the current transnational conditions? 3) What kind of emerging media practices can be identified in the dynamic interface of social media and mainstream media? The research is jointly conducted by University of Tampere, School of Communication, Media and Theatre and Waseda University School of Journalism and funded by Japan Society for Promotion of Science and Academy of Finland.

## Laos

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### **INES: Interlinkages between Energy and Livelihoods – Data, Training and Scenarios for Sustainable Energy Planning in Laos (2010-2012)**

The project called 'Interlinkages between Energy and Livelihoods – Data, Training and Scenarios for Sustainable Energy Planning in Laos (INES)' deals with energy data collection and energy planning in Lao PDR. The purpose of INES project is to (i) collect data on household energy consumption patterns and their impact on livelihood, (ii) collect data on energy use in industry, agriculture and transportation (iii) develop energy planning models in cooperation with different Ministries of Government of Lao PDR (GoL), (iv) carry out training and capacity building in energy model development and their use in energy planning and (v) create scenarios for planning purposes together with different Ministries and disseminate the information. The household energy data is collected through 14 Focus Group Discussions and a household and village leader survey. The survey covers 2000 households and the leaders of the sample villages in different geographical and ecological areas of Laos, both in rural and urban areas. The results of the group discussions and the survey provide information on energy consumption, livelihood strategies and food security situation of Lao households. In addition to the household survey, data is collected on energy use in industry, agriculture and transportation by using both existing databases and a survey. The data collection is carried out to get a clear view of the amounts of different energy sources that are used in Laos. The collected data is used as an input for existing energy modelling tools (such as LaoLinda and LEAP) and the models are further developed in close cooperation and for the needs of the Government of Laos. The project training is organized for national and provincial government representatives on the construction and development of energy modelling tools, as well as creating and utilizing energy scenarios. The project produces reliable nationwide data on energy consumption and livelihoods in Laos, as well as energy modelling tools developed to suit the Laotian circumstances, needs and energy scenarios for the planning of future energy development and energy policies in Laos. The overall aim is to improve the access to renewable energy in Laos.

# Malaysia

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## **Semai Ethnogeography: Place-Naming, Environment and Belonging in an Orang Asli Cultural Context**

This doctoral dissertation project examines notions of traditional geography (ethnogeography), via place-names and related oral history, among the Semai Orang Asli of Peninsular Malaysia. Ethnographic fieldwork was conducted at intervals from 2010 to 2012. This research is expected to shed light on Semai spatial sensibilities and the authority of customary territory, place-names and oral history in anchoring indigenous identity and knowledge in post-colonial, industrialized Malaysia.

# North Korea

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## **Art and Politics in North Korea**

Duration: 2014-

Publications:

- Rock Gospels: Analyzing the Artistic Style of Moranbong Band  
<http://sinonk.com/2014/03/04/rock-gospels-analyzing-the-artistic-style-of-moranbong-band/>
- Is He or Is He Not? Political Authority, Media Appearance, and the DPRK Leadership Question  
<http://sinonk.com/2014/05/20/is-he-or-is-he-not-political-authority-media-appearance-and-the-dprk-leadership-question/>

# South Korea

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## **Popular culture Social movements**

Publications:

- "What really matters in creating mass mobilization, classical organization or new social media? A comparative case study of the mass mobilization process in France and South Korea", in *Contention*, Autumn 2014.
- "What makes mass mobilization possible? Korea's candle light movement case in 2002 in *Wiener Beitrage zur Koreaforschung*, June 2014.
- "La théorie du complot et la communication politique en Corée du Sud", *Hermès*, avril, 2014. (Conspiracy theory and political communication in South Korea)
- "Mon prince charmant parle coréen : les fans de K-Pop en France et Lituanie", *Sociétés*, décembre, 2013. (My prince charming speaks Korean : K-Pop fans in France and Lithuania)
- "Korean Pop Fans in France: Fascinated by Strangeness or Familiarity?" in *Koyko Koma Ed. Comparative Studies of Acceptation of Japanese and Korean Popular Culture in Europe*, Vytautas Magnus University Press, Kaunas, Lithuania, 2012.

