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## **Editorial**

Dear friends and colleagues,

It is nearly time for our Cognitive Futures in the Humanities 2016 conference, and Helsinki is gearing up to welcome you all.

We would like to thank you all beforehand for the enthusiastic reception our CFP received – it has been wonderful to read your abstracts and a joy to put together such an exciting programme for the conference. We would also like to express our gratitude to those of you who have agreed to chair a panel session, and those who have accepted the sometimes abrupt scheduling changes that have arisen along the way.

Thank you also for being gracious about our less than perfect system of conference payments. The University of Helsinki, along with the rest of the Finnish higher education sector, has faced an unprecedented number of financial cuts and reorganisations in recent months, and those have left their mark on the university's financial administration as well. We are sorry for the extra trouble that some of you have had to get a payment through, and very much appreciate your patience!

Travel safe and see you in Helsinki!

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and Esko Suoranta

### Programme Changes

In the past few days, there have been some changes to the programming that were not reflected by the attachment sent to participants in May. For the most up-to-date version of our programme, we suggest you refer to the conference [website](#).

### Travel

The Helsinki-Vantaa international airport, located 19 km from the city centre, can be reached from anywhere in the world. From the airport, you can take a taxi, the Finnair City bus, local bus 615 or the new local train connection “Kehärata” to the Central Railway Station / Helsinki Centre. From the Central Railway Station (Rautatientori) it is a short walk (600 m) to the conference venue at **Metsätalo** (Fabianinkatu 39 / Unioninkatu 40).

- A **taxi** to city centre costs approximately 45-50 euros, and they are located immediately outside terminals 1 and 2.
- **Buses** cost between 5 and 7 euros single fare. The [Finnair City bus](#) and the local bus 615 have stops in front of both terminal 1 and 2. Both bring you to Helsinki city centre, although the local bus is considerably slower. You can pay the driver in cash, and in the Finnair City bus also by credit card.
- The **Train** station entrance is in the corridor between terminals 1 and 2. Single regional tickets can be bought at the ticket machines, and cost 5,50€. Ticket machines are located in front of the entrance to the train station, as well as on the station platform. Choose **regional ticket** to get to Helsinki City Centre. It is valid on all HSL transport within the joint metropolitan area of Helsinki, Vantaa, Espoo and Kauniainen. You can also buy your ticket from a conductor

on the train in the ticket sales compartment. Conductors accept the most common credit or debit cards and cash.

- **Travel within Helsinki:** Helsinki is a very walkable city. In terms of public transportation, these are the lines you are most likely going to use.
  - Trams number 3, 6 and 9 run between
    - the Railway Square (“Rautatieasema”)
    - Hotel Cumulus Kaisaniemi (“Kaisaniemi”)
    - Metsätalo (“Varsapuistikko”)
    - and hotels Scandic and Cumulus in Hakaniemi (“Hakaniemi”).
  - Trams number 1A/B and 7A/B go between Hakaniemi and the historic city centre at Senaatintori.
  - A single tram ticket can be bought either at the HSL ticket machines (2,50€) or from the driver (3,20€). You can also buy a ticket directly with your mobile phone (see <https://www.hsl.fi/en/mobileticket>).
  - If you want to freely use public transport during your stay, a 3-day unlimited ticket (all trams, buses and the Suomenlinna ferry) costs 16,00€ and can be bought at HSL ticket machines around the city. A 4-day ticket costs 20,00€.

For more information, please see the [Helsinki Airport information](#) and [Helsinki Region Transport \(HSL\)](#).

### Pre-Conference Reception

Our pre-conference reception on Sunday evening 17:00 – 19:00 will take place at the [Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies](#), Fabianinkatu 24 A ([see here for a map](#)).

HCAS is an independent research institute within the University of Helsinki, and member of the international network of Institutes of Advanced Study. It is also the host of our pre-conference workshop. At the reception, there will be light food and drinks, as well as an opportunity to register for the conference and receive your conference packs.

### Weather

June weather is fickle in Helsinki, and daytime temperatures can be anything between 10°C/50°F to 25°C/77°F. We have been enjoying an unusually warm spell since the beginning of May, and would love to welcome you to a gloriously sunny Helsinki, but do pack some warmer clothes and an umbrella as well, just in case.

You will get to enjoy the nearly continuous daylight, though. During our conference the sun will rise at about 4 a.m. and set at 10:45 p.m. If you tend to have trouble sleeping when there is daylight, do pack a blindfold!

### Local Services

There are **supermarkets** both near our conference building Metsätalo and the conference hotels. Next to Scandic Hotel Paasi and Cumulus Hakaniemi there is an S-Market in the “Ympyrätalo” or “round building” which is notably round. A K-Market is located nearby Cumulus Kaisaniemi in the basement level of the Kaisaniemi shopping centre, which you can access by following the orange signs for the University of Helsinki metro station.

**Chemists** can be found in the “round building” and at Liisankatu 21.

If you have developed a jam in your neck during your flight, our local researchers’ go-to **sports masseur** [Harri Räsänen](#) can be found on the east side of Hakaniemi Square at Viherniemenkatu 5. You can call him on +358 (0)45 8903635 to book an appointment.

### Wifi

The University’s Central Campus is covered by Eduroam, and if you have an existing account through your home institution, it is the recommended way of getting online.

In the Central Campus you can also access the internet for free via HUPnet:

Username / käyttäjätunnus hupnet44265

Password / salasana jere28pyry

The city of Helsinki also hosts a free WLAN-service that does not require passwords or registration. These can be found with the SSID “Helsinki City Open WLAN” but are subject to hotspot availability and the general risks of open networks.