

Pondering with a Pine near You

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For the online working group meeting I present an 'assignment' for those interested to relocate yourself to the nearest pine tree, if there is one in the vicinity, either during my presentation, preferably on a day before or then the following day. I invite you to try to engage in some kind of exchange or dialogue with the pine tree and to document that pine tree and the engagement in some manner, to help me create **an online map of the pines** reflecting the locations of the participants, which I will then share with you.

To get an idea of the core practice of my current project *Pondering with Pines* and to help navigating among all the various materials archived online, I propose to look at and listen to **one or two** of my 22 talks with a pine in Kaivopuisto Park in the year 2023.

<https://www.researchcatalogue.net/view/1323410/1889522>

They can also be listened to as a playlist of the podcast *Talking with Trees*

<https://soundcloud.com/user-90370389/sets/pondering-with-a-pine-in-the>

The aims of the three-lingual artistic research project *Pondering with Pines* are expressed somewhat vaguely in the project blog:

"The main concern is how to develop ways of recognizing and engaging with the subjectivity of life forms such as trees, which we tend to consider as wholly 'other'. How to develop acts of thinking, reflecting, pondering or speaking with trees, next to them or in some form of collaboration with them. How to consider historical, cultural, material and local aspects when encountering specific trees. How to develop imaginative and poetic ways of encountering pine trees and engaging with them."

The project is now at its third and final year of gathering material, which can be engaged with on the project's media archive on the Research Catalogue and as episodes on the podcast *Talking with Trees*.

Project blog <https://ponderingwithpines.wordpress.com>

Project archive <https://www.researchcatalogue.net/view/1323410/1589526>

Podcast Talking with Trees <https://soundcloud.com/user-90370389>

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