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Wrong woman? Conservative women movement and right to represent woman within strategies of collective memory from 1950's to 1990's in South Korea

This doctoral dissertation aims to examine how conservative women movement engaged in South Korean politics during Park Chung-hee era and after. I will discuss gender equality as an essential component that belongs to modernity. The previous study of women movement in South Korea has focused on progressive women organizations that became popular during the democratization project. Still during the authoritarian era the conservative groups were the ones who co-operated with the state. Afterwards their legacy has been questioned. I argue that the so called minjung-history that arose in 1980's abandoned conservative women movement because of wrong kind of womanhood and action it has represented during the Park era. The theoretical aim is to examine changes in women action and role in society through the concept of collective memory.

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## **Communities of Business: Trade Associations of South Korean Small-scale Entrepreneurs as a Culture of Economy**

Academy of Finland Postdoctoral Researcher's project

# Vietnam

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## **Finland and the Vietnam War**

Doctoral thesis to be completed in 2016.

## Regional issues and comparisons within Asia

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### **East Asia and the West in the 19th and 20th Centuries Encounters, Interaction and Images (EAW)**

Ongoing

research:

- Fält: Globalisation and cultural identity: Western image of Japan in the post-war world
- Juntunen: Local religion and space in 20th century China (Funding: Jenni and Antti Wihuri Foundation)
- Okkonen: Vanhat muistomerkit, uudet vallanpitäjät: Yhdysvaltojen monumenttipolitiikka Japanissa 1945-52 (Old monuments, new ruling powers: USA's monument policy in Japan in 1945-1952)
- Sahi: Suomen kauppasuhteet Japaniin 1919-1974 (Funding: the Finnish Doctoral School of History) (Finland's trade relations with Japan, 1919-1974)
- Saunavaara: Recreating a region: The Allied occupation of Japan and its legacy in post-war Hokkaido (Funding: Academy of Finland)
- Uusitalo: United States and Philippine Independence 1930-34

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### **Development Impacts Assessment, Measurement and Monitoring Design (DIAMOND)**

Finland Futures Research Centre's research under the Nordic Climate Facility project "Scaling up low carbon household technologies in the lower Mekong Subregion" focuses on the assessment, measurement and monitoring design of development impacts for household and community level energy projects in the Mekong region.

The aim of this research is to contribute to the discussions on the development impacts of carbon projects. A report will be produced on the possibilities of assessing,

measuring and monitoring the development impacts of carbon projects, with a focus on household level energy technologies in the Mekong region. Key factors for consideration in measuring development impacts will be derived from interviews with stakeholders, including project developers, donors, impact investors and civil society. Measuring the development impacts of carbon projects has gained more relevance amongst carbon project stakeholders, including project developers, donors and impact investors. The question of how carbon projects contribute to sustainable development is significant as more actors are shifting their gaze to carbon projects in the least developed countries. The project is being funded by the Nordic Climate Facility during the years 2013-2015.

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### **Regional economic integration and business environments in Southeast Asia**

This research theme analyzes the impact of regional integration on the business environment in the ASEAN region. In particular, the experiences of Finnish companies operating in Southeast Asia are investigated as regards regional economic integration, such as the ease of trade and the possible trade barriers that firms face.

Publications:

- Kettunen, E. (2014) Foreign firms' views on ASEAN integration: Reflections from Finnish companies in Southeast Asia. Paper submitted to 31<sup>st</sup> Euro-Asia Management Studies Association (EAMSA) Annual Conference, Thammasat University, Bangkok, 29 Oct – 1 Nov.
- Kettunen, E. (2012) Challenges and Opportunities of Firms in Integrating ASEAN. *Proceedings of the International Symposium 2011, Economic Crisis in Europe: Perspectives from Japan, Kansai University Japan-EU Research Center Report, Vol. 2, No. 2, pp. 25-47.*

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### **From the periphery of ASEM – civil society, parliamentary and trade union dialogue in the ASEM process.**

A doctoral dissertation to be completed by 2016.

Publication:

- Forthcoming (2015): *Asia-Europe Parliamentary Partnership*. Conference publication. Brill: International Comparative Social Studies.

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### **Shifting Dialogues: Asian Performance and Fine Arts**

Shifting Dialogues: Asian Performance and Fine Arts is a joint research project between Theatre Academy Helsinki and Academy of Fine Arts (AAPC, i.e. Asian Art and Performance Consortium) at the University of the Arts Helsinki. The project is funded by Academy of Finland in 2011-14.

