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Symposium October 14–19, 2013, Uppsala

*RE-Claimings
Empowerings
Inspirings:*

*Researching and exploring by, for, and
with indigenous peoples, minorities
and local communities*

Uppsala 3rd Supradisciplinary Feminist Technoscience Symposium

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CROSSROADS OF KNOWLEDGE

Since research on Sámi people was initiated in the 17th century, the majority of research projects on Sámi related issues have been pursued by non-Sámi scholars. At the same time there are Sámi who are academic scholars, but who do not find it beneficial – or rather detrimental – to self-identify as Sámi within the current Swedish academic context, as well as in any other context outside of the Sámi cultural context. This is due to a colonial situation, which touches both territorial issues – detrimental to traditional and modern Sámi livelihood, economic and cultural activities as well as identity aspects.

The indigenous Sámi share these experiences and struggles with indigenous peoples, ethnic minorities, and local/tribal communities in other parts of the world. Although in some countries, including in the U.S. and Canada, ethnic and indigenous studies programs and scholars have grown in number and prominence since the late 1960s. This symposium will include scholars, activists, and artists who are indigenous themselves, as well as non-indigenous people who work in support of indigenous, and other minority and local community perspectives in the US, Canada, Japan, Australia, India, Peru, and other countries along with Sámi scholars, artists and activists from Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Russia. The aim of the symposium is to provide a platform for a comparative and critical analysis of the development of indigenous and other community-relevant scholarship, thus furthering both methodological and theoretical development of academic research and culture revitalization. Ultimately we intend to promote the re-claiming of indigenous/tribal/local communities identities, while striving at empowering and inspiring ourselves and each other in this important work.

This is a supra-disciplinary symposium, i.e. the symposium is open to scholars/students activists – artists, and an important focus is on the exchange in between, as well as for scholars/students who are activists and/or artists to work from that point of departure as well. The supra-disciplinarity also encompasses a wish to blur the boundaries between academic and other knowledge production, recognizing that knowledge produced outside of academia should be equally considered and criticized as academic knowledge production. To achieve this goal– we will create a safe space for indigenous/tribal/local community sharing of knowledge and with this in mind, amongst other, all participants will be asked to act as chairs and discussants within the sessions, or to contribute in some other function.

The program runs from Monday 14th at 3 pm, until Friday 18th at 4 pm, with sessions morning and after lunch, film screenings at night and artistic performances included in the program. Poster/exhibition runs parallel with the symposium, opening on the 14th.

Conference dinner will be at Norrlands Nation, Wednesday 16th, with amongst other artist Lovisa Negga performing. Please see and hear her at: <http://lovisanegga.bandcamp.com/> Mihá ja Gievrra

We are looking for volunteers, who can help out with different parts of the symposium. Please see below.

Registration opens August 18th, 2013. Latest registration October 1st. Please use registration form attached or available online at:

<http://www.gender.uu.se/seminarier/conferences/>

Symposium fee from SEK 1600 to SEK 600, please see below for details. No fee for volunteers, organizers and invited participants.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS/EXHIBITION

Presentations – for questions please email the session organizer (please see sessions and emails above) directly. Send your abstract and bio to technoscience@gender.uu.se with a cc to the session organizers (see the session) latest by September 5th. Response will be made continuously and latest by September 16th. Bio (maximum 500 words); abstract (max. 500 words). Please also indicate the session you would like to join.

Posters/Exhibition

We welcome proposals for poster presentations from both within and beyond academia on a wide range of topics within the scope of the overarching themes of the symposium. Posters will be displayed throughout the symposium, and time will be given for 5-7 min presentations of these.

Maximum size of poster/exhibition piece is 120x90 cm. If you wish to bring something larger than this, please contact us first. On request it might be possible also to have space for other exhibition pieces as well, such as sculptures.

