

FINLAND HELSINKI

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Seminars



Visits to schools

Field projects



Keywords.....



- **FROM FOREIGN POWERS**
- **ECONOMIC**
- **CULTURAL**



Finland



Finland (in Finnish Suomi: «land of waters») is a northern European country.

The flag of Finland was officially adopted in 1918, one year after the Declaration of Independence



The white field represents snow

The blue Nordic cross symbolizes the sky and lakes

Brief history

The first humans arrived in Finland approximately **10 000 years ago** after the end of the last ice age. Its first inhabitants were the **Sámi people**

1st century BC: Finland was invaded by Finns

12th century AD: Finland was **conquered by Swedes**

1809 Alexander I of Russia took Finland from Sweden and transformed it into a Grand Duchy

1917 After the Russian Revolution, Finland declared independence and became a Republic

1939 – 1945 Finland took part in WWII. In the beginning (Winter War / Continuation War) fought on Nazi Germany's side; after USSR's invasion, Finland lost most of its territories. In 1944 (Lapland War) it fought against Germany.

1955 Finland joined the United Nations (UN)

1995 Finland joined the **European Union**
It entered the Euro zone

***It's notable for having a large welfare state system,
common for Nordic countries***

BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT



Culture and Traditions

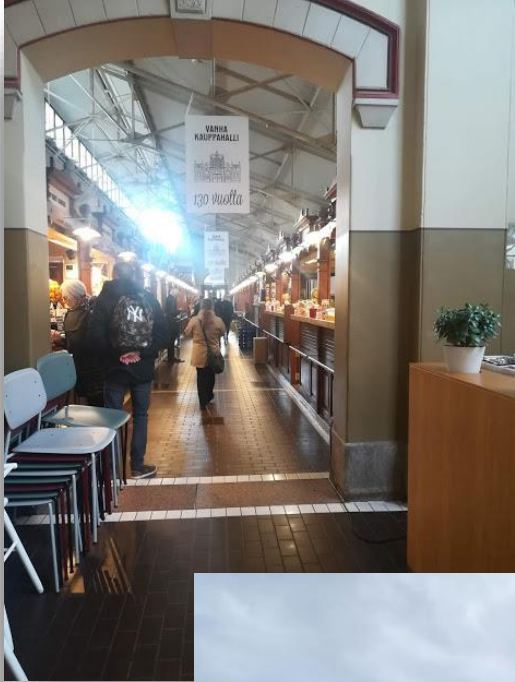
Finnish culture is a **combination** of native customs and the European and Nordic traditions.

Finland was heavily **influenced** by various neighboring communities (Finnic, Baltic and Germanic people) and by the old dominant countries, Sweden and Russia.

Finnish culture is built upon their traditional **livelihood** and their tradition of **egalitarianism**.



ECONOMY





The background image shows a schoolyard in autumn. In the center, a group of children are playing on a paved area. To the left, there is a red brick building with several windows. The ground is covered with fallen yellow and orange leaves. A black metal bench is visible on the right side. The sky is blue with some clouds. A semi-transparent blue rectangle is overlaid in the center, containing the title text.

FINNISH EDUCATION SYSTEM

AUTONOMY



RESPONSIBILITY

FLEXIBILITY

EDUCATION IS FREE

Preschool (1 year): 4 hours a day, learning through play.


- 1st – 6th grade, from 7 to 13 years old.
- 7h – 9th grade, from 13 to 16 years old – end of compulsory education
- Secondary education:
 - ✓ Upper secondary education
 - ✓ Vocational education

TEACHERS

Teaching is a highly respected career in the country for its high social value, and university education programmes for prospective teachers are highly requested and competitive. Candidates must have achieved very good marks in upper secondary school and a high score in entry tests.

