

TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

Tools and Strategies & Concepts and Definitions

• International Summer School • Tampere, 14-17 June, 2004

Finland Futures Academy (FFA) is a national network of 17 universities aimed at facilitating academic educational and research programs in the futures studies. The Finland Futures Academy is located in the Finland Futures Research Centre and is administrated by the Turku School of Economics and Business Administration. There is more information on the web site: www.tukkk.fi/tutu/tva.

Summer School: Towards sustainable futures is a multiform program, which consists of the two-day International Conference, the two-day workshop, preliminary readings, and a reflective learning diary. The Summer School participants are invited to write an article to be published on the Finland Futures Research Centres web site. The article should reflect the contents of the Summer School.

The Summer School is meant for both undergraduate and postgraduate students whose interest lies in sustainable futures. The aims and objectives of the Summer School are to discuss analytically the concepts in sustainable futures discourse and to present indicators analysis with the aid of the ASA-model.

There are special student fees for the International Conference and Summer School. See the information on the International Conference web site: www.tukkk.fi/tutu/conference2004. The full completion of the Summer School will give the participant 7.5 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System).

Preliminary readings

The articles are meant to help the participant to create her/his own visions for the sustainable futures and to understand the basic concepts as well as definitions concerning sustainable futures.

- 5 articles on sustainable futures in different perspectives (to be defined later)

Conference and workshop

- Participation in the International Conference
- Participation in the Summer School workshop

Learning diary

- 5-10 pages participant's notes, reflections, emergence of new ideas, and insights on the basis of the conference. The student can concentrate her/his own interest area in the field of sustainable futures
- Postgraduate students will present criticism and contributions to the sustainable futures discourse from the perspective of their doctoral thesis

Article (optional)

- Students are invited to write an article about sustainable futures in their specific field of research or interest.
- The articles will be published on the Finland Futures Research Centres web site

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF THE WORKSHOP

Venue: University of Tampere, PINNI B3111

Wednesday 16.6.2004

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| 8.30-10.00 | Opening of the Summer School
Reflections on the ideas of the International Conference
<i>Leena Jokinen</i> , Education coordinator, Finland Futures Academy |
| 10.00-10.30 | Break |
| 10.30-12.00 | Defining sustainable futures from ecological perspective
Introductory presentation and discussion
Chair <i>Professor Janne Hukkinen</i> , Helsinki University of Technology |
| 12.00-13.00 | Lunch break |
| 13.00-14.30 | Defining sustainable futures from economical perspective
Introductory presentation and discussion
Chair <i>Dr. Juha Kaskinen</i> , Coordinator (Inter. Affairs), Finland Futures Academy |
| 14.30-15.00 | Break |
| 15.00-16.30 | Defining sustainable futures from socio-cultural perspective
Introductory presentation and discussion
Chair <i>Katriina Siivonen</i> , Project manager, Finland Futures Research Centre |
| Evening meal | |

Thursday 17.6.2004

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| 8.30-12.00 | Indicators for the sustainable development - presentation and practical demonstrations of the ASA-model
<i>Dr. Jarmo Vehmas</i> , Senior researcher, Finland Futures Research Centre |
| 12.00-13.00 | Lunch break |
| 13.00-14.30 | ASA-model demonstration to be continued |
| 14.30-15.30 | Summary and closing of the summer School
Global challenges for sustainable futures |

Further information and registration at
www.tukkk.fi/tutu/conference2004