

Finnish-Estonian Semiotics Seminar

„Currents in European semiotics“

November 7-10, 2007, Tartu

Program

November 7, Wednesday

(Evening) Finnish delegation arrival to Tartu
Housing in Tampere House and Uppsala House

November 8, Thursday

FIRST SESSION (Chair – **Katre Väli, Ville Vaara**)
aud. 125, Tiigi 78

9.15 Opening – **Kalevi Kull, Harri Veivo**

9.30-10.30 Prof. **Peeter Torop** (University of Tartu) – Methodology of cultural semiotics

10.30 **Samuli Pöyhönen** (University of Helsinki) – A dialectic of sign and referent: The looping effect of representations in the human sciences

11.00 **Katrin Alekand** (University of Tartu) – Decorated bodies

11.30 Coffee-break

aud. 118, Tiigi 78

12.15-13.15 Prof. **Harri Veivo** (University of Helsinki / The Finnish Network University of Semiotics) – Author research in contemporary semiotics of literature

13.15 Lunch (Shakespeare Café, etc.)

SECOND SESSION (Chair – **Priit Põhjala, Maiju Lehto**)

aud. 118, Tiigi 78

15.15 **Riste Kesksaik** (University of Tartu) – An ecosemiotic analysis of environmental discourses

15.45 **Marko Laaksonen** (National Defence University / The Finnish Network University of Semiotics) – Strategy as a sign: Preliminary interpretations about the strategy of Ministry of Defence of Finland

16.15 **Ano Sirppiniemi** (University of Helsinki) – Timbre as genre marker in electronic dance music production: case of Propellerhead Reason users

16.45 Coffee-break

17.15-18.15 Round table discussion – What should be taught to a professional semiotician. Chair: **Silver Ratassepp, Sven Vabar**.

19.00 Dinner (University Café, etc.)

November 9, Friday

THIRD SESSION (Chair – **Ester Võsu, Siboné Roroza**)
aud. 118, Tiigi 78

9.30-10.30 Prof. **Erkki Vainikkala** (University of Jyväskylä / The Finnish Network University of Semiotics) – Boundaries of narrative

10.30 **Morten Tønnessen** (University of Tartu) – Umwelt transition: Uexküllian phenomenology

11.00 **Katre Pärn** (University of Tartu) – Why language of cinema?

11.30 Coffee-break

12.15-13.45 Prof. **Mihhail Lotman** (University of Tartu / University of Tallinn) – Conversations with God

13.45 Lunch (Shakespeare Café, etc.)

FOURTH SESSION (Chair – **Andreas Ventsel, Heidi Pajari**)

aud. 118, Tiigi 78

16.15 **Vesa Matteo Piludu** (University of Helsinki) – The bear as a Russian and Finnish national symbol

16.45 **Sandra Grötsch** (University of Oulu / The Finnish Network University of Semiotics) – "Send us an owl": magical mail services and pet relations in *Harry Potter*

17.15 **Kaie Kotov** (University of Tartu) – Final interpretant: A stumble on a semiotic threshold

19.00-24.00 General discussion and closing party (Deutsches Kulturinstitut Tartu, Kastani St. 1). The program includes a film with George Lakoff, "Why democrats can't win" (27 min).

November 10, Saturday

(Morning) Finnish delegation departure from Tartu