Arts-based and artistic dissertations in Aalto University, Finland

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The Context

• Aalto University
• University of Lapland
• Jyväskylä University

artistic and arts-based doctoral dissertations, focusing on art education, through the Department of Art, at Aalto University.
Influences on arts-based and artistic research in the Department of Art, Aalto

- Academy of Fine Arts (University of the Arts Helsinki), University of Lapland

- European context & collaboration: 4 ABR & AR conferences (Portugal, Spain, Granada, Finland)

- International influence & dialogue: Gained shape & repeated formulations in relation to the development in Northern America - not as a result but aware and selectively influenced
The data (1995-2015)

• 34 dissertation in the field of art education
• 9 of them have used artistic or arts-based methodologies
+ few other artistic dissertations in the Department of Art, which are not related to art education
The data (1995-2015)

• in total, 47 doctoral dissertations defended in the Department of art, at Aalto University, between 1995-2015
First publications from early 2000
Artistic Research → Arts-Based Research
Theoretical publications by
Mika Hannula, Juha Suoranta
and Tere Vadén

University of the Arts, Helsinki collaboration and
*Studies in Artistic Research Ruukku*

Society for Artistic Research:
*Journal for Artistic Research*
Theoretical publications by Mika Hannula, Juha Suoranta and Tere Vadén

University of the Arts, Helsinki collaboration and *Studies in Artistic Research Ruukku*

Society for Artistic Research: Journal for Artistic Research

Research done in the field of art education
3 dissertations out of 9 define themselves as arts-based research:

• Jaana Erkkilä, 2012
• Mira Kallio-Tavin, 2013
• Jan van Boeckel, 2013
The author is another – how does visual dialogue develop?

Jaana Erkkilä
Pieter Bruegel the Elder: *The Donkey in the School*, 1556
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Summary

Arts-based and artistic research is young and developing area in art education in Finland.

There are some particular differences with artistic research and arts-based research, in Finnish art education.

The focus, situated between art and education, reaches society, in and out of institutions, whether it is a school context or more general audience in the society where the research project takes place.