



Kick-off seminar of the research project  
**Between the Normal and the Abnormal – Cultural Meanings of Dementia and  
Old Age in Finland and Russia**

University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu campus,  
Agora building, Yliopistokatu 4, Auditorium AG106

**Program**

**Tuesday 13 December 2016**

10.15 Opening of the seminar  
*Project leader, professor Maija Könönen, UEF*

10.30–11.30 Cultural changes in dementia: Stigmatization and everyday life  
*Ph.D, director Christine Swane, EGV-Social Inclusion of Older People, Copenhagen*

11.30–12.30 Memory and self in dementia and later life depression  
*Ph.D, Senior Researcher Marja Saarenheimo, The Finnish Association for the Welfare of Older People*

Lunch

13.30–14.30 On Attitudes towards old people and ageing in Russia  
*Ph.D, Postdoctoral researcher Julia Zelikova, St. Petersburg*

Coffeebreak

15.00–16.00 Transnational babushka: grandmothers and family making between  
Russian Karelia and Finland *D.Soc.Sc, Postdoctoral researcher Tatiana Tiaynen-Qadir,  
University of Turku*

**Wednesday 14 December 2016**

9.15–12.00 Workshop & presentations

9.30–10.00 Sociological dimensions of agency of the persons living with dementia

*Professor Jyrki Jyrkämä, University of Jyväskylä*

10.15–10.30 On-screen Representations of Alzheimer's and Dementia: A Work in Progress Report *Professor Andrei Rogatchevski, University of Tromsø*

10.30–12.00 Discussion and closing of the seminar Welcome!

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