The project will focus on three major water-space dimensions:

### I. WATER AS IMAGINARY SPACE

- The Tropes of the River in Finnish Ballads
  - Toni Lahtinen
- Water Worlds: The River in the American Literary Imagination
  - Dr. Markku Lehtimäki
- An Ecocritical Approach to rivers in Soviet Village Prose
  - Mika Perkiömäki
- Water as Threat and Utopia in Russian Culture
  - Dr. Arja Rosenholm
- Water in Soviet Popular Songs
  - Dr. Marija Litovskaya
- Svetloyar – A Sacred Lake and Its Meanings in Russian Culture
  - Dr. Jane Costlow
- Water Wells and the Culture of Health in Early Modern England
  - Dr. Päivi Pahta

### II. WATER SERVICES AS A SPACE OF EVERYDAY LIFE

- Waters and Waste Waters in Helsinki
  - Dr. Petri Juuti
- Functions and Importance of Water to People and Changes Over Time in Finland
  - Dr. Tapio Katko
- Building Sustainable Water Services in Finland
  - Dr. Riikka Rajala

### III. CHANGING CULTURAL AND SOCIAL VALUES OF WATER SPACES: Connections and disconnections in the Baltic Sea Area

- The Baltic Sea as a border and discontiguous space during WWII and the cold war era
  - Dr. Withhold Bonner
- The Baltic Sea environmental cooperation as a space of contact: Changing meanings and values of protection
  - Dr. Nina Tynkkynen
- Water in humanity’s endosomatic and exosomatic metabolism
  - Dr. Yrjö Haila
- Dr. Christian Krottz
- Environmental History of the Danube
  - Dr. Verena Winiwarter