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The Police College of Finland in Tampere carries the responsibility for the police training and police research. It operates under the direction of the Ministry of the Interior and the National Police Board.

The research and development at the Police College focuses on policing, police organisation, crime and crime prevention mainly from the perspectives of social and behavioural sciences.

The aim is in provision of knowledge that would enhance the quality and efficiency of policing. The research findings are also used in strategic planning and in police training.

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The Finnish Higher Education Evaluation Council (FINHEEC) audited recently the quality assurance system of the Police College of Finland. The institute passed this comprehensive audit successfully.

The quality assurance procedures in the Research and Development Department appeared as clear strengths in the assessment. For example, the Council highlighted the practice whereby the operating environment of the police is being continuously monitored.

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In May 2012 The Police College of Finland published the symposium of 23 articles describing the changes in the operating environment of police. The topics of the articles vary from risks of technology to school shootings and from social media to neighbourhood policing.

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Finally, I would like to remind you that the Police College of Finland will host the Nordic Police Research Seminar in the 7th–9th November 2012 ([www.polamkseminaarit.fi/Nordic2012](http://www.polamkseminaarit.fi/Nordic2012)). The seminar brings together the police researchers both from the Nordic countries and elsewhere.

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Review: Operating environment of the police

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As of 2012, this review has expanded into a symposium of articles published every two years. It contains a wide range of information about national and international phenomena and trends that influence the operating environment of the police.

The authors represent the Police College staff, other bodies in the police administration, as well as other universities and research institutions.

This symposium comprises a total of 23 articles divided into five sections as follows:

- The international security environment
- Population and welfare as the preconditions of policing
- Development in police administration
- Crime in general and special topics
- Special topics of policing

The next collection of articles is to be prepared in 2013 and published in 2014.

We are looking forward to enrich it with analyses from other countries too.

Newest publications

For international readership (i.e. published in English), our researchers have contributed to the understanding the decrease of homicides against children (see Lehti, Kääriäinen & Kivivuori 2012).

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The variation between countries in citizens’ trust in the police appears as an observed fact. However, Juha Kääriäinen and Reino Siren turn the conventional research question around and ask whether the police’s trusts in citizens varies too (see Kääriäinen & Siren 2012).

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Johanna Peurala has analysed the corruption prevention methods in Finland and published her observations (see Peurala 2011).

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For national readership, Anna Leppänen and Vesa Muttilainen have scrutinised the police records for suspected corruption cases in order to figure out the state of corruption in Finland and to build up a systematic follow-up procedure (Abstract in English).

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Jouni Perttula has pondered the idea of a regional network in the field of safety and security in Pirkanmaa region and put forward his evaluation of its feasibility (Abstract in English).

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Is it reasonable to presume that police officers could or would extend the length of their career in the police force? Matti Vuorensyrjä compares the work ability of aging police officers with holders of other occupations in Finland (Abstract in English).

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Tomi Lintonen et al. have painted a picture of the scene of the use of drugs in Finland 2020 by bringing together a wide range of expert views and using it as the information source for their prognoses (Abstract in English).
The Police College of Finland welcomes You to

The seminar brings together academic and practical police researchers from the Nordic countries and beyond.

Insightful keynote talks, plenary lectures, parallel sessions and a poster exhibition will highlight fresh ideas, theories, methods and findings in a wide range of police research and applied areas.

Wednesday’s Speakers

Professor Petter Gottschalk:
Policing White-Collar Crime

Ph.D. Cand. Otto Petersson:
How Experience from the Streets Turns Idealistic Cadets into Pragmatic Constables

Thursday’s Speakers

Professor Abby Peterson:
Policing Ethnicity in Multicultural Societies

Dr. Leda Blackwood:
Policing airports: When Muslism are Treated as ‘Other’

Friday’s Speakers

Professor Jennifer Brown:
Can You Help Us, Professor? Some Examples of Academic Research Helping the Police with Their Enquiries and Intervening in the Health of Officers and the Diversity of Organisation

Professor Anne Alvesalo-Kuusi:
Policing Corporate Crime

Dr. Camilla Hald:
‘Evoking the Signs of Crime’: Anthropological Reflections on Criminal Investigation as Semiotic Inquiry

Dr. Noora Ellonen:
Criminal Investigations in Child Abuse Cases

Night at the Police Museum

This casual social gathering will offer you an excellent opportunity for networking, exchanging ideas and exploring interesting Poster Presentation

Join us for the Conference Dinner!

Enjoy the evening at the Museum Center Vapriikki with Traditional Finnish Christmas Buffet