Standards remain the same during the university course. Then, the salary and respectability of the career far outweigh most European countries.





culture of trust: school
vision

basic education accessible to everyone

personalized curriculum

high quality education programmes for
prospective teachers

freedom to experiment with
learning methods



No marks before the 3rd grade; until the 7th grade there are only verbal marks

15-minute break after every 45 minutes of instruction (1st to 6th grade)

School year is divided into teaching periods, each of which lasts 6/8 weeks

Personalized curriculum, with compulsory (4) and optional subjects

The upper secondary school runs in blocks of 75-minute lessons

In the upper secondary school: 4-10 grading scale, where 4 is failed and 5 is adequate



VISITS TO SCHOOLS

NATURE



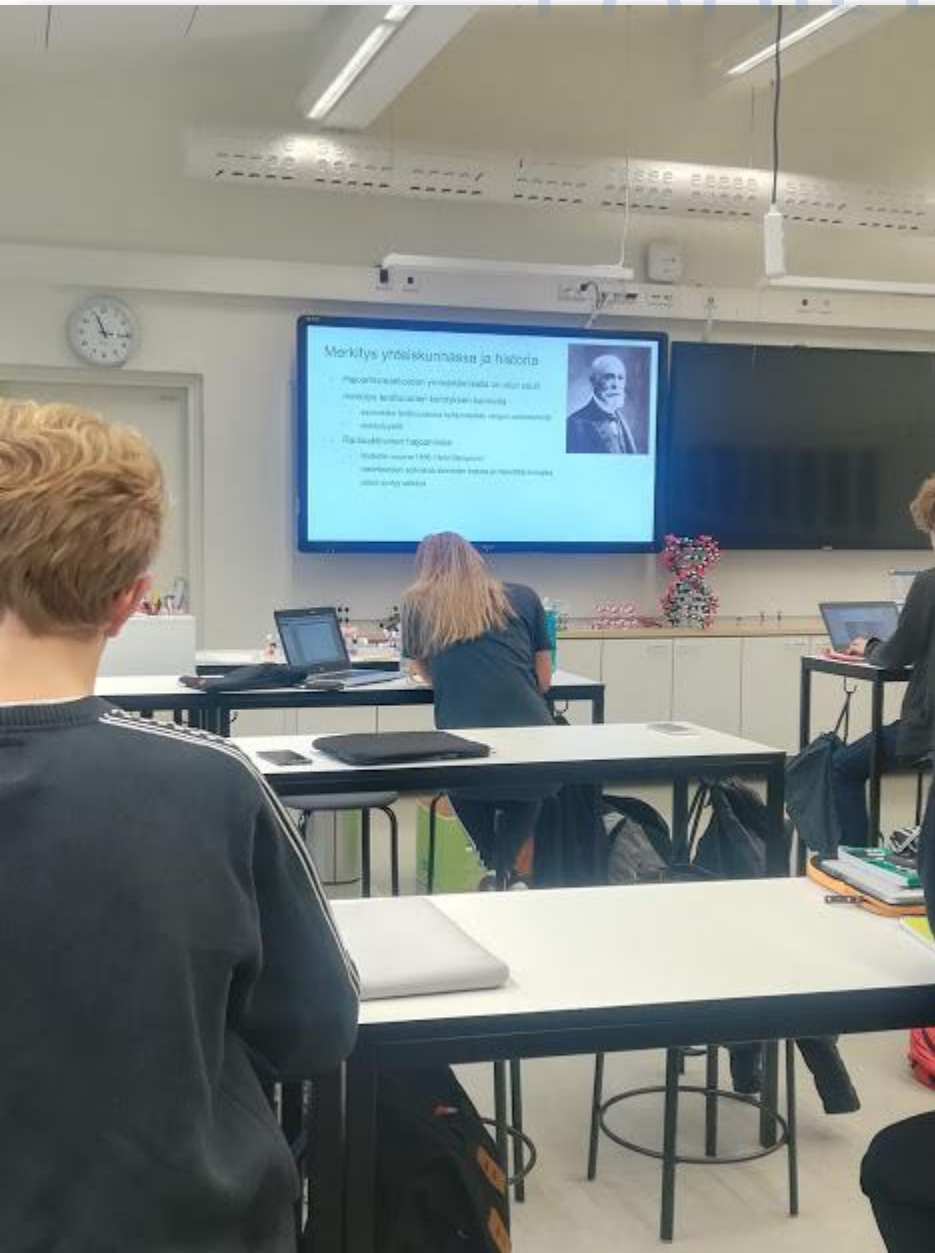
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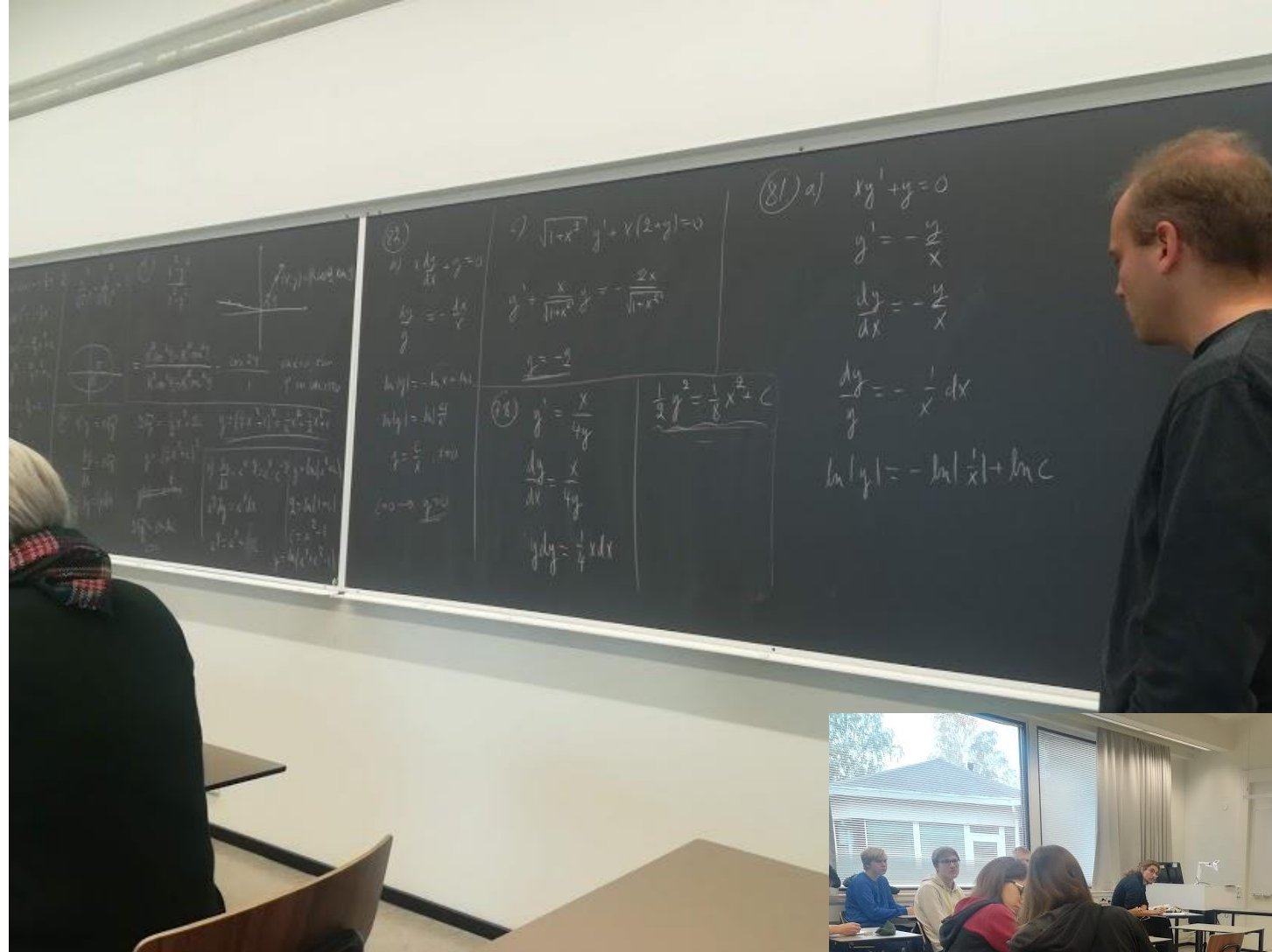


