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OPEN LECTURE WITH
SÁMI ARTIST

Katarina Pirak Sikku

"Namaheamiid luottat" - "Traces of the nameless"

Artist Katarina Pirak Sikku, herself Sámi and from Jokkmokk/Jåhkåmåhkke in Sábme lectures about her work following the footsteps of the racial biology expeditions, researchers from Uppsala University to a large extent, which has taken place in her own region along the Lule river/Julevädno. The presentation is based upon an exhibition currently shown at Upplandsmuséet, in which Pirak Sikku presents the results of a decade-long investigation of the records and the photographic collection archives of the Institute of Racial Biology, kept at the Uppsala University Library. The institute was established through a decision of the Swedish Parliament in 1922. In 1958 the institute was closed and the research section merged with the Institute of Medical Genetics**.**

Pirak Sikku has literally walked in the footsteps of the racial biologists and their expeditions. She has attempted to find the places where the photos were taken, and to identify the persons in them, trying to find out if any of these are her own relatives. Her method is one in which she uses her own body, emotions, and memory along with conversations to discuss and analyze experiences and impacts from Sweden's colonial and rasist history in relation to Sápmi. Asking questions about pain and trauma and how these are inherited within families, the work of Pirak Sikku is unique, and forms part of the internationally growing field of Indigenous studies.

Thursday Feb. 25th, Engelska parken, Thunbergsvägen 3H, Uppsala. Venue: Eng/7-0042. Languages: English and Swedish. Time: 15.30-17, followed by drinks and snacks.

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