

CALL FOR PAPERS

Doing research on urban history? Are you interested in digital methods in historical research? Do you want to discuss this with colleagues working with similar topics and methods?

A workshop “Network analysis, GIS and HTR as tools for urban historical research” will take place at the Department of Geographical and Historical Studies, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu campus, 18-20 March 2026. The workshop is organised by the research project “Towns on the Eastern Border of the Swedish Great Power. Power Structures and commercial networks.”

The keynote speakers at the workshop are:

Heiko Droste, Stockholm University, Sweden

Christian Ringskou, University of Copenhagen/ Ringkøping fjord museer, Denmark

Annemieke Romein, University of Twente, the Netherlands

We will accept 12-15 full presentations (c. 20 minutes long), one round table group of 3-5 participants (presentations and discussion c. 1 hour) and an almost unlimited number of poster presentations.

The language used in the workshop is English. The participation fee for the workshop is 50 euro (including the dinner on Thursday evening).

The call for papers is open to 30 November 2025. Please send the abstract of your presentation (maximum 2000 characters incl. spaces) or description of your poster presentation (maximum 1000 characters incl. spaces) to the email: kimmo.katajala@uef.fi. Please mark clearly if you propose a presentation or a poster. Decisions about accepted papers, the round table and posters will be made in December 2025.

Information about the keynotes:

Heiko Droste is Professor of Urban History and the director of the Institute of Urban History at Stockholm University. His recent publications includes the edited book *Urban Life in Nordic Countries* (Routledge 2023).

Christian Ringskou is Museum inspector in the Ringkøping fjord museer, Denmark. His PhD dissertation *Købstaden og den nye by* (The Market Town and the New Town, 2021) is a groundbreaking work using network analysis in historical urban studies.

Annemieke Romein is a researcher in the University of Twente, the Netherlands. She is well known as an early modern historian and for her work in digital humanities, especially handwritten text recognition.

The University of Eastern Finland has 3400 employees and 17,000 students between two campuses, one in the city of Kuopio and one in Joensuu. Joensuu is a city of c. 80,000 inhabitants in eastern Finland and is easily reachable from the capitol Helsinki by train (c. four hours) or by air (c. one hour). The project organising the workshop is funded by the Swedish Literary Society in Finland.