

XLI International VAKKI Symposium

February 11–12, 2021, virtually in Zoom

2nd Call for Papers

Welcome to the XLI symposium of VAKKI ry on February 11–12, 2021! Due to the restrictions with respect to large gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the symposium 2021 will be held virtually via Zoom online platform. The virtual symposium is free of charge.

The symposium is arranged under the theme of **Workplace Communication**. Workplace communication comprises many different forms, such as texts, face-to-face meetings as well as digital interaction. The common nominator to these settings is that they are connected with professional roles and identities and interwoven with institutional practices.

The Symposium's keynotes will be on the first day, **Thursday, February 11, 2021**, and the speakers are:

- **Assistant Professor Emma Christensen (Roskilde University)** and **Professor Lars Thøger Christensen (Copenhagen Business School)**

Examining the (Re)presentational Voice

- **Professor Samantha Warren (University of Portsmouth)**

Using Instagram in a participant-led field study: Reflections on the politics of organizational communication and identity

On the second day of the symposium, **February 12, 2021**, there are six thematic panel sessions with multiform executions arranged. The purpose of the thematic panel sessions is to provide the participants with the opportunity to exchange ideas and to share practical experiences on focused topics.

Two of the thematic panel sessions are open for presentations. We call for presentation abstracts to the following thematic panel sessions:

- Perspectives to responsibility in organizational communication
- Terms and conditions – working with terminology during a pandemic

Please submit your abstract (max. 300 words) to [symposium\[at\]vakki.net](mailto:symposium@vakki.net) as an attachment (in .rtf or .doc format) by **December 22, 2020**. Please state in the message your name(s), your affiliation(s) and the title of the thematic panel session. The presentations will be selected based on the scientific quality of the abstract. Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by **January 8, 2021**.

In addition, the symposium features the following thematic panel sessions for which you can register:

- Digimaailman tasa-arvo ja multimodaalinen käytettävyys (in Finnish)
- Käsitteiden omaksuminen ja käyttö politiikan ja lainsäädäntötyön kontekstissa: Tarkastelussa Suomen liikennepalvelulakiprosessi (2015-2019) (in Finnish)
- Sprachen, Diskurse und Kommunikationsfertigkeiten im Berufsleben und in der akademischen Welt. Ein plurilingualer Sprachmittlungsworkshop (B1 German is required)
- Terminology and mediation in workplace communication

Registration for the symposium's keynotes and/or thematic panel sessions **opens on December 17, 2020** and **ends on January 15, 2021**.

The working languages of the symposium are Finnish, Swedish, English and German. After the symposium, all participants are invited to submit papers connecting to the theme of Workplace Communication to the VAKKI publication, which is a peer-reviewed open access publication (JUFO-level 1). More information will be sent to the participants after the symposium. The publication will be published at the end of 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the symposium organisers, symposium@vakki.net.

For information about previous symposia and VAKKI, please visit the research group website at <https://sites.univaasa.fi/vakki/en>. The 2021 Symposium website can be found at <https://sites.univaasa.fi/vakki2021/en>.

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