



BEDLAN2011

EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES TO LANGUAGE CHANGE

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BEDLAN2011 is the third interdisciplinary seminar organized by project *Biological Evolution and Diversification of Languages* (funded by Kone Foundation 2009-2012). The seminar brings together researchers and post-graduate students applying evolutionary ideas and/or methods the study of language, as well as researchers who cross traditional disciplinary boundaries in hopes of shedding new light on various linguistic, cultural and biological phenomena.

We invite researchers and postgraduate students from different fields to exchange novel theories, best practices, methods and datasets. Presentation topics cover e.g. areal, typological and genealogical language classification, language change, dialectology, evolutionary ecology, population genetics, phylogenetics and geography and use of spatial information. The key issue, however, is not that your present research topic fits within the list given above, but that you have an interest in approaches and thinking that crosses traditional disciplinary boundaries. We encourage post-graduate students to submit applications, in hopes that the seminar would also serve as a forum for young interdisciplinary researchers to meet each other.

BEDLAN2011 takes place between September 21–23rd 2011 in the *Archipelago Research Institute* (University of Turku), which is located on the island of Seili in the Finnish archipelago. The schedule can fit about **xx** presentations, including those of the invited speakers.

There will also be a possibility to extend the stay over the weekend. We are can cover reasonable travel expenses and provide accommodation for **xx** persons.

Please submit a short description outlining you motivation to participate in the seminar and a summary of your potential presentation or your research field (max 250 words), and estimated travel expenses.

Applications should be sent by **YYYY** to Outi Vesakoski via e-mail (see below). The participants and possible travel support will be decided by **ZZZZ**.

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