



SECURITY IN FUTURES– SECURITY IN CHANGE

3–4 June 2010, Turku, Finland

1st Call for Papers

Finland Futures Research Centre and Finland Futures Academy organise their 12th Annual Conference with the topic Security in Futures – Security in Change. The conference will be held 3–4 June in 2010 in Turku, Finland.

Security means that something is safe and protected – the absence of threats. Empirically, that is not possible and in consequence security is always a relative concept. Security is something that guarantees our lives to continue without fear of termination in physical and mental domains under a shield provided by the society.

This conference aims to look deeply into the inevitable changes of security issues. The traditional way we experience our existence in the world faces new challenges. The situation may feel obscure, fuzzy and even weird or frightening. Thus, it will increase and change the quality and quantity of security we demand from our communities. At the same time, awareness of the ways of interacting with the world is gradually slipping away from our own control. To decrease the feeling and, further on, the realization of insecurity, the foreseen changes and the states of the futures shall be brought closer to our everyday by introducing novel and innovative ideas of making the future more feasible. Novel thinking and solutions are required to fulfil the human need to feel secure and to build more reasonable security solutions for futures' world.

The methods of futures studies include tools for describing possible, probable and desirable variations of the present and drafting possible images of the future. By looking at the variety of different possibilities, we can come closer to shaping the future – rather than predicting it. Futures studies offer valuable tools to understand and shape future security in our societies.

This conference brings together the best experts of its fields in the scientific community to interact with policymakers and representatives of companies. By developing images of alternative futures, the goal of the conference is to give new viewpoints and novel ideas to decision-makers to assist them towards more feasible decisions to construct the world a better place.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

Contributions are solicited in (but not limited to) the following areas:

- theory of security analysis;
- military, political and economic security;
- social dimensions of security and peace;
- state, society and security;
- conflict analysis;
- energy and security;
- development and security;
- natural resources, environment and security;
- technology, crime, ICT and security;
- futures studies methods.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: February 1, 2010

Deadline for the submission of papers: May 1, 2010

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

Papers representing original and unpublished research results on the themes of the conference are solicited. Include up to 5 keywords from the theme list. The abstract shall not be longer than 300 words. Please submit your abstract via email: conference2010@tse.fi. The deadline for submitting abstracts is February 1, 2010.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

After your abstract has been accepted (information will be sent to you by March 1, 2010), please submit your full manuscript electronically (max. 15 1.5 spaced pages including figures, tables, and references typed in Times New Roman 12 p, in MS Word .doc or .rtf format) to the program co-chairs via email: conference2010@tse.fi. Deadline for submitting the full paper is May 1, 2010.

Consistent with standard practice, each submitted paper will receive blind reviews and will be published in the conference proceedings.

LANGUAGE

The conference language for all papers and presentations is English.

REGISTRATION, PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Registration for the conference will be handled through an electronic form on the conference web page. There you will find information on registration, accommodation and travel.

If you have any questions concerning the scientific program, please visit the conference web page or send us email at: conference2010@tse.fi.

www.futuresconference.fi/2010



Finland Futures Research Centre (FFRC) is one of the largest academic futures studies centres in the world. The solid and multidisciplinary basic research provides excellent foundations for applied and tailor-made research, as well as services for training and development. In addition, the FFRC continually develops the scientific foundation and methods of futures studies. Further information: www.tse.fi/tutu.

Each year, the FFRC organises its annual conference, an invaluable opportunity for meeting, exchanging and debating current topics related in futures studies and foresight. With approximately 100–200 individual participants attending from all over the world, international researchers, organisational delegates, business people and students convene to the FFRC annual conferences in the spirit of futures-oriented information, research, analysis and collaboration.

Conferences are held in the three Finnish cities where the FFRC units are located: Turku, Tampere and Helsinki. The activities of the annual conference include keynote speeches and panels in plenary sessions as well as papers presented in parallel sessions. Researchers are invited to submit papers for presentation at the annual conferences. It is hoped that papers presented represent a broad spectrum of futures studies and current topic related each year.