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Special Issue Call for Papers

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For over one hundred years, the Åland Islands has maintained an autonomous regional status, serving as an important center of Finland Swedish culture, and the *Journal of Finnish Studies* will acknowledge this by publishing a related theme issue. This issue will focus on the history and culture of Åland as well as Finland's Swedish-speaking population. The *Journal of Finnish Studies* now invites abstracts for articles to be considered for inclusion in this collection.

The working title of the collection is *Åland and the Finland Swedes*. This interdisciplinary thematic collection will include recent, previously unpublished scholarship that asks questions related to Finland Swedish society and history. The topics will cover **humanities (studies on Finland Swedish/Ålandic language, culture, and history)**, but we welcome proposals from all fields. The more specific questions that the contributors could consider include (but are not be limited to) the following fields of inquiry:

- Åland's relationship with Finland and Sweden
- Learned societies and cultural institutions
- Folklore and Anthropology
- Music, literature, theater
- Political history and politics
- Art, painting, architecture
- League of Nations/United Nations
- National Romanticism
- Ethnicity
- Gender
- Personal history
- Military history
- Education
- Minority/majority statuses
- The language question
- Geography and the environment
- Social issues
- Maritime Archaeology

For the coherence of the volume, we ask all the contributors to remain focused on how the particular topic they choose contributes to answering the following question: how does this article amplify our understanding of Finland Swedish/Ålandic history, culture, and society? All contributions should demonstrate a clear connection to this question.

To be considered for inclusion, please submit an abstract of up to 500 words to hilary.virtanen@finlandia.edu by April 30, 2021. The authors selected for inclusion in this issue will be notified by May 10, 2021. First drafts of accepted articles will be due by August 1, 2021, and they will then be subjected to the peer-review process.