

Lecture 1: Finland and Finnish until 1809

- Finnish ethogenesis and historical/sociolinguistic developments in Finland
- Contact languages: Latin, German, Low German, Swedish
- Overview of the development of genres in written Finnish (religious, legal, secular) and some of the main writers (Agricola, Sorolainen, Ganander, Lizelius and others)
- Medieval Finnish?

Texts: fragments of Agricola and Lizelius on the "Finns". Material from medieval Finnish (Blomqvist).

Lecture 2: General features of Old Finnish and the earliest texts

- Orthography
- Main grammatical features
- Agricola and contemporary/earlier texts

Texts: comparative Bible translations in Westh, Agricola, Biblia, fragments of early 16th-century texts

Lecture 3: Agricola and 16th-century Finnish

- Agricola: biography and main works
- Polypersonal passives in Agricola and other 16th-century texts

Texts: sections of Agricola's works, Westh, Finno's hymnal

Lecture 4: Sorolainen and the development of religious language

- Preparation for the 1642 *Biblia*
- Sorolainen: biography and main works
- Postpositional and local case constructions in Sorolainen's Postilla.

Texts: segments of Sorolainen's *Postilla* and the *Biblia*.

Lecture 5: Legal Finnish

- Background and development of legal Finnish until the 1734 law text. Martti, Ljungo and Kollanius.
- A little bit on Hartikka Speitz' and the military law.
- Modal constructions in Legal Finnish and elsewhere.

Texts: comparative sections of Martti, Ljungo and Kollanius.

Lecture 6: Excursus: alignment typology in modern and Old Finnish.

- Existential and possessive constructions, passives and coreferential active/passive subjects.

Texts: relevant sections of Agricola, the *Biblia*, and 18th-century texts

Lecture 7: Finnish in the 18th century and the development of secular genres

- Ganander, Frosterius, Lizelius and their works. Finnish national consciousness and an interest in Finnish folklore.

Texts: segments of Ganander, Lizelius as well as earliest Finnish folk poetry.

Lecture 8: The reception of Old Finnish in the 19th and early 20th century

- Finnish language reform and attitudes towards Old Finnish (von Becker, Ahlqvist, Ojansuu)

Texts: to be decided (Laestadius if I can find it)