

IS1404 E-READ: Evolution of Reading in the Age of Digitization

Position paper

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WG(s): WG3 Experiential and emotional aspects of reading

1. **Potential research contribution** in light of, or linked to

A. WG interest and Scientific programme:

In my PhD dissertation I want to study whether and how reading a novel is different when read from an e-reading device or from a traditional book. The participants will be young readers in upper secondary school. I am particularly interested in measuring the following: 1) overall experience of reading from an e-reading device or paper and attitudes towards reading, 2) narrative and emotional engagement, 3) remembering the sequence of events.

In order to measure these aspects in a meaningful way, a theoretical model of reading that takes all these aspects into account is needed and also instruments or methods that can reliably measure the relevant aspects of reading. One practical deliverable will be a Finnish and Swedish version of the central instruments, which takes in consideration the cultural aspects of reading in Finnish and Fenno-Swedish schools in Finland.

My research is thus closely related to the overall interests of the action. The interests of WG3; how the medium may affect narrative and emotional engagement is closest to my research.

B. Action objectives (pages 7-10 in the MoU):

The main objective of my research is to provide evidence based recommendations to educational practitioners and policy makers in Finland regarding the use of novels in an electronic form, and to help the publishing companies in providing a user friendly service. Therefore I have engaged the biggest Fenno-Swedish publishing company Schildts & Söderströms in the project. I would very much like to collaborate with other experts in the field, thus my project shares many objectives with the Action.

2. Interest in

A. organizing and/or participating in a **short-term scientific mission (STSM)**.

Optional: pursuing what research questions/projects; where to/with whom; linked to what objective(s) of the Action:

If a suitable partner can be found, I would be interested in an STSM related to measurement and data analysis.

B. organizing and/or participating in a **Training School** (please indicate what kind of training [theoretical; methodological; technical]).

Optional: linked to what objective(s) of the Action:

I am interested in training on developing measurement instruments/methodologies and developing a theoretical model of reading.