

Reporting on the first “HOMEY” project in the Merafong region.

Home in Merafong

(The First Concise HoMe Project in South Africa)

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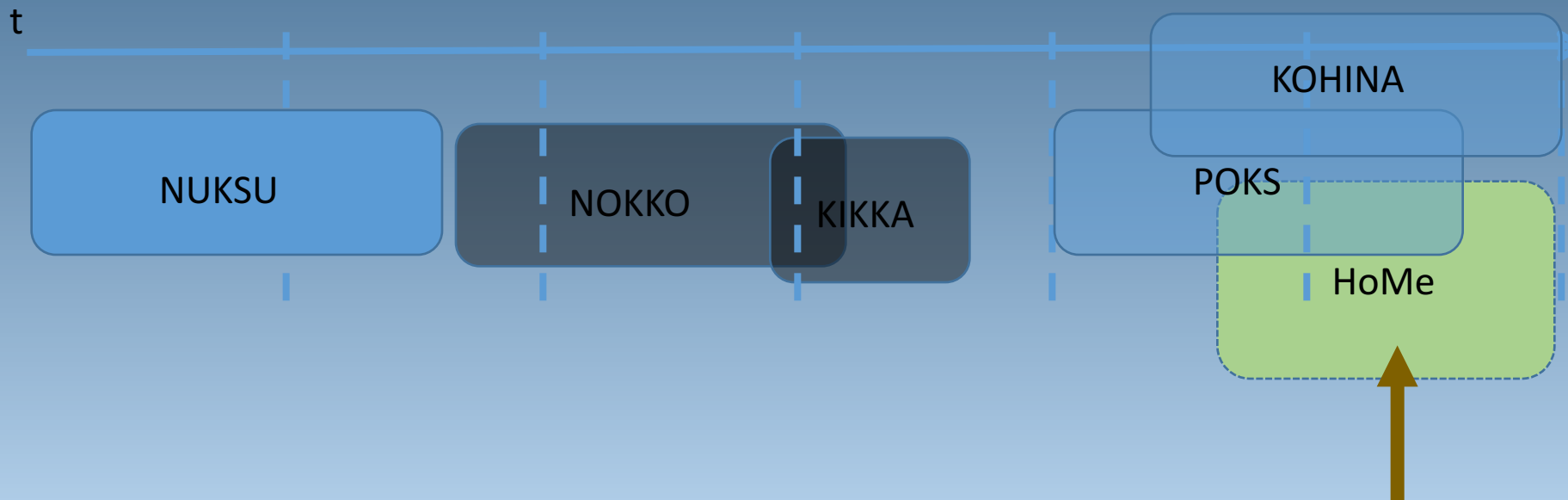


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Experiential Home Research Projects in Finland and in SA



*Home in Merafong in cooperation with South-West
University and the University of Helsinki Ruralia Institute*

Content

Data and methods

- Projects concerning the home as *Heimat* in the University of Helsinki, Ruralia Institute
- Nokko project

Basic concepts

- Key factors of home: place and event
- Building the experience of home in the frames of time and space
- Historical consciousness: memories and narratives

Results

- The accumulations of home in Kuortane

Building the Home as *Heimat*



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Key Factors of HoMe

Place

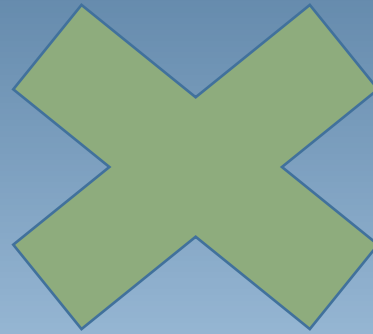
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Sounds

