

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Väinö Linna -sali, Linna building, Tampere University (Kalevantie 5)

Pain in Context

Interdisciplinary Perspectives

This symposium brings together pain scholars from across disciplines – medicine, psychology, history, social sciences, art, and philosophy – to explore the different contexts in which pain is experienced, recognised, cared for and bypassed in contemporary societies. Drawing together highlights of contemporary research in different fields, and discussing key challenges for pain scholarship across disciplines, we seek to identify areas where interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration could offer ways forward.

Please register by November 30th via this [link](https://bit.ly/47Sq6ws): <https://bit.ly/47Sq6ws>

TaSTI (Tampere Centre for Knowledge, Science, Technology and Innovation Studies)

PROGRAM

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9:00 Registration & coffee

9:15 **Opening HENNI ALAVA & ANNA OVASKA**
Welcome words Professor **MIANNA MESKUS**, TASTI

9:25 KEYNOTE LECTURE BY ROB BODDICE

Senior Research Fellow at the Research Council of Finland Centre of Excellence in the History of Experiences (HEX), Tampere University
Pain Studies in Transdisciplinary Perspective: Disrupting Knowledge and Experience

10:10 Break

10.25 PANEL 1: CULTURES, POLITICS AND BODIES OF PAIN
Chair: Anna Ovaska

ELINA NIINIVAARA & SALOME TUOMAALA-ÖZDEMIR

Kone foundation research fellows

Chronic Pain and the Agony of Bureaucracy

TEIJO SAARI Professor, Anaesthesiology, University of Turku

Acute postoperative pain: Biology and beyond

EVA TORDERA NUÑO Doctoral researcher, Aalto University

Fictionalizing chronic pain to better understand it

HENNI ALAVA Academy Research Fellow, Tampere University

What makes pain chronic?

Panel discussion

12:25–13:30 Lunch & coffee

13.30 PANEL 2: KNOWING, EXPERIENCING, ENCOUNTERING PAIN
Chair: Henni Alava

SAARA PASTERNAK Doctoral researcher, Doctoral Programme in Clinical Research, University of Helsinki **Pain, Emotions, Interoception and Bodily Sensations in Patients with Endometriosis**

VENLA OIKKONEN Associate professor, Tampere University,

ELINA HELOSVUORI Postdoctoral researcher, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies & **MARIA TEMMES** Postdoctoral researcher, Tampere University

Sensing, understanding and treating endometriosis pain

ALEKSI VARINEN MD, clinical instructor, Tampere University

Treating fibromyalgia

AHALYA GANESH Doctoral researcher, Tampere University

Making meaning of fibromyalgia

ANNA OVASKA Kone foundation research fellow, Tampere University/
University of Helsinki

Better readers of pain?

Panel discussion

16:00–16:15 **Closing words & thank you HENNI ALAVA & ANNA OVASKA**

“PAINREADERS” WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Linna 5101, Linna building, Tampere University (Kalevantie 5)

The second day is dedicated just to us, the “painreaders”. The aim of the workshop is to provide a more intimate setting for in-depth discussions, thinking slowly together, and getting to know each other in person outside of Zoom.

There will be an opportunity to give short presentations and to share and discuss draft papers.

Please register [here](https://bit.ly/3ZOS6PJ) [https://bit.ly/3ZOS6PJ] by October 31st — note the earlier deadline!— and let us know whether you’d like to a) join without a presentation, b) give a short presentation or c) send a draft paper for discussion — DL for the drafts is November 30th.

The papers will be circulated among attendees beforehand (if you submit a paper, we will also ask you to act as one of the discussants for another participant’s paper).

The workshop will begin at 10:00 and end at 15:45.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

- 10:00 Coffee
- 10:15 Presentations & discussions
- 11:15 Break (coffee & snack available)
- 11:30 Draft papers & discussions
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch & coffee (self-paid)
- 14:00 Draft papers & discussions
- 15:00 Break (coffee & snack available)
- 15:15–15:45 Final reflections & thank you

Organized by the Pain Readers reading group, Tampere University.