

**International conference:  
The Åland Example  
and Its Components -  
Relevance for International  
Conflict Resolution**

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Mariehamn, The Åland Islands, Finland

Organised by the Åland Islands Peace Institute



The conference “The Åland Example and Its Components - Relevance for International Conflict Resolution” is organised by the Åland Islands Peace Institute as a closing conference of a research project about the Åland Example and conflict resolution conducted during 2010 and 2011.

The research project and the conference both concern the Åland Example – i.e. the regime of self-government, protection of language and culture and also demilitarisation and neutralisation, as a possible solution to ethno-territorial conflicts – from two different, but still connected, perspectives.

It will be discussed how and why the Åland Example and its institutions have survived for so long and how they have developed over time, with the aim of analysing the components that enable robust autonomy solutions. Further it will be examined how the Åland Example has been used as an inspiration in international conflict resolution. Diplomats, politicians and academics have been involved in the research project and will also participate in the conference, sharing their knowledge about autonomy and their experiences in applying the Åland Example in international conflict resolution.

The conference coincides with the book launch of the ongoing research project on the Åland example, its theoretical analysis and practical legacy in conflict resolution.



**Opening:** The conference will be opened by the **President of the Republic of Finland, Tarja Halonen.**

**Themes:** Panel I: How useful is autonomy today as a conflict resolution tool? Panel II: Explaining the robustness and longevity of the Åland example and of autonomy solutions. Panel III: Preconditions for a constructive use of the Åland Example in conflict resolution.

**Speakers:** Diplomats and politicians including **Elisabeth Rehn**, Finland, **Jan Eliasson**, Sweden, **Elisabeth Naucmér**, Åland/Finland, **Pär Stenbäck**, Finland, **Terhi Hakala**, Finland, **Barbro Sundback**, Åland. Scholars including Prof. **Yash Ghai**, Dr. **Tove Malloy**, Prof. **Markku Suksi**, Prof. **Stefan Wolff**, Dr. **Fujio Ohnishi**, Ass. Prof. **Kjell-Åke Nordquist**.

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**Practicalities:** No participation fee. Travel costs are to be covered by participants. Registrations to the conference can be submitted from August 20th 2011.

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