Two doctoral students have already completed their theses during the project (Tångeberg-Grischin and Koh) and are currently involved as post-doctoral researchers. The Project has organized two international symposia that reflect the individual research initiatives of the project members. The symposium of 2012 was titled *The Politics of Site, Locality & Context in Asian Performance and Visual Arts*. In 2013, the symposium focused on *Objects of Desire: Sexual Artifice in Asian Art and Performance*. The third and final symposium, *Documenting Asian Art and Performance: Embodied Knowledge, Virtuality & the Archive*, will take place in December 2014.

More information on the contents of the research project and the upcoming symposium: [http://www.teak.fi/shifting\\_dialogues\\_2014\\_tutke](http://www.teak.fi/shifting_dialogues_2014_tutke)

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### **The Concept of Asia**

Study of the history of the concept of Asia in Western and Eastern cosmological constructions in various languages: 1. Ancient Greek and Roman cosmology, 2. Medieval European Cosmology, 3. World geography of the Explorations, 4. Inserting Asia into ancient Chinese cosmology, 5. Russian geopolitics, the Urals and Aryan race theory, 5. Asia in Tokugawa Japan and Buddhist cosmology, 6. Asia as culture: Rabindranath Tagore, Okakura Tenshin and Sun Yatsen, 7. Asia as conquest: The Greater East Asia Coprosperity Sphere, 8. Asia as economics: the current Asian Miracle. Duration: 2000 - long towards the future

Recent publications:

<http://www.japanfocus.org/-Pekka-Korhonen/4083>

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### **Business environments in Russia and China**

This research project addresses the internationalization of Finnish companies to Russia and China from multiple perspectives, including local business networks and problem-solving in different business functions. We analyze, in particular, business risks and strategic adaptation of Finnish firms, with comparative insights from other Nordic firms' experiences in these markets. The project is conducted in cooperation with research partners from Copenhagen Business School, University of Gothenburg, and Nordic Institute of Asian Studies.

Publications:

- Kettunen, E. (2014) China's policy environment toward foreign companies: implications to high-tech sectors. *AI & Society*, 29(3), 403-413. Special issue "Competition and Innovation for Smart and Creative Society".

- Karhunen, P. & Kosonen, R. (2013) Strategic responses of foreign subsidiaries to host country corruption: The case of Finnish firms in Russia. *Critical Perspectives on International Business*, 9 (1/2), 88-105. Special Issue "Russia: As solid as a BRIC?".

- Kosonen, R., Kettunen, E., Kotilainen, J. (2013) Foreign Firms in the Emerging Markets of Russia, Estonia and China. In: Tainio, R., Meriläinen S, Mäkinen J. & Laihonon M. (eds.) *Limits to Globalization: National Borders Still Matter*. Copenhagen Business School Press.



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### **Green Economy Transitions in the Least Developed Countries: Multi-scale Analysis of Energy and Forest Use in Laos and Cambodia (GET-LDC)**

GET-LDC is a research project looking into the possibilities of green economy transitions in Laos and Cambodia. The concept of green economy, often defined as low-carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive, is predicted to replace sustainable development as the new driving force of environmental action. Although the concept has received various critics, there is little empirical research related to its policy expectations or concerns. Developing countries rich in natural resources, such as Cambodia and Laos, may be able to benefit from green growth by having the opportunity to jump-start their transition towards a green economy. Both countries have already adopted some green growth targets. This project proposes a new framework to analyse green growth transitions in Cambodia and Laos and other developing countries in two extremely natural resource dependent sectors, forestry and energy. FFRC brings in their expertise and research networks related to energy governance in the Mekong region, whereas VITRI has extensive experience from forest governance research in Southeast Asia. The project will produce policy relevant results for Finland's development cooperation, development finance institutions and the development actors in Cambodia, Laos and other natural resource dependent LDCs.

The project has five phases. The first phase, scoping, includes streamlining the approach and engaging relevant stakeholders in different sectors in both countries. Second and third phase examine the role of energy and forests on three scales (international, national and local) with multidisciplinary materials and methods. The interaction between the scales is also studied. The results of the analyses are utilized in the fourth phase where different modeling tools are used for future scenario building. These models engage and combine both forest and energy sectors. Fifth phase is the synthesis. Future workshops are arranged in both Cambodia and Laos with the same actors as in the scoping phase. The results are disseminated and the scenarios are further developed based on the feedback and interaction with the stakeholders.

