NEGOTIATED STORIES OF THE INFORMATION SOCIETY
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Finland has been developed towards the information society since the end of the 1990s by official authorities, at national as well as at local levels. Hundreds of information society development projects have been carried out during the past five years. Now most of the projects have ended. How women who have participated these projects interpret information technology?

In my ethnographic study I explore the interpretations of information technology in the context of the information society. I approach the interpretations as negotiated stories: the meanings of information technology are negotiated in the contexts of everyday life, local situations, information society development and also with me in the interview situation and my research projects. Negotiated stories create and construct the interpretations of the information society.

I have interviewed participants of information society development projects in North Karelia and followed the process from 1998. My informants are mainly women who have participated in the information society: women who construct their relationship to information technology and information society. In this paper I concentrate on story of Oili.