



SSCIP 2026

Children, Emotions, and Relations

Oulu 10th–12th June



SUOMEN ARKEOLOGINEN SEURA
ARKEOLOGISKA SÄLLSKAPET I FINLAND
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Place: Agora (AT128), Linnanmaa Campus, University of Oulu

Agora is located by the main entrance, 2T door.

Enter from Erkki Koiso-Kanttilan katu, just in front of the bus stops (Yliopisto E and Yliopisto P).

Wednesday 10 June		
17.00–17.30	Registration	
17.30–18.30	Keynote lecture by Kaisa Vehkalahti (University of Jyväskylä)	Enigmatic Objects of Childhood: Narrating Post-War Rural Childhood Through Material Memories
18.30–20.00	Welcome Reception	

Thursday 11 June		
8.00–8.30	Registration	
8.30–8.45	Welcome	Sanna Lipkin, Katie Hemer
8.45–9.00	Katie A. Hemer (UCL Institute of Archaeology)	Memorialising Infant Death in Early Medieval Wales
9.00–9.15	Eileen Murphy (Queen’s University Belfast)	Rest in Peace: Funerary Practices for the Dead Child in Medieval Ireland
9.15–9.30	Csilla Libor (Hungarian National Museum)	Small Graves, Significant Symbols: Representing Status and Sorrow in the Medieval and Post-Medieval Hungary
9.30–9.45	Sarah I. Baitzel (Washington University in Saint Louis)	Thinking beyond the child-parent bond: an archaeological exploration of children’s “family-making” In ancient Andean Tiwanaku society
9.45–10.00	Discussion	
10.00–10.30	Coffee & Tea	
10.30–11.30	Poster session	Short presentations, posters will be available throughout the conference.
	Mimmi Hedin Käck (Uppsala University)	Forever Young: A Study of A-Group Child Burials from the SJE Excavations
	Erika Rulh (SUNY Niagara), Saara Tuovinen (University of Oulu)	Dual burials in Northern Finnish churches
	Saara Tuovinen (University of Oulu)	The Second World War and children in Kainuun Opisto
	Marika Hyttinen (University of Oulu)	A Contemporary Archaeology Perspective on Children and Gender Inequality in Post-war Finland

	Tabasom Ilkhan (Simon Fraser University), Pegah Goodarzi (Simon Fraser University), Marina Andrade (ISCTE-IUL, Lisboa), Hugo Cardoso (Simon Fraser University)	Estimating Menarcheal Status from Dental Maturation: Potential Bioarchaeology Applications
	Pegah Goodarzi (Simon Fraser University), Tabasom Ilkhan (Simon Fraser University), Marina Andrade (ISCTE-IUL, Lisboa), Hugo Cardoso (Simon Fraser University)	Mean Age at Menarche in Bioarchaeology: A Test of Two Methods on a Documented Skeletal Sample
	Tiina Väre (University of Helsinki, University of Oulu)	Breastfeeding for Population Growth: Concerns over Childcare Practices in Early Modern Finland
	Marina Di Giusto (Géosciences Environnement Toulouse), Klervia Jaouen (Géosciences Environnement Toulouse)	Small bodies, big signals: Distinguishing diet from stress during childhood using amino acid $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ at the Moraes archaeological site (Brazil)
	Cristina I. Tica (University of Copenhagen)	Children of Forgotten Barbarians: Stress, disease, and death among the young in Sarmatian communities
	Olga Batanina (University of Helsinki)	Lives Cut Short in the Late Mesolithic: Understanding the Social Meaning of Juvenile Death at Yuzhniy Oleniy Ostrov, Russia
11.30–12.30	Lunch	
12.30–12.45	Marina Lourenço (University of Coimbra)	Personhood in death: negotiating belonging in a Modern conventual non-adult necropolis (Lisbon)
12.45–13.00	Javier Salcines-Montaña, Teresa Fernández-Crespo	Emotional and Ethical Considerations of Research on Infant Human Remains
13.00–13.15	Emelie Jonsson (Stockholm University)	Care, Vulnerability, and Social Response in Medieval Infancy: Bioarchaeological Perspectives from Sweden
13.15–13.30	Raquel Liceras-Garrido (Universidad Complutense de Madrid), Nieves Candelas González (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)	Exploring Infancy and Childhood in Iron Age Iberia: Care and Social Role of Little Ones
13.30–13.45	Bianca Preda-Bălănică (University of Helsinki)	Together in death: Adult-child joint inhumations in Yamna burial practices
13.45–14.00	Discussion	
14.00–14.30	Coffee & Tea	

