



"Nature and modern countryside; treasures or threats?" International Summer School of Rural Development

**In Mekrijärvi, Finland
24.5. – 27.5.2012**

Adult and Continuing Education Unit (AIKOPA) of Kajaani University Consortium organises the Summer School of Rural Development "Nature and modern countryside; treasures or threats?" in Mekrijärvi Finland. The summer school is a part of the second Nordic Conference for Rural Research in Joensuu (see: <http://www.mua.fi/ruralattheedge/>). Summer school starts during the Nordic Conference and the participants of summer school get ex-ante tasks. There will be a bus connection for the summer school participants from Joensuu to Mekrijärvi and back. All the lessons and hosting are in Mekrijärvi. Study trips will be made from Mekrijärvi.

If you participate the Rural at the Edge - Nordic conference for rural research in Joensuu, stay little longer and enjoy the interesting lessons, inspirational and intensive study trips and exotic atmosphere of Mekrijärvi research station (see: <http://www.uef.fi/mekri>)! Of course you can participate only the Summer School without participating the Nordic conference. The Summer School is targeted to rural developers, researchers, students and administration. The students should negotiate the compensations with their tutors.

Day 1, Monday 21.5.

Participants of Summer School coming together in Nordic Conference in Joensuu, ex-ante tasks for participants.

Day 2, Wednesday 23.5.

Arrival of the participants, transport from Joensuu to Mekrijärvi (by bus).

20.00 Welcome Dinner and Open Space

Day 3, Thursday 24.5.

8.00 Breakfast

9.00 Opening and greetings; Introduction of the program, staff, services premises, and other practical matters.

9.30 Lecture 1: **Natural resource based industries and rural development – mining as an example**, Tuija Mononen, Senior Researcher, University of East-Finland

11.00 Discussion; Mission for study trip based on lecture

12.00 Lunch

12.30 Study tour in groups of 8 - 10 all with a guide / interpreter. The groups prepare their reports during the study tour.

Mine in the North Karelia

Winery in North Karelia

20.00 Dinner

Day 4, Friday 25.5.

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 8.30 Workshops; groups prepare their works based on the study trips and the lecture given day before
- 9.30 Groups present their results
- 10.30 Lecture 2: **Landscape strategy making at the community level - research and policy challenges in formulating rural development strategies from below**, Jørgen Primdahl, Professor, University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Life Sciences (LIFE)
- 12.00 Discussion; Mission for study trip based on lecture
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.00 Study tour in groups. The groups prepare their reports during the study tour.
Hattuvaara village, Fighter's House
The most Eastern point of European Union
Local action group and LEADER projects in North Karelia
- 20.00 Dinner

Day 5 Saturday 26.5

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 8.30 Workshops; groups prepare their works based on the study trips and the lecture given day before
- 9.30 Groups present their results
- 10.30 Lecture 3: **Nature as resource in developing Polish villages**, Marta Małecka-Dobrogowska, M.Sc., Consultant, Biuro Inicjatyw Rozwojowych, Poland
- 11.30 Discussion
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Lecture 4: **Closing lecture: Sustainable rural innovations based on active citizens and natural resources; and discussion**, Jouni Ponnikas, Senior Researcher, Adult and Continuing Education Unit of Kajaani University Consortium
- 14.00 Conclusions and feedback of the Summer School
- 18.00 Dinner
- 20.00 Finish sauna by the Mekrijärvi -lake; Finnish country dancing, closing ceremonies

Day 6 Sunday 27.5

- 8.00 Breakfast
- 9.00 Departures, optional cultural program in Joensuu for those who travel later.

Summer School fee is 160 euros: The fee includes all costs: accommodation, lunches, dinners, study trips and travel to Mekrijärvi and back to Joensuu.

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