

Preliminary program for the 6th International NCCS & EACS Conference April 21–23, 2026.

Tuesday, April 21st -- Pre-conference for doctoral students and early career researchers

- 12:30 – 13:00 Registration
- 13:00 – 14:30 Progressing in Research and Grant Writing.
Speaker: Professor Fredrica Nyqvist, Åbo Akademi University
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Speaker: Professor Linda Estman, University of Stavanger, NCCSF
- 14:30 – 15:00 Refreshment break
- 15:00 – 16:00 Post--doctoral researcher panel discussion on career opportunities.
- 16:30 – 18:00 Optional guided tour of Ostrobothnia Museum (pre--registration)

Wednesday, April 22nd -- Main Conference Day One

- 08:15 – 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 09:30 Welcome to the conference.
- 09:30 – 10:15 **Keynote: Compassion, Caring and Spirituality – Stories of hope in uncertain times.**
Speaker: Professor in Advanced Practice and Spirituality Melanie Rogers, University of Huddersfield, England
- 10:15 – 10:45 Refreshment Break
- 10:45 – 11:30 Panel discussion: Caring in Uncertain Times -- Navigating the Emerging Challenges
- 11:30 – 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 – 14:00 Parallel sessions x 4
- 14:00 – 14:45 **Keynote: Caring in Times of Existential Crisis.**
Speaker: Professor in Caring Science Mats Holmberg, Mälardalen University, Sweden
- 14:45 – 15:15 Refreshment break
Poster presentations/Poster walk
- 15:15 – 16:35 Parallel sessions x 5
- 18:00 – Optional conference dinner at Restaurant Strampen (pre--registration).
Welcome to Vaasa -- Reception by the City of Vaasa.

Thursday, April 23rd -- Main Conference Day Two

- 08:30 – 09:00 Registration
- 09:00 – 10:00 **Keynote: Moral Courage – A Compass in Times of Uncertainty.**
Speaker: Professor Emeritus in Nursing Science Helena Leino--Kilpi, University of Turku, Finland

10:00 – 10:30 Refreshment break
10:30 – 11:50 Parallel sessions x 5
11:50 – 12:30 1) Presentation of Katie Eriksson’s memorial award.
2) NCCS poster award and scholarships.
3) Closing remarks.
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 – Social program