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An interview with **Viola Parente-Čapková** (University of Turku - Kotimainen kirjallisuus - Department of Finnish Literature).

## Transcript

### Viola Parente-Čapková

At the moment, I am a Senior Lecturer and an Associate Professor at the Department of Finnish Literature, University of Turku as well as at Charles University, Prague. My main research interests are Finnish literature in transnational context, literary history and theory of literary history, digital humanities, and gender, intersectionality and otherness in literature. I am also interested in teaching language through literature. At present, I work as a leader of two research projects, which of course, reflect these interests.

### **WHICH ASPECTS OF COLLABORATIVE DIGITAL TEACHING WITHIN THE j o l n e s - NETWORK DO YOU FIND PARTICULARLY EXCITING?**

During the last year, I think, we have all become accustomed to digital teaching and have had possibilities to reflect on its positive and negative aspects. I find the transnational teaching, enabled by the digital tools, very exciting; there is a possibility to reach students from various countries and backgrounds, which makes the interaction so very interesting.

### **WHICH ASPECTS DO YOU FIND CHALLENGING?**

The very fact that the group you teach may be very heterogenous can be, of course, also a huge challenge. I remember it very well, for example, from the period when I taught literary courses for international students at the University of Helsinki. The digital tools might not be easy for everyone either, though we are all now much better equipped than in 2013.

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