



***‘Interfacing Minorities: Creative Hybridity and  
Unexpected Environments’***

**Åbo Akademi University, Åbo Akademi Minority Research Profile &  
Coimbra Group Interdisciplinary Conference**

**8-9 March 2018**

**at The Sibelius Museum  
Biskopsgatan / Piispankatu 17**



## Thursday 8 March 2018

- 8.30-9.00 Registration  
9.00-9.10 **Prof. Jürgen Barkhoff**, Vice-Chair of the Coimbra Group Executive Board  
*Welcome*  
9.10-9.30 **Prof. Ulrika Wolf-Knuts**, Chancellor, Åbo Akademi University  
*Opening of the Conference*  
9.30-10.15 **Astrid Thors**, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities 2013-16  
*Keynote Presentation*  
10.15-10.30 *Discussion*  
10.30-11.00 Refreshments

### *First Session: 'Shared Spaces in Minority Studies (1): Literary and Geopolitical Interfaces'*

- 11.00-11.30 **Mia Österlund**, Åbo Akademi University  
*'Framing Silence in the Depiction of the Finnish War Child in World War II'*  
11.30-12.00 **Karolina Drozdowska**, University of Gdansk  
*'The Others from Across the Sea – Eastern Europeans and Eastern Europe in  
Modern Norwegian Literature'*  
*Sub-plenary Lecture*  
12.00-12.45 **Jopi Nyman**, University of Eastern Finland  
*'Borders and Borderscapes in Contemporary Narratives of Forced Migration'*  
12.45-14.00 Lunch at Café Arken, including coffee and tea  
14.15-14.30 Presentation of the Sibelius Museum

### *Second Session: 'Shared Spaces in Minority Studies (2): Linguistic, Historical, and Legal Interfaces'*

- 14.30-15.00 **Ondřej Klípa**, Europa Universitát Viadrina, Charles University, Prague  
*'A Polish river in the Czech lands? A Contested Hydronym in Ethnic Minority  
Discourse'*  
15.00-15.30 **Anna Sundelin**, Åbo Akademi University  
*'Multicultural Encounters: Pedlars from Russian Karelia in Late Nineteenth-  
Century and Early Twentieth-Century Finland'*  
15.30-16.00 **Markku Suksi**, Åbo Akademi University  
*'The Protection and Promotion of Minority Languages within the Nordic  
Region: A Comparative Study'*  
16.00-16.15 Concluding Discussion  
16.15-16.45 Afternoon Concert with the Student Choirs Florakören and Brahe Djäknar  
17.00-18.00 Optional programme: Guided tour on the campus  
19.30-22.30 Celebrating Åbo Akademi University 100 years. Gala Dinner, Turku Castle

## Friday 9 March 2018

9.30 Opening of second day

### *First Session: New Narratives of Belonging*

9.30-10.45 Keynote: **Juan Amaya Castro**, University of los Andes  
*'The sensitivity of nation-states: trans-Atlantic and inter-hemispheric perspectives on active and passive belonging'*

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 Short papers session

**Petra Broomans**, University of Groningen/Ghent University  
*'The mediating narratives of crime fiction and juvenile literature on Sámi history and language politics'*

**Enikő Molnár Bodrogi**, Babeş-Bolyai University  
*'Landmarks of Inclusion and Exclusion in Finno-Ugric Minority Literatures - The Case of Transylvanist Hungarian Literature and the Works of Bengt Pohjanen'*

**Marlijn Mayer**, Åbo Akademi University  
*'Beyond conflict: Sexual minorities and religion in Accra'*

**Annika Koskelainen**, Åbo Akademi University  
*'Second generation Sweden Finns'*

13.00-14.00 Lunch at Hus Lindman, including coffee and tea

### *Second Session: Minorities and Commons*

14.00-15.15 Keynote: **Nikos Trimikliniotis**, University of Nicosia  
*'Mobile Commons in the era of global fragmentation and crisis'*

15.15-15.30 Break

15.30-17.00 Short papers session

**Elisa Pascucci**, University of Tampere & **Adam Ramadan**, University of Birmingham

*'Urban refuge, 'provisionality' and the commons in the Mediterranean'*

**Vassilis Tsianos**, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences &

**Dimitris Parsanoglou**, Panteion University

*'Rethinking mobile commons and the right to the city'*

**Maria Sibińska & Maja Chacińska** University of Gdansk

*'Constructing Sami images in Scandinavian television series: between pessimism and new possibilities'*

18.00-21.00 Closing dinner, Café Arken