

## **Open seminar on international experiences of truth and reconciliation commissions: prerequisites for a commission on the relations between the Finnish state and the Sámi people**

**Date:** February 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Place:** Sajos, Inari, Streamed live: <http://www.sogku.fi/live/>

**Moderators:** Tiina Sanila-Aikio and Antti Pentikäinen

**09.00 Opening by Antti Pentikäinen**, Executive Director, The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers

**09.10 Welcome by Tiina Sanila-Aikio**, President, The Sámi Parliament of Finland

**09.20 Presentation by Eduardo González**, Independent consultant and expert on transitional justice

**09.50 Presentation by Simon Keyes**, Visiting Professor at University of Winchester, expert on reconciliation

**10.20 Coffee break**

**10.40 Presentation by Laila Susanne Vars**, Research Director at the Norwegian Human Rights Institution, LL.D, Independent expert in The Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP)

**11.10 Presentation by Marie Wilson**, Commissioner, Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

**11.40 Presentation by Teivo Teivainen**, Professor at University of Helsinki

**12.00 Lunch**

**13.00 Presentations and panel discussion by**

**Veli-Pekka Lehtola**, Professor of Sámi Culture at University of Oulu

**Nils-Henrik Valkeapää**

**Petra Laiti**, President of Suoma Sámi Nuorat SSN, Sámi Youth organisation

**Ida-Maria Helander**, Vice President of SSN

**Anna Morottaja**

**14.00 Coffee break**

**14.15 Teamwork in smaller groups and presentation**

Recommendations to the Finnish state (lead Ms. Johanna Suurpää, Director, Ministry of Justice),

Recommendations to the Sámi Parliament of Finland (lead Ms. Tiina Sanila-Aikio)

Recommendations on the practical implementation of the TRC (lead Antti Pentikäinen)

**15.45 Concluding remarks** Tiina Sanila-Aikio and Antti Pentikäinen