

Research seminar

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## Networked risk, and a case of an “almost” disaster in the world’s happiest country



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The interdependent systems of society today, including e.g. energy, food, water, health, communications, financial and supply systems, are vulnerable to failure, as the underlying networks create pathways along which events can spread rapidly. In addition to the network of risks being more complex, there is also a complex network of actors preparing and responding to risks, which in case of an event could amplify damage by their activities and decisions.

This presentation is about a series of interconnected events and failures in a specific area in Finland that could have turned into disaster. After the hottest summer ever in Finland, an area that also experienced an unusually dry summer was hit by the worst winter storm in history. The case exemplifies some of the problems of preparedness and response in today’s world.

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