



PREMIS special, 2 February 2022

Where? Online via Zoom:

<https://aboakademi.zoom.us/j/6950507660>

When? Wednesday 2 February, 16:15 –17:45

Welcome to a PREMIS one-off! At the seminar, **Peter Friedrich** will present the project which brings him to ÅA's English department!

How to Fail Anywhere! Improvisation and Fearless Language Fluency

Peter Friedrich, Fulbright Scholar, Åbo Akademi University

In this interactive talk, Peter will demonstrate the process of

1. letting go of perfection, and
2. embracing the happy catastrophe that is fundamental to effective English

As part of the talk of the part, all attendees will create the next great work of English Literature in less than twenty minutes. That's right.

PLEASE NOTE! This talk is aimed at both students and researchers. It will partly introduce Peter's course 'Theatre Leadership for Social Change', which will begin the following day, 3 February (SIGN-UP POSSIBLE).

Peter Friedrich has led similar interactive talks and workshops for fifteen years. He is a devout improviser, most recently performing with Stanford University's Nowtown, and various theatres from New York's Lincoln Center to Norway's Det Andre Teatret. As a director and teacher, he won the Contribution to the Field Award in 2013 for five years of work in Northern Iraq, and has led acclaimed original devised theatre work in a range of underserved American communities. Currently he is Associate Professor and Director of Theatre at Berry College in Georgia, USA. From January to June 2022 he is based in English Language and Literature at Åbo Akademi University as a Fulbright Scholar, supported by the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

A link to Professor Friedrich's Fulbright video portfolio: <https://vimeo.com/454251818>.

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