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Beyond Advanced Studies III: Interdisciplinary practice: *Towards a Nordic Approach*

Joki Innovation Center, Lemminkäisenkatu 12b, 20520 Turku, 5-6.5.2022

“Beyond Advanced Studies” is a series of three exploratory workshops, hosted by the Turku Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS, Finland), Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS, Denmark), and the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS), in association with the Centre for Advanced Study (CAS), Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

The workshops bring together participants from across – and beyond – the Nordic Region. The workshops will bring together Nordic IASs for the first time to collaboratively examine and develop current Nordic IAS models and interdisciplinary research practices as part of a coordinated approach. The series will result in exploratory and concrete outcomes, some immediate, such as publications and the strengthening of the Nordic IAS network, and some longer-term, such as research exchanges and joint funding applications.

The need for cross-sectoral, interdisciplinary research that engages multiple stakeholders and resources to address complex issues, is becoming increasingly recognised. To succeed, such projects require effective leadership, design and collaboration practices that engage key stakeholders as partners, drawing from their unique knowledge, and enabling them to engage with and buy into the co-designed solution. Theoretical consideration of practice-oriented approaches may help develop and gain consensus for a hybrid model of transdisciplinarity.

Interdisciplinary projects can add direct value to Nordic societies on a multiple levels. While this allows such projects to justify the allocation of public funds, a cross-sectoral approach can provide access to new resources and funding, while cross-sectoral mobility can diversify researcher career options. Academic engagements of this kind also carry a number of risks and challenges, many of which are at present poorly understood.

Questions such as “What is the role of IASs in strategic research and the leadership of free thought?” and “What are the risks and benefits for researchers in relationships with industry, government and not-for-profit?” will be explored in this third and final workshop. The workshop will synthesise the findings of the previous workshops, and examine the role of IASs in supporting cross-sectoral research and the development of a ‘Nordic Approach’ to collaborative, interdisciplinary research as a whole.

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Workshop Schedule

Thursday 5 May 2022 – Joki Innovation Centre, Lemminkäisenkatu 12b, 20520 Turku

- 11:00-11:30** Coffee and registration
- 11:30-12:00** *New beginnings: a celebration in Finnish academic song* – Turku University Choir
- 12:00-12:10** Welcome: Professor Jukka Kola, Rector of the University of Turku
- 12:10-12:15** Practicalities
- 12:15-12:30** Professors Martin Cloonan (TIAS), Christina Garsten (SCAS), & Søren Rud Keiding (AIAS): “Beyond Advanced Studies”
- 12:30-13:00** Dr Mira Kalalahti and Dr Reetta Muhonen (TIAS): “The role of Interdisciplinarity in advancing Research Excellence and Careers – the Case of IASs in Finland”
Chair: Dr Amalia Verdu Sanmartin (Postdoctoral Fellow, TIAS)
- 13:00-14:00** Lunch Break
- 14:00-14:45** Keynote 1. Professor Robert Frodeman, Founding Director, Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity, University of North Texas, USA: “The Future of Interdisciplinarity” *Chair: Dr Massimo Fichera (Collegium Fellow, TIAS)*
- 14:45-15:30** Keynote 2. Professor Camilla Serck-Hanssen, Director, CAS (Norway): “What is the Nordic approach to the IAS model and interdisciplinary research?”
Chair: Dr Karoliina Lummaa (Collegium Fellow, TIAS)
- 15:30-15:50** Coffee & networking, plus film - *The City of Turku* (Cave Theatre, Ground Floor)
- 15:50-16:20** Follow-up breakout groups to discuss issues arising from the day’s presentations. Online attendees input comments into Viima platform.
- 16:20-16.50** Presentation back from breakout groups
- 16:50** Close

Please join us, if you wish, for the following evening activities:

- 17:00-18:30** Optional walking tours of Turku Cathedral or Sibelius Museum
- 18:30-20:00** Civic Reception, with sung performance by Turku University Choir
Turku City Hall, Aurakatu 2, 20100 Turku
- 20:00** Drinks and networking
Panimoravintola Koulu Eerikinkatu 18, 20100 Turku

End of Day One

Friday 6 May – Joki Innovation Centre, Lemminkäisenkatu 12b, 20520 Turku

08:30-09:00 Welcome & Coffee

09:00-09:45 Keynote 3. Professor Saadi Lahlou (Paris Institute for Advanced Study & London School of Economics): “What is the role of IASs in strategic research and the leadership of free thought?” *Chair: Dr Outi Vesakoski (Collegium Fellow, TIAS)*

09:45-10:30 Keynote 4. Professor Jani Erola (Inequalities, Interventions and a New Welfare State (INVEST) Research Flagship Center, University of Turku): “Friends with benefits? Researcher's relationships with industry, government and not-for-profit” *Chair: Dr Elina Valovirta (Collegium Fellow, TIAS)*

10:30-10:45 Coffee and networking

10:45-11:30 Follow-up breakout groups to discuss issues arising from keynotes. Online attendees input comments into Viima platform

11:30-12:00 Presentation back from breakout groups

12:00-13:00 Lunch Break

Programme continues: Mauno - Circus, 7th Floor, ElectroCity, Tykistökatu 4 B, 20520 Turku

13:00-13:45 Interdisciplinary Jam Session, group discussion, including contributions from online participants via Viima collaboration platform. *Chair: Dr Georges Kazan (TIAS)*

13:45-14:30 Directors of TIAS, AIAS, SCAS, and CAS: “Towards a Nordic Approach?” Summary of key findings and discussion of next steps.

14:30-14:50 *Nordic Fusion*: live music set by pop/folk duo, *Accoustic Always*.

14:50-15:00 Closing remarks and thanks

Please confirm if you wish to join us for the following!

15:00-18:00 Post-Workshop Reception: the organisers invite you to drinks on the roof terrace of Electrocity, Tykistökatu 4, 20520 Turku, complete with panoramic views across the city and optional Finnish sauna experience (swimsuits required!).

End of Day Two and of Workshop Series