OUTDOOR SPACES



EQUIPPED CLASSROOMS





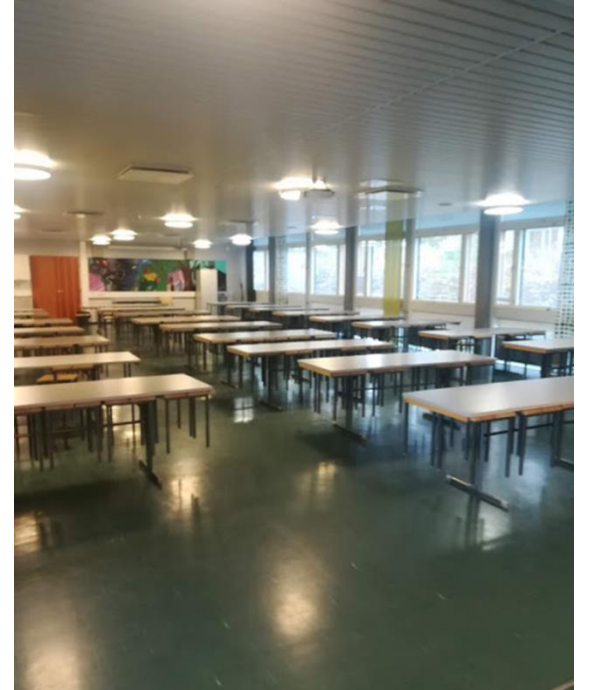


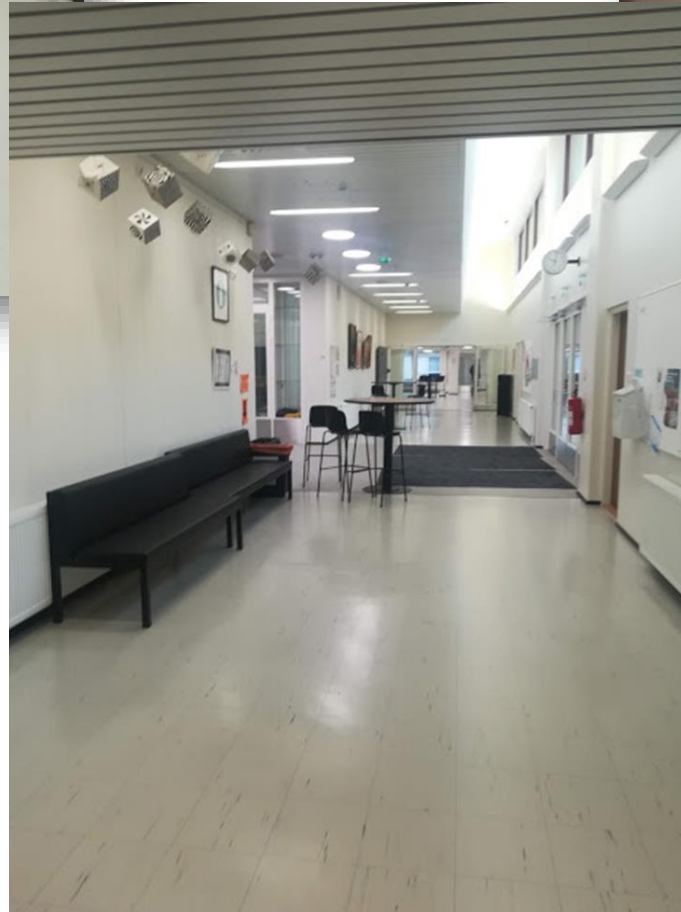
COMMON SPACES



STUDENTS

TEACHERS







