



Program for the 6th International NCCS & EACS Conference April 21–23, 2026 in Vaasa

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 NCCS Supporting the Next Generation of Caring Science Researchers 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 Participants: Prof. Melanie Rodgers, prof. Mats Holmberg, prof. Lisbeth Fagerström, president of NCCS Hanna Holst, & president of EACS Stefanos Mantzoukas
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, Rantakatu 7V (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 programme: We offer winter swimming at the Pingvin sauna on Sandö (bring your own swimsuit and towel- these are not provided at the sauna) or a visit to the local skincare company Dermosil on Brändö (a 1,3 km walk from the campus).



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