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[Helsinki Summer School](#) is a traditional international academic event organised every August by the universities in the Helsinki area. XI Annual HSS was held from 03 to 19 August 2010. The HSS offered 18 courses. More than 400 participants attended the HSS, including BA, MA, PhD students from 50 countries.

Report on the First International Course for Students on Activity Theory and Formative Interventions within the Helsinki Summer School [Download report](#) (PDF, 190 KB)

The Center for Research on Activity, Development, and Learning, CRADLE in the Institute of Behavioural Sciences at the Helsinki University started a course “Activity Theory and Formative Interventions”. The supervisor of this first course was Professor Yrjö Engeström, Director of the CRADLE, and the course coordinator was Annalisa Sannino, PhD, University Lecturer in the Institute.

Students of this group included 16 participants from nine countries (Austria, China, Finland, the United Kingdom, Germany, Ireland, Russia and Turkey). It was an interdisciplinary study group. The participant’s background was different and ran in such spheres as philosophy, psychology, education, social support of motherhood, information and communication technologies in education and work, design and visualization, agriculture, consulting, human resource management. And they had one shared interest - studying the potential of activity theory in its application to real practical issues in these areas of activity.



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