



Save the Date: ICOS Summer School 2026

The International Council of Onomastic Sciences (ICOS) will organize its third Summer School in Helsinki, Finland from 24 to 28 August 2026. The idea of an ICOS Summer School is to bring together young onomastic researchers from all over the world, to help them network and expand their onomastic knowledge.

The theme of the Summer School 2026 is **Digital tools and databases**. The fast technological development is changing the nature of research and producing new ways to retrieve information and manage data. The course will give students an overview of these tools and an opportunity to explore the latest techniques for collecting and organizing onomastic data. The course will be held in English.

The course program includes a variety of teaching methods, e.g. lectures given by the teachers responsible for the course and other linguistic experts, a text workshop, thesis presentations, and short excursions to some onomastically interesting locations in Helsinki area. There will also be informal leisurely activities. The teachers responsible for the course are Terhi Ainiala (University of Helsinki) and Leena Kolehmainen (University of Helsinki).

The course is targeted especially to PhD students, but Master's students intending to continue to PhD level are also welcome. Please note that the course is only for ICOS members. If you are not yet a member you can become one simply by filling in the course application form.

More information about the Summer School will be posted in fall 2025. The application will open in spring 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the Summer School, feel free to contact the course organizer Milla Juhonen (milla.juhonen@helsinki.fi).



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