



**Programme for the Workshop “Oral History and Arctic Anthropology,
November 25-28, 2012**
**Organised by the the anthropology research team and the Arktis Graduate
School of the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland**

Accommodation: rooms booked for Vakhtin, Lyarskaya, Kuchinski in Hotelli Aakenus, Koskikatu 47 96100 Rovaniemi Finland. Tel: +358 (0)16 342 2051. Fax: +358 (0)16 342 2021 hotelli.aakenus@co.inet.fi. Located just a 5 min walk from the Arktikum building, where we work. In the other direction, city centre Rovaniemi is also a 5 min walk.

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Venue: Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Arktikum Building, Pohjoisranta 4, Borealis meeting room

SUNDAY

Short informal get together (at the hotel lobby?)

MONDAY

9 a.m. – 9:30 Short introduction: Arctic Anthropology at the Arctic Centre Rovaniemi and at EUSP

SESSION 1: ARCHIVES AND ORAL HISTORY DATA CONCERNING SÁMI AND NENETS IN RUSSIA AND FINLAND

9:30 Elena Lyarskaya:

- 1) Biography interviews, oral history and forgetting: words and silence among the Nenets**
- 2) With Nikolay Vakhtin jointly:** specific question on archival data in Piter: what do we know about archives of early ethnographers of the North in the European North and West Siberia? Is there any material on Sámi and Nenets that you would find worth working on (Verbov, Mitusova, Lehtisalo, Evladov, Prokofiev) others? Same for audiovisual archives: what is there on the perception of the 20th century history in the most Arctic periphery?

10:30: Maxim Kuchinski. Sámi materials in Russian archives and Sámi knowledge Centre

11:00: coffee break

11:30 Suvi Kivelä. National Archives of Finland. Sámi archives in Finland: How the Sámi Archives can support and develop the study of the Sámi and serve the Sámi community? Plans and actions

12:00-12:30: General discussion on archives and accessibility

Lunch reindeer meat lunch, home made by anthropology research team. Possibly lunch time screening of Anastasia Lapsui's and Markku Lehmuskallio's film "Pudana"

SESSION 2: "ARCTIC STUDIES: SOVIET, WESTERN, AND RUSSIAN APPROACHES TO COOPERATION WITH INDIGENOUS PARTNERS"

2:00– 3:45 pm: Nikolay Vakhtin's public lecture and discussion on this topic:

There is a long history of research in Russia in Arctic areas, and researchers have always had contacts with indigenous inhabitants. Depending from which country researchers were and are, they often approach cooperation with indigenous peoples differently. In this lecture, Prof Vakhtin will illustrate these different approaches with examples from his own and other's experience from research projects in the Soviet Union, in post-Soviet Russian academia, and in western-led projects with field sites in Russia. The insights offered in this lecture are important and little studied contributions to the history of Arctic Studies, and bear relevance also for related discussions in Lapland about researchers' partnerships with indigenous peoples.

SESSION 3: AVENUES FOR COOPERATION WITH ANTHROPOLOGY RESEARCH TEAM, ARCTIC CENTRE

4 – 5 pm.: presentation of research projects & interests 10 minutes each

ORHELIA project (www.arcticcentre.org/orhelia) (Florian, Stephan, Roza, Nina, Nuccio)

Forest Nenets Religion PhD topic (Rudolf)

Sámi research at Arctic Centre (Nuccio)

Other anthropological research at the Arctic Centre (Anna)

Projects of interest at EU SPb

Discussion: 1 hour

7:30 pm.: dinner

Tuesday

SESSION 4, PARALLEL SESSIONS:

9:30 a.m. – 11 am: Nikolay Vakhtin & Elena Lyarskaya & Florian Stammer: **Meeting with University of the Arctic General Secretary**, and Arctic Studies programme coordinator talking about cooperation between our institutions in Arctic Studies, including but not limited to the Uarctic Thematic Network and PhD programme "People in Arctic Extractive Industries".

9:30 a.m. – 11 am: Stephan, Roza, Anna, Nina, Nuccio, Suvi, **discussing oral history cooperation**

11:00 coffee break

11:30-12:00: Arto Vitikka, Arctic Centre: new data storage possibilities for oral history material in Finland: IDA

12:00-12:30: General discussion on and data management and Finnish-Russian cooperation in that

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.: lunch Arktikum restaurant

SESSION 4 SOCIO-CULTURAL LINGUISTICS AND VERBAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

N.Vakhtin: language change, language switch and language loss: what's in these terms? How to you think about the connections between oral verbal heritage and indigenous languages. What happens to oral history material when people switch languages? How can we conceptualise theoretically the influence of language on the contents, narratives that we get during fieldwork? How does our most beloved method - participant observation - relate to research for which verbal communication is the crucial data?

N.Vakhtin & E.Lyarskaya: different outcomes of same policies in different areas: how do we conceptualise and theorise in anthropology people's memories and narratives from different regions of the same events: relocation, sedentarisation pressure, education policies, Soviet cultural policies in general, industrialisation of traditional livelihoods? any projects you have that European University would like to share with the Arctic Centre

3:30 p.m.: coffee break

4:00-5:00 Open discussion about recent political changes in Russia and their implication for Arctic anthropological research practice.

5:00-6:00 The Arktikum exhibitions (science centre exhibition on Arctic Change and the kraevedsheski muzei Laplandii)

7 p.m.: Dinner

WEDNESDAY, Departure

List of participants

Nikolay Vakhtin	Guest, European University St Petersburg
Elena Lyarskaya	Guest, European University St Petersburg
Florian Stammer	Organiser, anthropology research team
Stephan Dudeck	anthropology research team
Anna Stammer-Gossmann	anthropology research team

Roza Laptander	anthropology research team
Nina Meschtyb	anthropology research team
Terhi Vuojala-Magga ???	anthropology research team
Rudolf Havelka	anthropology research team
Nuccio Mazzullo	anthropology research team
Suvi Kivelä	Finnish National Archives, Sámi dept, Inari
Maxim Kuchinski	Sámi Knowledge Centre, Lovozero

Arktis doctoral program students and members, and the open public, as further participants

Vakhtin & Lyarskaya travel:

Arrival: Nov 25th (Sunday) from Helsinki at 21:30

Departure: Nov 28 (Wednesday) at 6:05

Airport transfers:

Arrange pickup Sunday evening. Organised by anthropology research team

Wednesday morning, NV and EL order a taxi to the airport from the hotel

Financing:

This workshop runs from a whole lot of different funding sources. Those of you who get something reimbursed, you need to fill a one page form, and they need all the original receipts. Please don't lose them! The reimbursement is preferably to a bank account with foreign currency. If this is not possible, please let us know before hand. Handing over cash is more complicated and may involve having to go personally to the cashier in the main university building.

Kuchinski travel: (own car, petrol costs reimbursed)

Arrival: Nov 25th (Sunday)

Departure: Nov 26th (Monday) at 13:00

Kivelä travel: ????