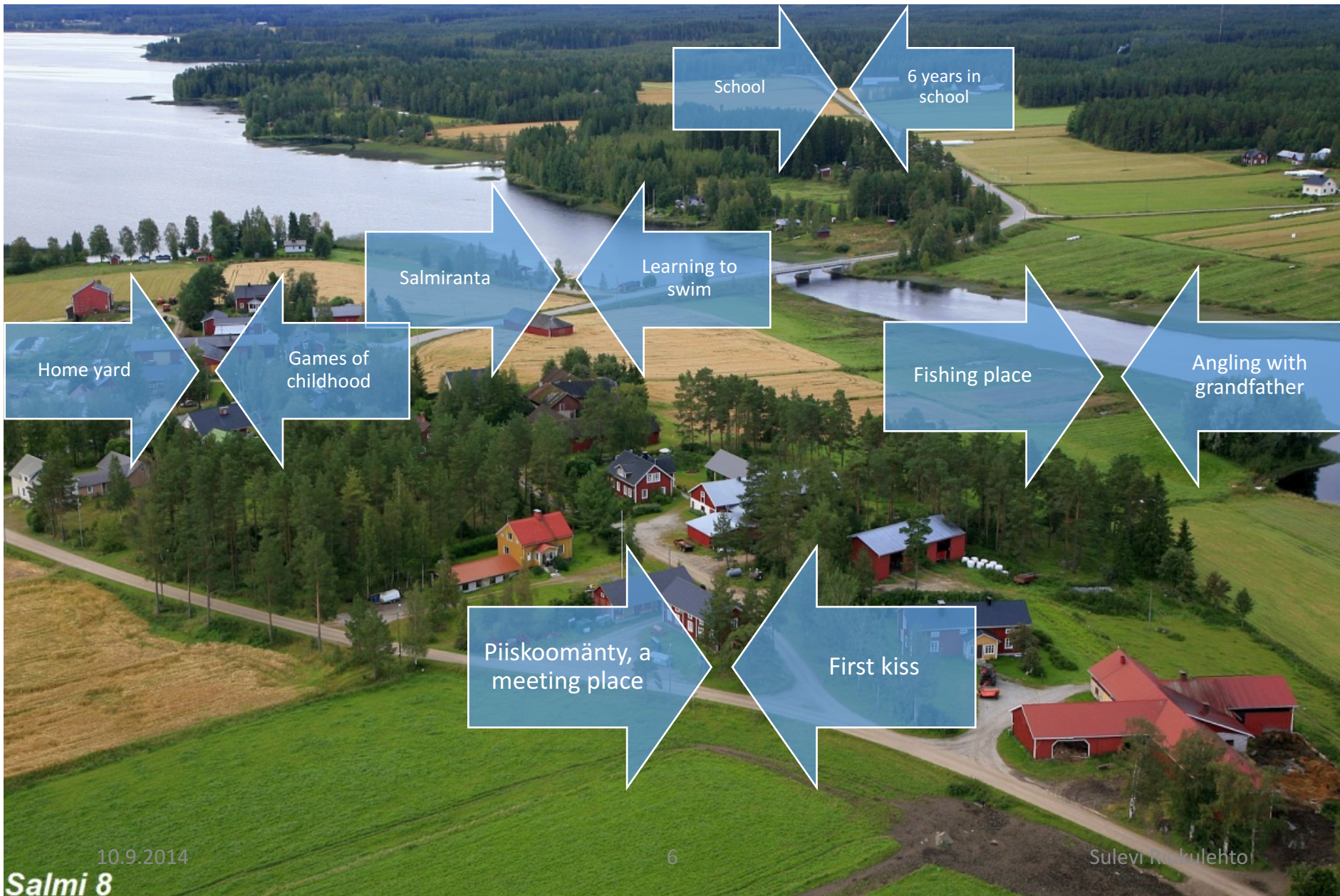
Event

Taste

Memory



SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION OF MEMORIES



Historical Consciousness



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Nokko: creating the data

- 12 discussions, of which 1 was held in bus.
- 116 participants.
- The discussions were arranged in 7 villages. Four of them situated by Lake Kuortane.
- All the discussions were recorded, litterated and reported.



Kuva: Markku Honkola

Collecting data for the HoMe Project

- Data was collected from 17–21 November 2015 in Merafong.
- 4 background interviews
- 12 group discussions (with elicitation method)
- 1 group walk
- 6 Languages
- > 100 informants.