Send in your: Bio (maximum 500 words); abstract (max. 500 words) – please describe size of exhibition piece/poster to technoscience@gender.uu.se

Latest by September 15th. Response will be made continuously and latest by Sept.25th

Symposium organizers

The symposium is organized by Dr. *May-Britt Öhman*, Technoscience, Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University, within the research project “Rivers, resistance and resilience: Sustainable futures in Sápmi and in other Indigenous Peoples’ Territories” (FORMAS 2013-2016) in collaboration with:

Swedish Biodiversity Centre at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and Uppsala University (Dr. *Håkan Tunón* and Ms. *Marie Kvarnström*); the Hugo Valentin Centre (Professor *Leena Huss*); the Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies and Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology (Dr. *Vladislava Vladimirova*); the Research program ‘Mind and Nature’ at Uppsala University; the Centre for Historical Studies School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India (Dr. *Jyoti Atwal*, Ass. Prof.) and the Muroran Institute of Technology, Hokkaido, Japan (Prof. Hiroshi Maruyama); Dr. *Anna Skarin*, Reindeer Husbandry Unit, Department of Animal Nutrition and Management, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala; UPP-SAM, the association for Sámi related studies in Uppsala; the Sámi association Silbonah Samesijdda (Ms *Agneta Silversparf*).

SESSIONS (Preliminary set up)

Session 1: Re-claiming memories: Knowledge Repatriation and Culture Revitalization in Decolonization

Organisers: Dr. **Håkan Tunón** /Ms. **Marie Kvarnström**, Swedish Biodiversity Centre, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and Uppsala University. (Email: Hakan.Tunon@slu.se and Marie.Kvarnstrom@slu.se)

Description: How can academic scholars contribute to the decolonization of indigenous and local communities? Repatriation is not only about bringing back artifacts and human remains to the country of origin. It is a term that may also be used to describe work done to strengthen and revive local culture and indigenous knowledge systems. To this session we have invited some of the leading names in the world in cultural revitalization and decolonization. This session also invites relevant papers.

Participants: Assistant prof. **Tirso Gonzales**, the Indigenous Studies Program, the University of British Columbia, Okanagan, Canada; Prof. **Hugh Brody**, the Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, BC; Ms. **Gudrun Kubmunen**, Skierri Sami pre-school, Gällivare and Laponia Tjuottjudus, Sweden (will participate if not required within the reindeer herding, which depends on the weather and the reindeer); Dr. **Asta Mitkija Balto**, Sámi Allaskuvla, Guovdageaidnu, Norway; Dr. **J Jorge Ishizawa**, Proyecto Andino de Tecnologías Campesinas (PRATEC) Lima, Péru.

Session 2: RE:livings: Empowerings, Revitalization, Linguistic and Cultural Emancipation

Organisers: Prof. **Leena Huss**, Hugo Valentin Centre, Uppsala University and Prof. **Hiroshi Maruyama**, Muroran Inst. of Technology, Hokkaido, Japan. (Email: leena.huss@valentin.uu.se)

Description: This session invites papers that explore the emancipatory aspects of language maintenance and revitalization. Linguistic revitalization is here seen as reclamation of a cultural heritage that has been lost, or nearly lost, due to the forces of assimilatory policies and social pressure on the part of the surrounding society. In practice, revitalization can be understood as local efforts of increasing the number of speakers or domains of use of a threatened language, but also of enhancing the status of the language by official promotion and legislative measures, and, finally, of decolonizing the mind.

Participants: Dr. **Tove Skutnabb-Kangas**, Dept. of Education, Åbo Akademi University; Ms. **Sigrid Stångberg**, project leader for the EU project 'Saemesth dle' 2008-11, promoting South Sámi language revitalization; Dr. **Chris Andersen**, Associate Prof., Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Native Studies, Univ. of Alberta, Canada, Prof. **Hiroshi Maruyama**, Muroran Inst. of Technology, Hokkaido, Japan, and Prof. **Leena Huss**, Hugo Valentin Centre, Uppsala University.

