



## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Alvar Aalto Researchers Network Seminar – Why Aalto? 9–10 June 2017, Jyväskylä, Finland

*The Alvar Aalto Researchers Network is an international collaboration, which serves as a channel for discussion and cooperation between Alvar Aalto researchers. The network is managed by the Alvar Aalto Academy, which organizes multi-discipline, academic seminars in collaboration with other partners, and publishes articles related to the Alvar Aalto research on the Alvar Aalto Researchers Network website at [www.alvaraaltoresearch.fi](http://www.alvaraaltoresearch.fi).*

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The seminar is arranged by the Alvar Aalto Academy in collaboration with the City of Jyväskylä. An additional program, **Säynätsalo Town Hall Workshop – Modern Masterpiece in Contemporary Society**, will be held in Säynätsalo, 7–8 June 2017.

A detailed programme and registration link for the Researchers Network Seminar and the workshop in Säynätsalo will be available online from 1 March 2017.

### **Call for Papers is open now!**

The Alvar Aalto Academy invites researchers and practitioners to come to a research seminar and explore the question: *Why Aalto?*

The question provokes us to ponder, from a variety of perspectives, what Aalto means for today's architecture. What are the special challenges of conservation, renovation or transformation of buildings or sites designed by Aalto? What are the special needs for the preservation or renewal of urban areas designed by Aalto? How are they to be adapted to the challenges of reuse, accessibility and new technical installations? Are there new concepts to add to Aalto's values and theoretical thinking? What can be learned from specific areas of Aalto's designs within the context of today, such as their relationship to sustainability and nature or to the understanding of history and local traditions? Possible themes are not limited to those listed above. The Alvar Aalto Academy is looking for innovative approaches and interesting responses to the question: *Why Aalto?*

The Call for Papers is open from 1 February–15 March 2017. Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be given by 30 March 2017. The deadline for final papers is 30 April 2017.

The Alvar Aalto Academy looks forward to receiving proposals in response to the call, and is happy to respond to enquiries from interested parties. Questions may be sent via e-mail to [academy@alvaraalto.fi](mailto:academy@alvaraalto.fi).

## Abstract submission guidelines

The seminar programme includes keynote speeches and presentations based on selected papers. Participants are asked to submit an abstract and, if selected, to provide a final paper to be presented at the **Alvar Aalto Researchers Network Seminar – Why Aalto?**.

Accepted papers will be presented either for the whole seminar audience within the 30 minutes allotted for each presentation, or within one of the themed groups within the 15 minutes allotted for each presentation. All submissions will be peer-reviewed and considered for selection by the Scientific Committee to ensure their quality of exposition and relevance. The Scientific Committee will also decide about the division of papers into thematic groups.

All accepted full papers will be published with the author's permission on the Alvar Aalto Researchers Network site [www.alvaraaltoresearch.fi](http://www.alvaraaltoresearch.fi).

Please submit your abstract according to the following requirements:

1. Abstract (500 words maximum). The abstract should define the subject and summarize the argument to be presented in the proposed paper.
2. Author's biography and photograph. (200 words max.)
3. Author's information (name, university/company/organization, address, country, telephone number, e-mail address).
4. Final paper (3,000–5,000 words including footnotes or endnotes, and up to 10 illustrations).

All documents must be saved as text files (such as, .doc, .docx, .txt, .rtf) and be e-mailed, according to the schedule, to [academy@alvaraalto.fi](mailto:academy@alvaraalto.fi).

## Scientific Committee

Members of the Scientific Committee are:

- Markku Hedman, Professor, Alvar Aalto Academy
- Ari Hynynen, Professor, Tampere University of Technology
- Olli-Paavo Koponen, Professor, Tampere University of Technology
- Tommi Lindh, Director, Alvar Aalto Foundation
- Aino Niskanen, Professor, Aalto University

## Schedule

**1 February 2017** – *Call for papers notification*

**15 March 2017** – *Deadline for abstracts*

The abstract, author's biography and information should be e-mailed to [academy@alvaraalto.fi](mailto:academy@alvaraalto.fi) by 15 March 2017 at the latest.

**30 March 2017** – *Notification of acceptance of abstracts*

Notification of acceptance of abstracts will be given by 30 March 2017. The number of accepted proposals will be limited. After receiving a notification of acceptance, speakers can have access to low-resolution images of drawings and photographs related to their research from the Alvar Aalto Museum Archives.

### **30 April 2017 – Deadline for final papers**

Final papers must be e-mailed to [academy@alvaraalto.fi](mailto:academy@alvaraalto.fi) by 30 April 2017 at the latest. The Committee may require some rewriting of a paper to bring it up to an acceptable standard.

### **15 May 2017 – Submission of revised papers (if requested by the Committee)**

### **1 March 2017–9 June 2017 – Registration for the Seminar**

All participants must pay a registration fee. The fee will cover registration for the seminar, coffee served during 9–10 June 2017, an evening party on 9 June 2017, and VAT.

#### REGISTRATION FEES

Registration type	EARLY BIRD, till 30 April 2017	FULL PRICE, 1 May–9 June 2017
Full registration	€180	€220
One day registration	€100	€120
Student (undergraduate)	€50	€50

### **9–10 June 2017**

#### ***The 3rd Alvar Aalto Researchers Network Seminar – Why Aalto?, Jyväskylä, Finland***

#### PROGRAMME

Fri. 9 June 2017	12:00–13:00	Registration for the seminar
	13:00–17:00	Seminar programme, day 1
	19:00–22:00	Evening party at Alvar Aalto Museum
Sat. 10 June 2017	9:00–11:00	Excursion, Alvar Aalto architecture in Jyväskylä
	12:30–17:00	Seminar programme, day 2

#### ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME

(not included in the Seminar registration fee)

### **7–8 June 2017**

#### ***Säynätsalo Town Hall Workshop – Modern Masterpiece in Contemporary Society, Säynätsalo, Finland***

This two-day workshop will take place in Säynätsalo Town Hall (16 km from the City of Jyväskylä). The theme of the workshop is this **Modern Masterpiece in Contemporary Society**. The aim of the workshop is to provide new multi-discipline information and understanding of the values and prerequisites for the use of the Säynätsalo Town Hall. The use of the building is currently in a state of flux, since the municipality of Säynätsalo merged with the City of Jyväskylä in 1993, which put an end to its original functions as a town hall. The programme includes lectures, workshop sessions and discussions. A maximum of 30 participants will be selected in the order of registration.

The registration fee for the workshop is €120. The fee covers registration for the workshop, coffees served throughout 7–8 June 2017, lunch on 8 June, and VAT.

The registration link for the event will be available online from 1 March 2017.

**11 June 2017 – Alvar Aalto architecture excursion, Jyväskylä–Helsinki**

The excursion is a tour of Alvar Aalto's architecture in the cities of Jyväskylä, Lahti, Espoo and Helsinki. The excursion will take place if there is a minimum of 20 participants. A maximum of 40 participants can attend, and places will be sold in order of registration.

The registration fee for the excursion is €160. Included in the price are the guided tour and bus transportation from Jyväskylä to Helsinki, lunch and coffee during the trip, a buffet dinner at the Aalto studio in Helsinki, and VAT.

The registration link will be available online from 1 March 2017.

The organizers reserve the right to alter the programmes. Definitive programmes will be published at a later date. Stay tuned!

### **Further Information**

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