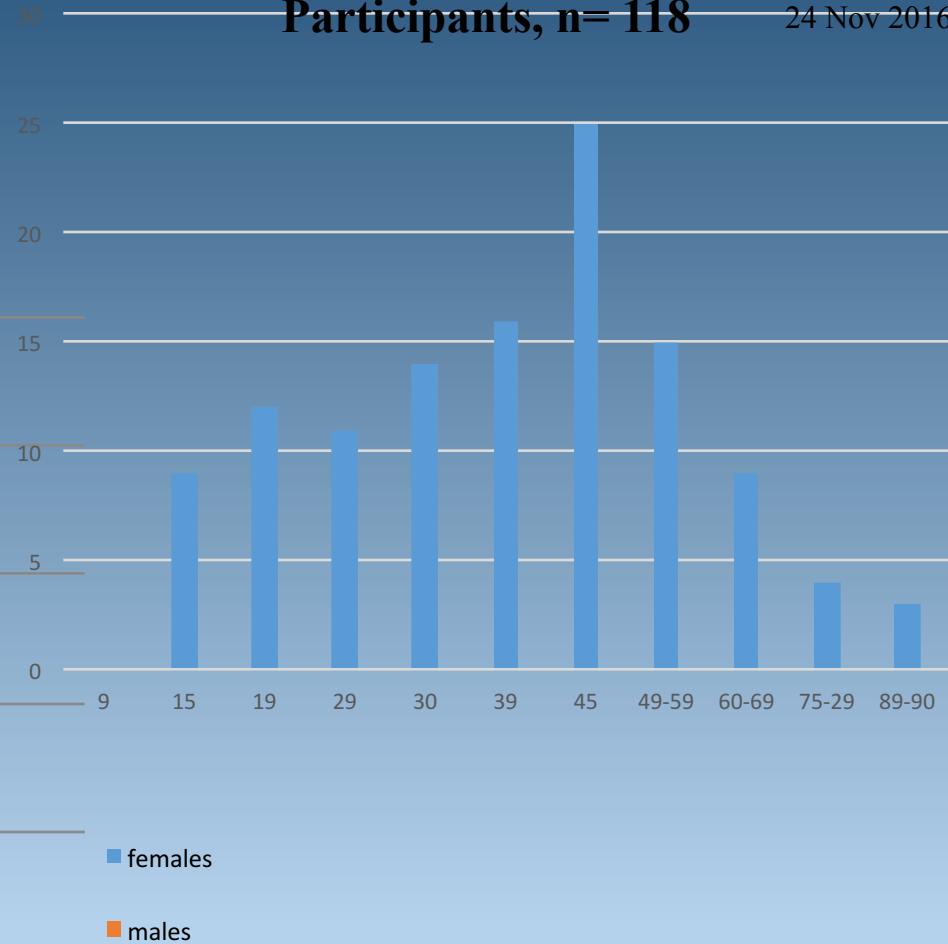
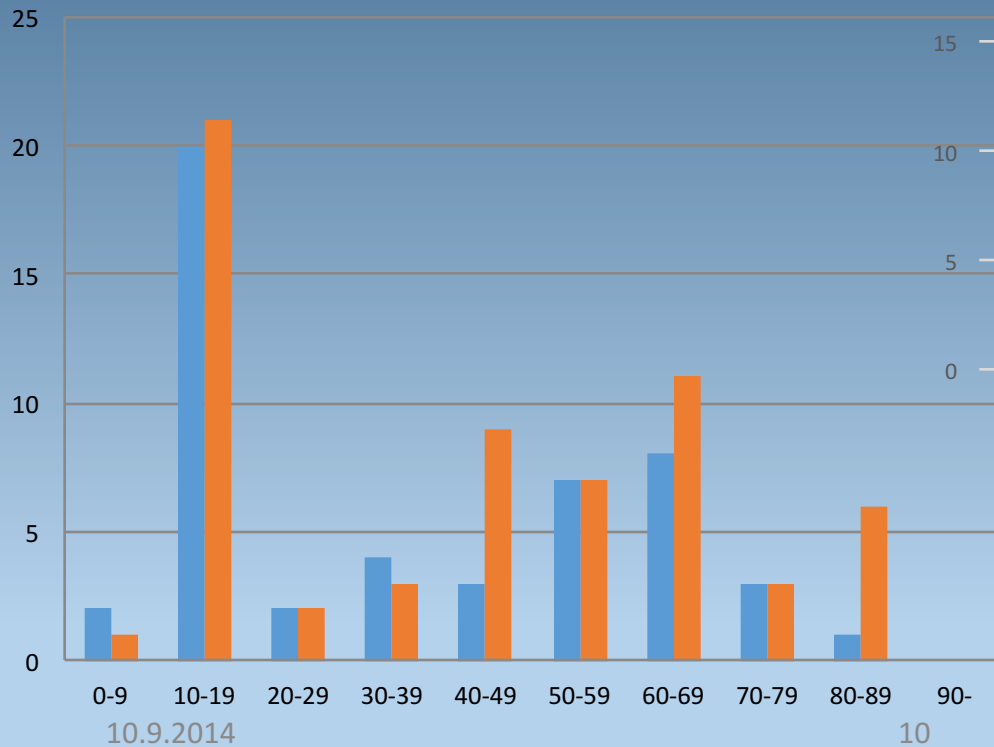
Elicitation technique: any of various data collection techniques in social sciences or other fields to gather knowledge or information from people