Session 3: Re-Claiming Our Landscapes and Waterscapes

Organiser: Dr. **Anna Skarin**, Reindeer Husbandry Unit, Dept. of Animal Nutrition and Management, (Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala (email: Anna.Skarin@slu.se) and **May-Britt Öhman**, Technoscience, Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University. (Email: may-britt.ohman@gender.uu.se)

Description: Territories, water, livelihood, food, traumas, happiness, identity, (hi)stories, mentoring. This session focuses on stories about resistance against industrial exploitation of indigenous/tribal landscapes and waterscapes, and earlier as well as current activism to reclaim these. The session invites short presentations relevant to the theme.

Participants: Prof. **Shaila Desouza**, Centre for Women's Studies, Goa University, Ms. **Marie Persson** – Member of Swedish Sami parliament/Sámi activist; Mr. **Tor Lundberg Tuorda**, Sámi filmmaker, Kvikkjokk; Ms **Mirja Palo**, research assistant/Öhman/ CfG UU; Mr **Markus Nyström**, research assistant/Öhman/ CfG UU; Prof. **Birgitta Åhman**; Dr. **Anna Skarin**; PhD student **Therese Sivertsen**, Reindeer Husbandry Unit, Department of Animal Nutrition and Management, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala

Session 4: Empowering and reclaiming

Organiser: **Jyoti Atwal**, Assistant Professor, Modern Indian History, Centre for Historical Studies School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University India/Dr. **May-Britt Öhman** CfG UU (email: jyotiatjnu@gmail.com)

Description: Empowering and Reclaiming: Identities, narratives, (genetic) genealogy, and ethics. This session will bring scholars, activists, and artists together who work on different aspects and through different disciplinary approaches of indigenous and minority identity formation and challenges to such identities and claims. The session invites short presentations relevant to the theme.

Description: Identities – stories – genetic – genealogy – ethics – Empowerings through reclaimings, academic mentoring. The session brings scholars and activists, artists together who work on different perspectives on indigenous identities – minority identities.

Participants: Assistant Prof. **Kimberly Tallbear**, Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy, Dept of Environmental Science, Policy, & Management, Univ. of California, Berkeley/ Donald D. Harrington Fellow, University of Texas, Austin; Ms. **Agneta Silversparf**, Silbonah Samesijdda; Mr **Inge Frisk**, Stockholm Sami Association; Ms. **Katarina Pirak Sikku**, Sámi artist, **Jyoti Atwal**; Kaori Arai, PhD student, Rikkyo University; Prof. **Bronwyn Fredericks**, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) and BMA Chair in Indigenous Engagement at CQUniversity Australia. President of CQUniversity's Academic Board and Frances Wyld, University of South Australia, David Unaipon College of Indigenous Education and Research, Program Director, Lecturer and PhD Candidate; Dr **Minako Sakata**, Department of Area Studies, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo

Session 5: The Russian Experience: Sami Institutions and Regulation of Resources

Organizer: Dr. **Vladislava Vladimirova**, Uppsala Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies/ Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology. Email: vladislava.vladimirova@ucrs.uu.se

Description: This panel focuses on Sami institutions at different levels: from family and kinship units, to informal professional or common interest groups, to non-governmental organizations like Indigenous Ethnic Associations and Offices, Youth organization, and Cultural Centers, to the Sami Parliament, that is supposed to be the most representative Sami organization in Russia. The more general question that the panel aims to address is how indigenous Sami institutions are imbedded in and represented by Russian state institutions in relation to resource use and regulation. The Russian Sami Parliament as a relatively new institution with prospective to represent all Sami people improve their access to and control over resources, will receive special attention.

The session invites short presentations relevant to the theme.

Participants: Ms . **Valentina Sovkina**, Chair of “Sam-Sobbar”, Russian Sami Parliament; Ms. **Tat’iana Viktorovna Sechko**, Director of the Lovozero Municipal Ethnic Cultural Centre; Dr. **Vladislava Vladimirova**.

