

Call for Articles

Ethnologia Fennica 2012 – Homes and emotions

In ethnology homes were previously considered as housing – the material environment for living. In contemporary research, when talking about homes, the focus has rather shifted towards the emotional, intimate and private. Homes cannot be regarded solely as the domain of the conventional nuclear family: there are homes inhabited by single people, gay and lesbian families and blended or stepfamilies families with dynamic structures.

Emotions can fill a space with meaning and convert it into a home. In advertising, magazines and TV-programs the private sphere of home has become public. You can even detect certain fetishism in home discourses: homes and holiday homes are ennobled to such an extent that they seem to be governing the whole life. Is the continuous remodelling and reconstruction of the home a threat to the practices of tradition and continuity?

In ethnology homes have mostly been represented as positive and harmonious places. What kinds of aspects concerning homes are relevant in contemporary ethnological research? We encourage contributors to re-think the meaning of a home: What if the home is connected with violence or abuse? What is the meaning of a lost, dirty or broken home?

Please send your abstract or (a previously unpublished) article by 15 October 2011 to editor Pirjo Korkiakangas (pirjo.korkiakangas[at]jyu.fi) and subeditor Tytti Steel (tytti.steel[at]helsinki.fi). Articles should be submitted by 31 January 2012. Please do not hesitate to ask for more details from the editors or members of the editorial board.

Articles can be written in English or in German and should not exceed 10 000 words. More detailed instructions can be found in EF 2010 and on the website of the Ethnos association <http://www.ethnosry.org/etfen.html>.

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