

INFO FOR NEW MASTER'S STUDENTS 2023

Welcome to study geography at the University of Helsinki! We're happy to help you with anything. Here's some info for the upcoming autumn.

Monday 28.8. First meeting & campus tour

We'll meet at Kumpula campus in the Physicum building lobby at 12. We'll take a tour around the campus, go through important information and answer your questions.



Tuesday 29.8. Hanging out at the tutors'

We'll have a chill party at the tutors' place, with snacks and games!

Wednesday 30.8.

Student organisation fair 13-16 in Physicum.



Thursday 31.8. Info session and check-in

Info session 9-12 in Physicum, check-in-event 13-17 at the centre campus.

Friday 1.9. Orienteering

City centre tour 9:30-11, SISU help on zoom 12-13, Orienteering with Matlury, After party with Matlury.



Friday 8.9. Get-to-know-everyone party

Let's celebrate surviving the first study week! If at this point you haven't met other geography students, now's the time! We'll hang out at the tutors' first, and then head out!

GET TO KNOW US

We are your tutors, Siiri & Alex! We're here to guide you to student life in Helsinki and in Finland! Don't hesitate to ask us anything.

SIIRI SALORANTA

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Some famous products from Riihimäki: Ice hockey coach Jukka Jalonen, writer Sinikka Laine and master tutor Siiri Saloranta. We are talking about a tough series of people. Some would argue that they belong to the Mt. Rushmore of Riihimäki people. Starting her fifth year as a geography student, she has had her toes dipped in the shallow part and in the deeper part of the sea of geography. From Riihimäki to now in Kallio suburbs, Siiri has conquered the spirits of fellow students and friends with her memeing and uplifting presence, like a hotel receptionist. And if you ever have any questions regarding MaO organisation activities, Siiri has an answer to that. She is like an encyclopedia of organisational activities of MaO.

And if you ever find yourself thinking: “Hmm, I wonder how’s the weather at the sea?”, well then, you’re in luck because Siiri works with sea weather at Dynamicum (next to the Kumpula Campus). The sea weather fits well with Siiri’s favourite drink, sparkling water. The sea of fresh water.

But if the waves of the sea rock your boat too much, then the comforts of literature may be the soothing answer you need. A fan of books, Siiri has found a niche hobby, in which she recharges her batteries for the next chapter in her life. In this case wisdom speaks. With a very impressive vocal delivery.

ALEX NAUMANEN

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Straight outta the Venice of Helsinki, Ruoholahti, comes Alex who’s a real veteran for our tutor gang. As a former HSL bus driver this walking map knows Helsinki’s traffic like his own pockets. If you ask his opinion about this former profession of his, you’ll most likely hear cursing. Behind the words there is some kind of professional pride, though. Alex does not leave Helsinki without an actually good reason. If he’d have to live somewhere outside Helsinki, it would be Kotka, where he can find relatives and good vibes created by port cranes.

Little less than a year ago dachshund Maki Naumanen joined the small and close Naumanen-family, and is a constant receiver of affection. All kinds of interests from football to Estonia’s security guys make sure that there is never a dull moment. Alex is an old-fashioned sports fan. At the gym he pumps iron, game results are followed from teletext and games are watched from the TV, even as recordings. Liverpool for life.

Alex is easily approachable and always kind, and breaks the ice in any situation imaginable. With this gentleman you’ll never be bored, since you’ll never know what he’s going to say. Alex has awesome stories which you should ask more about. For example his grandparents’ eloping to the USA or Alex’s dad and Mike Tyson’s meeting in a public sauna. Turvamees will also offer karaoke company when needed!

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