PREMIS
The Literary Research Seminar of the English Department at Åbo Akademi University
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PREMIS sessions take place on Wednesdays from 16-18 in Helikon unless otherwise indicated.

26 September: TBC

10 October: Robert Powell, ‘Poetry and Collaboration’. Ottawa-born and UK based, poet Robert Powell is a writer in residence at the Saari Residency in Mynämäki, funded by the KONE Foundation, during autumn 2018. Robert will read from published and current work ‘some of which’, he says, ‘now relates to the River Aura’. He will introduce work on the theme of rivers in collaboration with an artist which he did in England, and show a short film about his work he made together with a colleague film maker in 2017. In Robert’s own words, he will talk about ‘the theme of collaboration, whereby individual work can be echoed and transformed through other creative artists and other media’. He promises to ‘keep it simple’ and insists that ‘it won’t be a “lecture”’.

31 October: TBC

21 November: Lena Englund and Jason Finch, ÅA, ‘Water Cities’ (specific individual titles to follow). Lena and Jason will present work on Cape Town in South Africa and St Louis, Missouri in the United States respectively. Both will look at textual representations of cities and their regions which thematize multiple human relationships with water. The very existence of cities relies on water supply, a fact rarely addressed in literary urban studies and urban cultural studies until now.

5 December: TBC

13 December: Stuart McWilliams, University of Oslo (title to follow). NOTE: on Thursday not Wednesday, at 15-17.