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### **Access to sustainable energy for all**

The project will analyze and raise awareness on energy issues in developing countries and on related North-South policies. It explores the requirements for an effective and equitable practice of ensuring access to sustainable energy. The project will be implemented in nine EU countries by a consortium of seven European organizations cooperating closely with Southern partners. FFRC will contribute especially to the research and capacity building components of the project. One of the focus areas will be the Mekong Region's energy development. Mekong related activities will take place in the end of 2011 and beginning of 2012. The project is funded by EuropeAid (2011-2013).

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### **Adequacy of Climate Change Mitigation Initiatives in Laos and Cambodia: Comparing Options and Analysing Obstacles in Local Context (COOL)**

The COOL-project analyses comparatively the implementation of four climate mitigation related initiatives in Laos and Cambodia. The initiatives are: Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), projects aiming for Voluntary carbon markets, Reduction of emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) and Energy and Environment Partnership (EEP).

The target is an analysis of these mechanisms in relation to their links to Official development assistance, specifically highlighting questions of the poverty reduction - climate mitigation nexus; 'aid ownership'; capacity and capacity building; and Least developed country (LDC) status. The project was commissioned by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and it ran from 2010-2011.

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### **Progress of Mind and Morals: American conceptions about civilization in the context of late 19th century studies on China and Japan. (working title)**

Using the methods of intellectual, cultural, and conceptual history, this dissertation thesis examines the late 19th century American conceptions - and the concept - of civilization. It is a study of how American experts on China and Japan used the "key concept" of civilization in their texts, what meanings they gave to it, and how the contacts and encounters with the "antipodal" East Asia potentially affected their notions of "Asiatic" and "Western" civilizations, as well as civilization in general. (To be completed by the end of year 2014.)

Publications:

- "Chapter Four: 'A Mighty Change Must Pass Over': W. A. P. Martin's crusade in 19th-century China." *Representing the Chinese Chameleon*. Edited by Yangwen Zheng. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013.
- "Building a career in and out of East Asia: 19th century American experts S. W. Williams and W. E. Griffis." *The Journal of American Studies Association of Korea*, vol. 45, no.1, 2013.

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### **Transnational Migration in Transition: Transformative Characteristics of Temporary Mobility of People (EURA-NET)**

EURA-NET is an international research project funded by the European Union's 7th Framework Programme for the period 2014-2017.

The objective of EURA-NET is to attain an understanding of the current characteristics and related policy impact of temporary transnational mobility of people. The findings in the European-Asian context will provide insights to be applied to other world regions.

The project seeks to help national and international policy-makers to address the challenges arising in the increasingly interconnected and demographically mobile world. This will be done by discovering how politics structures the movement of people in sending, transit and receiving countries and by shedding light on the international practices and experiences of individual migrants.

The research outcomes will be communicated in the forms of scientific and policy reports and policy briefs to multi-level interest groups.

**Partners:** UTA (Finland), CEPS (Belgium), Beijing Normal University (China), Bielefeld University (Germany), University of Macedonia (Greece), KOPINT-TARKI (Hungary), Centre for Development Studies (India), Maastricht University (Netherlands), Scalabrini Migration Center (Philippines), Mahidol University (Thailand), Koc University (Turkey), Institute of Ethnology/National Academy of Sciences (Ukraine)

<https://www.uta.fi/edu/en/research/projects/eur-net/index.html>

*Research Team: Professor Laura Stark; Researchers Sirpa Tenhunen, Perpetual Crentsil, Sanna Tawah, Jukka Jouhki. Funded by Academy of Finland*

### **Mobile Technology, Gender and Development in Africa, India and Bangladesh**

Ongoing 2010-2013. Funded by Academy of Finland. Leader Prof. Laura Stark. Researchers: Prof. Sirpa Tenhunen (Univ. of Helsinki) focusing on Bangladesh, Dr. Perpetual Crentsil (Univ. of Helsinki) focusing on Ghana, MA Sanna Tawah (Univ. of Jyväskylä) focusing on Cameroon, Prof. Laura Stark (Univ. of Jyväskylä) focusing on Tanzania and Phd Jukka Jouhki (Univ. of Jyväskylä) focusing on India. For more information, see <http://mobile.hum.jyu.fi/index.html>