14.30–14.45	Essi Kurki (University of Eastern Finland)	Emotions in the letters sent by parents to the Perttula educational institution
14.45–15.00	Ramunė Bleizgienė (Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore)	What Children Were Taught to Feel: Changing Meanings of Joy in Lithuanian Textbooks
15.00–15.15	Soni (IIT Jodhpur)	Orphan as a Category of Analysis: Emotions, Charity and Moral Economies of Childhood in Colonial India
15.15–15.30	Discussion	
18.00	Dinner at Ravintola Toripolliisi (Rantakatu 6)	Participants will pay for their own dinner at the restaurant.

Friday 12 June		
9.00–9.15	Simon Mays (Historic England, University of Southampton, University of Edinburgh)	On the identity of the child skeletal remains in Westminster Abbey thought to be those of the 'Princes in the Tower' (died ca. AD1483): a consideration of growth patterns
9.15–9.30	April Nowell (University of Victoria, Canada), Mary E. Lewis (University of Reading, UK), Jennifer L. French (University of Liverpool, UK)	Secret Lives of Paleolithic Teens
9.30–9.45	Marieke Ivarsson-Aalder (Stockholm University, Sweden)	Growing Up on Gotland: Childhood, Belonging, and Social Ties in the Viking Age
9.45–10.00	Discussion	
10.00–10.30	Coffee & Tea	
10.30–10.45	Holly Winch (University of Oxford)	Accessing Children's Social Worlds in Early Greece
10.45–11.00	Linda Vilumets (University of Tartu, Tallinn University), Margarita Gadalšina (University of Tartu), Kristiina Johanson (University of Tartu), Monika Reppo (Tallinn University), Martin Malve (University of Tartu, Tallinn University)	Cradles for death – investigating non-adult coffins from early modern Narva, Estonia
11.00–11.15	C. Tesi (University of Insubria, Varese, Italy), R. Fusco (University of Insubria, Varese, Italy), M. Licata (University of Insubria, Varese, Italy)	Tracing maternal-infant relationships through early childhood oral conditions in Medieval and Post-Medieval Northwestern Italy

11.15–11.30	Nora Schuurman (University of Turku)	'Truly scary and fascinating at the same time': Childhood memories of multispecies forests
11.30–11.45	Discussion	
11.45–12.45	Lunch	
12.45–13.00	Marisa Kuusisto (University of Oulu)	Gone and forgotten? Infanticide, motherhood ideals and the memory of a child victim in early modern Finland
13.00–13.15	Timo Ylimaunu (University of Oulu)	Childhood experiences and memories of the daily life beside the River Kemi from the early 20th century
13.15–13.30	Jurga Jonutyte (Institute of Lithuanian Literature and Folklore)	The loss of normativity in childhood: narratological analysis of memory stories
13.30–13.45	Mathilde Vestergaard Meyer (Aarhus University)	Not set in stone: Lithic artefacts and emotions in the Deep Past
13.45–14.00	Lidija Balj (Museum of Vojvodina)	Children, Objects, and Emotion in the Neolithic Vinča Culture
14.00–14.15	Povilas Blaževičius (National Museum of Lithuania)	Food and Food Waste in Play Practices: Archaeological and Ethnographic Perspective
14.15–15.00	Discussion & Coffee & Tea	

How to reach Linnanmaa Campus

Cycle and walk to Linnanmaa

The Linnanmaa campus is accessible by bike from anywhere in the city. The Linnanmaa signposts in the bike path network direct to the campus and the bicycle route 'Baana' from the market square in downtown brings directly to the campus. The biggest bike parks can be found at the main entrance 2T.

City centre-Linnanmaa 6 km.

[Bicycle parking Linnanmaa](#)

Arrive by bus

The bus stop by 2T main entrance is called the University (Yliopisto).

[Bus timetables](#) at the web page of Oulu public transport.

Arrive by car

Parts of parking spaces have limited parking time and some are subject to a charge.

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Accessibility

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