LABORATORIES AND PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES



SCHOOL: A LIVING
ENVIRONMENT

FIELD PROJECTS

HISTORY-CULTURE-TRADITIONS



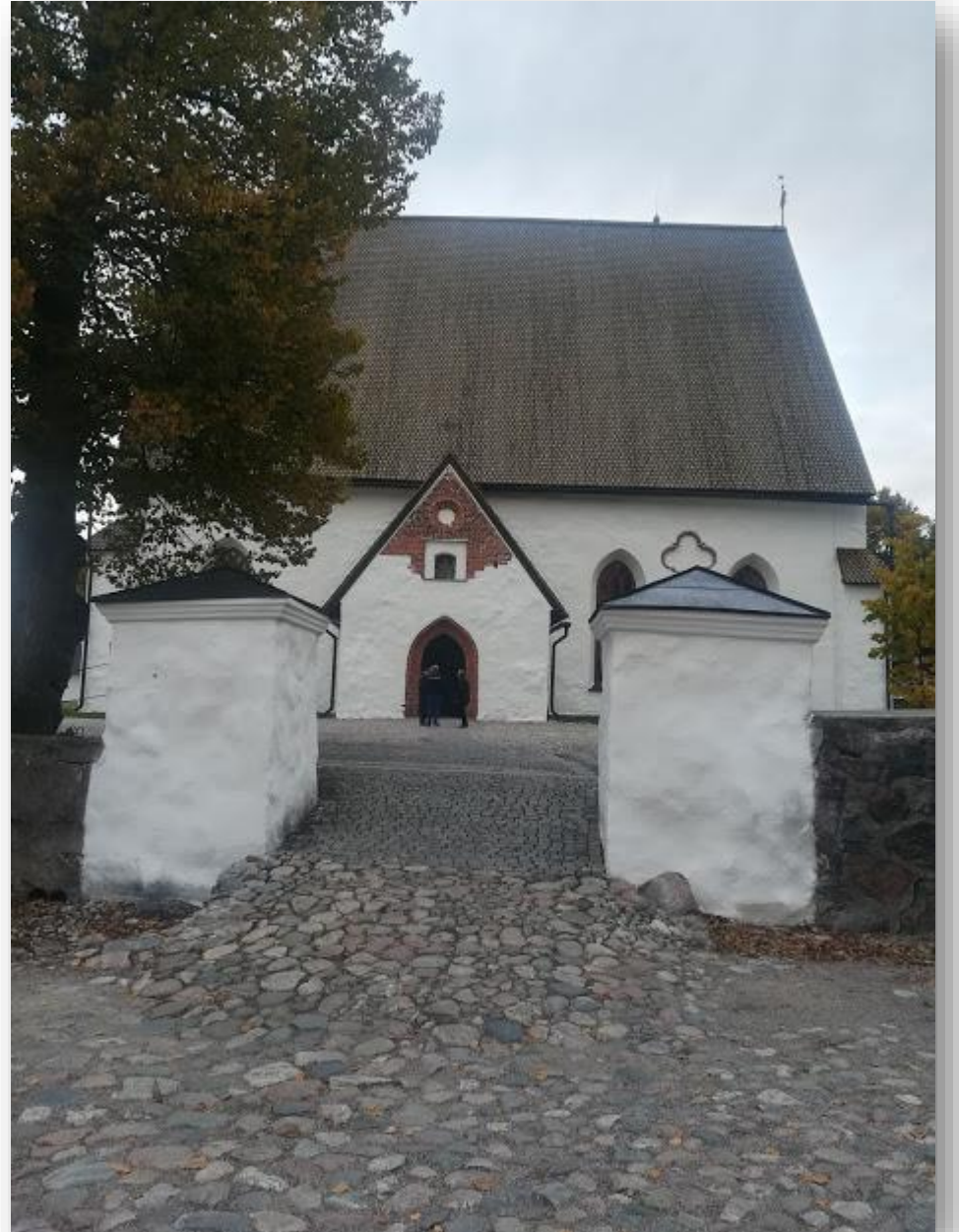
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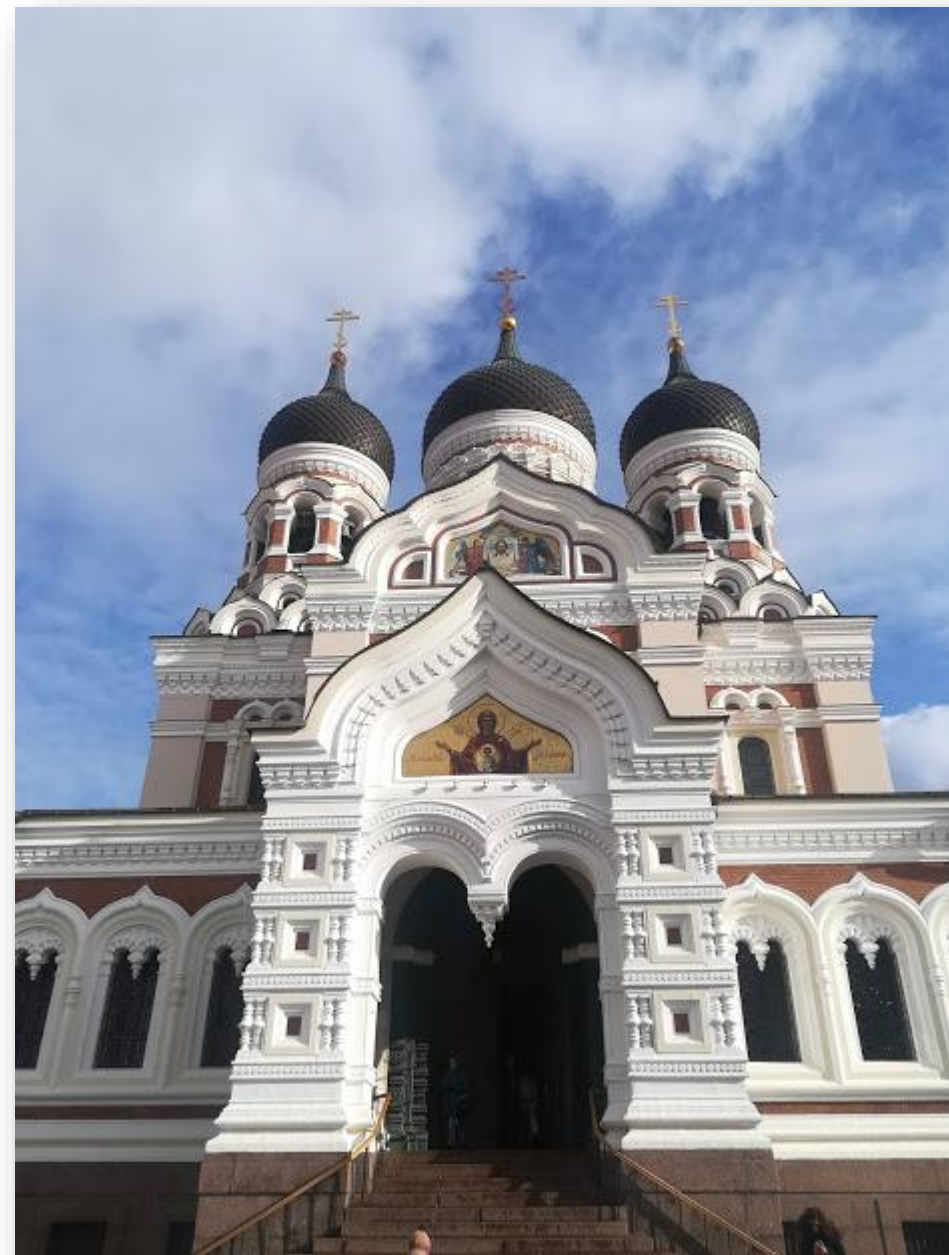


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