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### **When East Meets West: How English Language Teachers in Finland, Japan and Korea Plan to Use Technology as a Collaborative Tool in the Classrooms**

Finland, Japan and Korea are technologically advanced societies but their attitude towards how to more effectively use this technical sophistication manifests itself differently in their respective educational systems. The approach chosen is a multi-layered academic case study where I investigate novice English teachers in those countries and their conceptualization of language learning. The main question is how these young teachers plan to integrate technology in the classroom in order to foster collaboration and cooperation between the students. Since collaboration can be influenced and altered depending of the social context, a recognition of social awareness is always valuable in order to gain a solid understanding of the depth and parameters of a collaborative task.

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### **Asian Influences on Finnish Theatre and Dance**

Project has received funding from Ella & Georg Ehrnrooth Foundation. Thus far, Dr. Miettinen has done research (conference presentation and an article) on dancer Leena Rintala and Dr. Thuring on Japanese dancer Hanako's visits to Finland (conference papers and an article). Project continues.

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### **East Asian Urban Art: self-expression through visual images in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Seoul**

The three year postdoctoral project funded by the Academy of Finland investigates urban art in East Asia, which is an essential phenomenon of visual culture, with diverse

socio-cultural, political and visual impacts. The aim is to conduct an interdisciplinary research based on visual studies approach. I define urban art images as creative action that leaves a visible imprint on public urban space. I will focus on various formats of street art and contemporary graffiti, which can be legal or illegal, commissioned or voluntarily made. Although urban art is usually considered illegal and degenerative, many highly artistic creations are produced. Usually urban art images are created outside of an official art institution, and therefore is regarded as unofficial but not necessarily anti-institutional art. The insights yielded by this project can be used for further studies in art history, visual studies, popular culture studies, urban studies, Asian studies and gender studies.

Publications:

Valjakka, M. (2015), Urban art images and the concerns of mainlandization in Hong Kong, in *Asian Cities: Colonial to Global*, ed. by Gregory Bracken. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

Valjakka, M. (2015), Contesting transcultural trends: emerging self-identities and urban art images in Hong Kong, in *Routledge Handbook of Graffiti and Street Art*, ed. by Jeffrey Ross. New York & London: Routledge.

Valjakka M. (2015), Constituting spaces for urban art images in Beijing and Shanghai, in *Routledge Handbook of Graffiti and Street Art*, ed. by Jeffrey Ross. New York & London: Routledge.

Valjakka, M. (2014), Contesting the levels of il/legality of urban art images in China, *Review of Culture*, 45: 96–118.

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### **Redefining Energy and Climate Policy in the Least Developed Countries: Analyzing Institutions and Initiatives in the Mekong Region (RECLAIM)**

Finland Futures Research Centre's RECLAIM (Redefining Energy and Climate Policy in the Least Developed Countries: Analysing Institutions and Initiatives in the Mekong Region) research project analyses the prospects and challenges brought to the fore when climate initiatives are carried out in the least developed countries, specifically herein Laos and Cambodia. The research focuses on whether it is possible to simultaneously pursue development, mitigation and adaptation and how this will affect poor and vulnerable groups.

The aim is to analyse, what are the drivers, actors and institutions that influence climate compatible development. The research addresses these questions through quantitative analysis of energy-economic systems and development pathways as well as qualitative research on the actors and forces shaping climate policies. The aim of the quantitative analysis is to provide useful information for future planning through defining a framework within which the future energy needs and related climate policies can be assessed.

Qualitative analysis focuses on the development, adaptation and mitigation nexus in Laos and Cambodia. The research themes include the possible trade-offs and synergies of mitigation initiatives with poverty reduction, governance of climate change adaptation and the move from one-off energy initiatives to a more coherent approach to support a transition to a pro-poor low-carbon pathway.

The aim is to provide a research framework on climate compatible development which would be suitable for analysing adaptation and mitigation initiatives. The research will be carried out in Laos, Cambodia and Finland in 2013-2014 by an international group of researchers. RECLAIM is funded by the Academy of Finland, 2013-2014.