HoMe Project

Participants, n= 118

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Nokko Participants, n = 116



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Examples of the Elicitation Battery

KOTISEUTU

HOME

LEGAE

EKHAYA

HEIMAT

Merafong City - Fochville



Merafong City - Welverdiend



Merafong City – Wedela



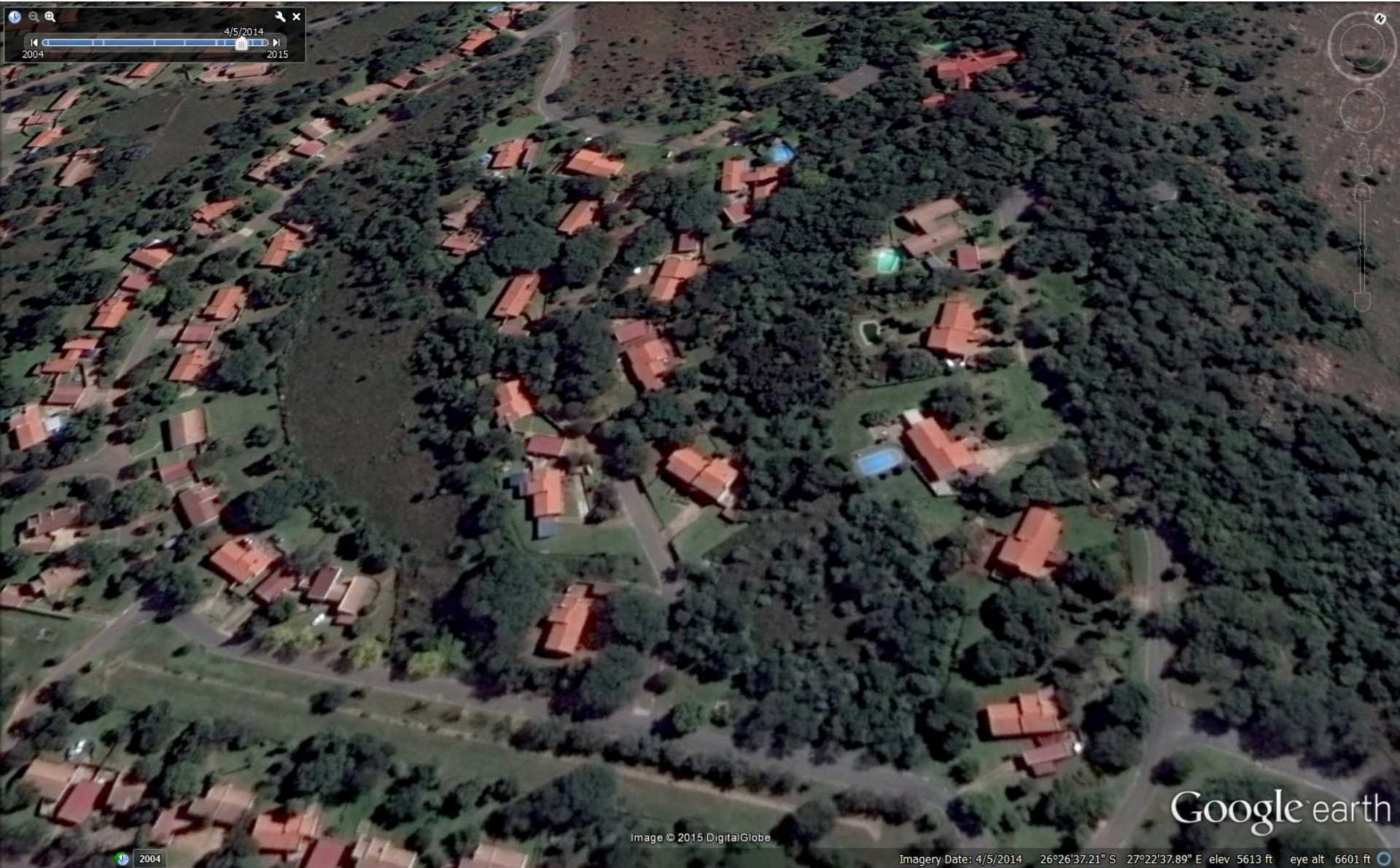
Merafong City – Carletonville



Merafong City – Blybank



Merafong City – Elandsrand



Merafong City – Khutsong



Merafong City Mines – **THE BIG PICTURE**



Examples of the Elicitation Battery

- **What makes your home a home?**
- **Wat maak u huis 'n tuiste?**
- **Ke eng se se dirang gore ntlo ya gago e be legae la gago?**

In the data, every person seems to have a specific, unique perception of home that has been built and is continually being built from their personal experiences.

Collecting Data

Background interviews



Teachers
Lawyer
Artist
Priest
Developer



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Background Interviews



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- 12 group discussions (60 informants)

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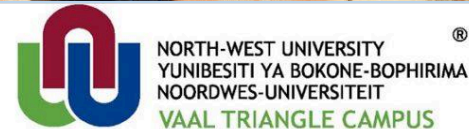


- **Group walk (>35 informants)**
Hit Parade folk dance group
(Children, young orphans,
