

Neighbouring and Neighbour Disputes – Mapping Ongoing

Research in Finland

Workshop at the University of Turku 25. – 26.10.2012

Relations to neighbours are a part of nearly everyone's social world, and nearly everyone has stories to tell about neighbours. Relations to neighbours may not be particularly important in our life, but in specific situations they can become very crucial for our well-being. Neighbours may provide invaluable help in when need arises, but they also may cause long-term disturbance that greatly reduces our residential satisfaction.

Though commonplace and potentially important, neighbour relations have not been extensively studied in Finland. However, in recent times two Finnish research projects have investigated neighbour relations. The project Neighbouring and Neighbour Disputes in Contemporary Society is led by Professor Hannu Ruonavaara at the University of Turku and financed by Academy of Finland. Another project, Neighbour Disputes and Housing in Finland, is led by Professor Tapio Määttä at the University of Eastern Finland and financed from the Academy of Finland Future of Living (ASU-Live) research program. The two projects invite everyone interested in research on neighbour relations to a two-day workshop. Workshop is being held at University of Turku at Publicum 25.- 26.10.2012.

Programme:

Thursday 25.10.

12.15. - 12.30. Opening words

12.30. - 14.00. Keynote speaker, emeritus professor David Morgan (University of Manchester): *Neighbours, Neighbouring and Acquaintanceship: Some Further Thoughts*

14.15. - 14.45. Coffee break

14.45. - 15.15. Hannu Ruonavaara: *Theorising Neighbour Relations*

15.15. - 15.45. Carita Lockmer: *Contacts and Sense of Community in a Multicultural Suburb: Case Halinen*

Friday 26.10.

10.00 Coffee/tea

10.15. - 10.45. Jussi Semi: *Justification of Balcony Smoking*

10.45. - 11.15. Kaijus Ervasti: *Mobilization of the Law in Neighborhood and Housing-Related Conflicts*

11.30. - 12.30. Lunchbreak

12.30. - 14.00. Open discussion session

14.00. - 14.30. Coffeebreak

14.30. - 15.00. Risto Haverinen: *Environmental Neighbour Disputes: Modes of Intervention, Patterns of Neighbouring*

15.00. - 15.30. Antti Kouvo: *Who Cares? Adaptation and Interference in Finnish Neighbourhoods*

15.30. - 16.00. Summary discussion, ending of the conference

The workshop is free of charge and open for all researchers and students interested on the field. Due to the coffee break refreshment services, a registration is advisable (send your registration via e-mail to the address ccrant@utu.fi , 17.10. at the latest).

The workshop is being organized by the research projects mentioned above as well as Turku Center for Welfare Research (TCWR).