

# tapri 50

Half a Century of  
Peace Research  
in Tampere



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## Peace as/in practice(s): Half a century of Peace Research in Tampere

### TAPRI's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seminar

**18<sup>th</sup> of November at 13:15-15:45**  
**Lecture hall A1, Main building, Tampere University**  
**Kalevantie 4, 33100 Tampere**

This year TAPRI begins its 50th anniversary celebrations. TAPRI was founded in 1969 by a law passed by the Finnish Parliament and began its work the following year. TAPRI is now celebrating the half centennial institutional journey of peace research in Finland. In 50 years TAPRI has grown and changed: TAPRI is now hosted by Tampere University and it has become one of the leading centres of peace research globally, attracting scholars from around the world to Tampere. Furthermore, TAPRI is the sole provider of degree programmes in peace research at the master's level and at the PhD level in Finland. To celebrate the anniversary, we would like to honour everyone who has made this development possible and bravely look into the future and ask what kind of roles peace research has and how it can answer to today's global challenges. In our anniversary seminar we would like to bridge the divide between academic and practitioners' worlds by discussing the societal impact of peace research beyond academia and focus on peace as/in practice(s).

*Coffee served from 12:45*

#### **Programme:**

##### *Opening:*

Tampere University's Vice President **Juha Teperi**  
Professor **Tarja Väyrynen**

##### *Keynote speakers:*

President **Tarja Halonen**  
Professor **Pirkko Liisa Raudaskoski** (Aalborg University)  
Director **Kirsi Henriksson** (CMC Finland)

##### *Roundtable: What is the societal impact of peace research?*

Participants: Kirsi Henriksson, Marko Lehti, Pirkko Liisa Raudaskoski, Vadim Romashov  
Chaired by Anna Sofia Suoranta & Tuuli Lindroos

Speakers' biographies 

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**Tarja Halonen**, the 11th President of the Republic of Finland, was in office from 2000 to 2012. Her career's focus has been to advance sustainability, human rights, democracy, equality, to engage with civic society and promote peace. Since her presidency, Halonen has held many prestigious international positions. Currently she is for instance a member of the United Nations Secretary-General's High-Level Advisory Board on Mediation, Council of Women Leaders, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Oslo Center and Chair of the University of Helsinki's Board.



**Pirkko Raudaskoski** is professor at the Department of Communication and Psychology, University of Aalborg (AAU). She is the leader of research group Mattering: Centre for Discourse and Practice. Pirkko Raudaskoski gained her PhD at University of Oulu in the Faculty of Humanities and is a docent in their Faculty of Education. She is a member of the Tampere University board and has earlier represented Humanities and Social Sciences on the AAU board.



**Kirsi Henriksson** is Director of Crisis Management Center (CMC) Finland. The main tasks of CMC Finland are to train and recruit experts for international peace operations as well as to conduct research in the field. CMC Finland acts as a national head office for all seconded Finnish peacebuilding professionals. Kirsi Henriksson has been Head of the European Union EUCAP Sahel Niger civilian crisis management mission (2016-2018). Preceding that, Ms Henriksson worked in Mali, Libya and Iraq. Before her current and international posts, she worked as a researcher and lecturer at the University of Tampere and Tampere Peace Research Institute.