



## ANTHROPOLOGY RESEARCH TEAM



invitation for Thursday 18 April 16:30  
POLARIUM lecture room, Arctic Centre,

### Kultajoki - People and Gold in Finnish Lapland

*(A film screening and discussion with Director Bernd Bartusevics)*



Gold washing Lapland: <http://www.arctic-heartbeat.fi/finnish/Trailers/Kultajoki/Kultajoki.htm>

Kultajoki – Gold River is a careful portrait of several individual characters who found their dedication in small scale private gold washing in Finnish Lapland. The film Kultajoki has not unlike Julie Cruikshank's work on the Klondike Gold Rush a life history approach for exploring the relations of particular people to gold and the river, as resources in northern Finland. We find out how the relation between people and their environment among small scale gold washers is so intimate that the resource and its occurrence in nature determines not only a particular way of life and engaging with the environment, but also shapes these people's personalities profoundly. The film was shot during long term field trips with the main characters, and therefore does not have to conform to the usual commercial cinema or TV adventure requirements that media companies nowadays have. Everybody is welcome to join if you happen to be in or want to come to Rovaniemi at that time. Bernd Bartusevics, the director of the film, will be present himself and be happy to answer your questions as well.

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