Poster/exhibition session:

Organiser: **Liz-Marie Nilsen**, research assistant within “Rivers, Resistance, Resilience” Technoscience, Centre for Gender Research, Uppsala University. (Email: technoscience@gender.uu.se and lizmarie.nilsen@gmail.com)

Description: The posters or pieces for exhibition will be at display during the whole of the symposium. The size of the poster should be between 190 x 70 cm.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens from August 25th at <http://www.gender.uu.se/seminarier/conferences/>

When registering, please make sure to provide symposium fee according to what is stated below. Latest registration October 1st.

SYMPOSIUM FEE

Participation fee (including welcome reception and conference dinner): SEK 1600 (**Category Blue: scholars/activists/artists with funding**) or SEK 800 (**Category Green: for those without funding, such as students, artists/activists**). Please state your category in the registration form available online.

There is no participation fee for participants who are invited by the organizers (named in the different sessions), nor members of organizing committee, or volunteers (please see further regarding volunteers below). However please register for us to know details in food allergies etc.

Discount for discussants and chairs: If you agree to sign up as discussant and/or chair, please state this in the registration form. **Category Blue: discounted fee is 1000.** **Category Green: discounted fee is 600.** Discussant means that you ask one or two questions after presentation is made. Chair means that you assist in getting the session started and ended according to schedule and moderate the discussions to create a safe space for creative discussions.

No participation fee for volunteers, volunteering at least 8 hours:

We're also looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas:

Set-up; Registration; Conference bag packing; Reception Assistants; Poster/Exhibition Assistants; Technical helpers; Clean up; Program and Info; Water maintenance; Other

If you wish to volunteer please email: technoscience@gender.uu.se – write Volunteer in the email subject line, state what days and times you are available, and if you are available for work before and after the symposium. Local volunteers (living in or having access to housing in the Stockholm-Uppsala region) are preferred.

Reduced fee may be applicable upon request by participants who have no funding available and not able to volunteer. We are awaiting response on grant applications and we might possibly be able to provide travel grants. If you are in need of reduced fee and/or travel grant – please email with this request in the subject line, explaining your economic situation, your bio and your planned participation (poster, presentation) – email: technoscience@gender.uu.se

Economic Contributions: You are most welcome contribute to someone else's participation. Please refer to payment instructions, and send in this contribution stating that it is support for travel grants/reduced fee.

Accommodation: Invited participants: accommodation will be communicated to you directly. For all other participants, please refer to hotels and hostels in Uppsala.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Payment should be made at the time of registration, and latest by October 1st. (If payment is done later, please bring a copy of the payment slip to the registration at the symposium.)

Payment within Sweden: UPPSAM, Plusgiro: 59 79 49 – 7, Reference: RE:Claimings, and your full name.

Payment from outside Sweden – please use these references: Bank and its office address: Nordea Bank Sverige AB (publ), Box 276, SE 751 05 Uppsala, Sweden

BIC-kod (SWIFT-adress): NDEASESS Account holder: UPPSAM

For any questions:

Please email either session organizers or technoscience@gender.uu.se - please state "RE-Claimings" in the email subject line.

Preliminary program RE-Claimings

(may be subject to changes, please check for updates)

Setting of each day

09.00/30-12.00/30 (incl. break)

Lunch 12.30-14.30

14.30 – 17.30 (incl. break)

Monday 14th

15.30-19.30 Opening

Opening talks

Opening of Exhibition and Film screening

Welcome reception

Tuesday 15th

AM: Re:Claiming Landscapes/Waterscapes (Skarin/Öhman)

PM: RE: Vivings (Huss/ Maruyama)

Filmscreening – mingle

Wednesday 16th

AM: RE:Vivings (Huss/ Maruyama)

PM: RE-Claiming memories (Tunón/Kvarnström)

19.00 Dinner, performance by Sámi artist Lovisa Negga – Norrlands Nation

Thursday 17th

AM: The Russian Experience: (Vladimirova)

PM: RE-Claiming memories: (Tunón/Kvarnström)

Filmscreening

Friday 18th

AM: Empowering and reclaiming (Atwal/Öhman)

PM: Empowering and reclaiming (Atwal/Öhman)

Closing of Symposium and mingle at restaurant (eating/drinks at one's own expense)