gangsters, HIV in Khutsong)

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Background Interviews



USHEMBE NOBUNAZARETHA Holy Area

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Piiskoomänty Whipping Pine in Salmi

A place of public
punishments 250
years ago still
serves as a
meeting place for
the villagers in
Salmi, Kuortane.



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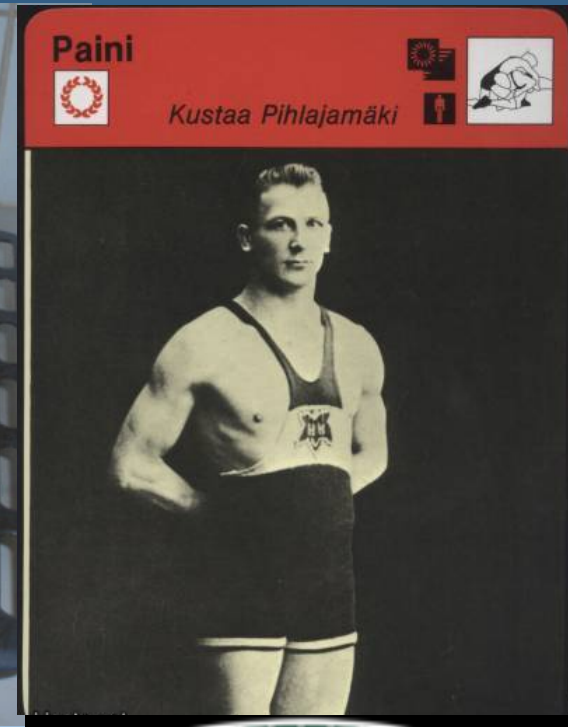


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Examples of the Finnish Elicitation Battery



Examples of the Merafong Elicitation Battery



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14. Writing task



• Name 1–3 personally important places

-Where are they?

-What are they?

-Why are they important to you?

• Noem 1-3 persoonlik belangrikke plekke

-Waar is hulle?

-Wat is hulle?

Why are they important to you?
Waarom is hulle vir u belangrik?

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Where and what is this?



Kuvat: Timo Suutari, Aapo Jumppanen, Taisto Hietamäki <http://www.tripmondo.com/finland/province-of-western-finland/ilkka/picture-gallery-of-ilkka/>

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Ruralia-instituutti / Sulevi Riikulahtori/Home in
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