

## **Helsinki Workshop on Improvisation in Social and Political Action**

Organized by the NOS-HS project "Philosophy and Practice of Improvisation", in association with Academy of Finland Centre of Excellence in the Philosophy of Social Sciences (TINT).

Time: December 11-12, 2017

Venue: University of Helsinki, Metsätalo (Unioninkatu 40A), room 10 (3rd floor).

### Day 1 (11.12.): Empirical perspectives on improvised joint social and political action

9.30-10.00 Welcome and introduction of the participants

10.00-10.45 Nick Crossley (University of Manchester): Improvisation and collective action

10.45-11.30 Gavin Sullivan (Coventry University): Agency and collective emotions: Three cases of improvised affective practice in group social and political action

11.30-13.00 lunch

13.00-15.15 Panel of activists (Ville Lähde, Teppo Eskelinen, Sini Harkki)

13.00-13.30 Ville Lähde (BIOS research Unit, Helsinki): "Muutoksen kevät" magazine as an umbrella of new social movements

13:30-14:00 Teppo Eskelinen (University of Jyväskylä): Ruptures and co-ordination in alternative politics: when is improvisation possible?

14:00-14:30 Sini Harkki (Greenpeace Finland): Creativity in activism

14:30-15.15 General discussion

15.15-15.45 coffee

15.45-16.30 Tom Hånen (Finnish Border Guard, Finnish Defence University): Surprise, surprise! Leadership and improvisation in unexpected situations.

16.30-17.15 Ole Pütz (University of Bielefeld): (Improvised) Planning in face-to-face interactions

### Day 2 (12.12.): Theoretical perspectives on improvised joint social and political action

9:30-10.45 Deborah Tollefsen (University of Memphis): Joint action, alignment, and improvisation

10.45-11.30 Raul Hakli (University of Helsinki): Planning and improvisation in joint action

11.30-13.00 lunch

13.00-14.15 Hans Bernhard Schmid (University of Vienna): Improvised joint action and original sin

14:15-15.00 Marion Godman (University of Helsinki): Moved by a cause: Social motivation in political action

15:00-15.30 coffee

15.30-16.15 Thiemo Breyer (University of Cologne): Improvisation as an experiential category for a phenomenological theory of action

16.15-17.00 Alessandro Salice (University of Cork) & Olle Blomberg (University of Lund): Trust and improvisation in joint action