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What happened to the Asylum Seekers of 2015 in Finland?

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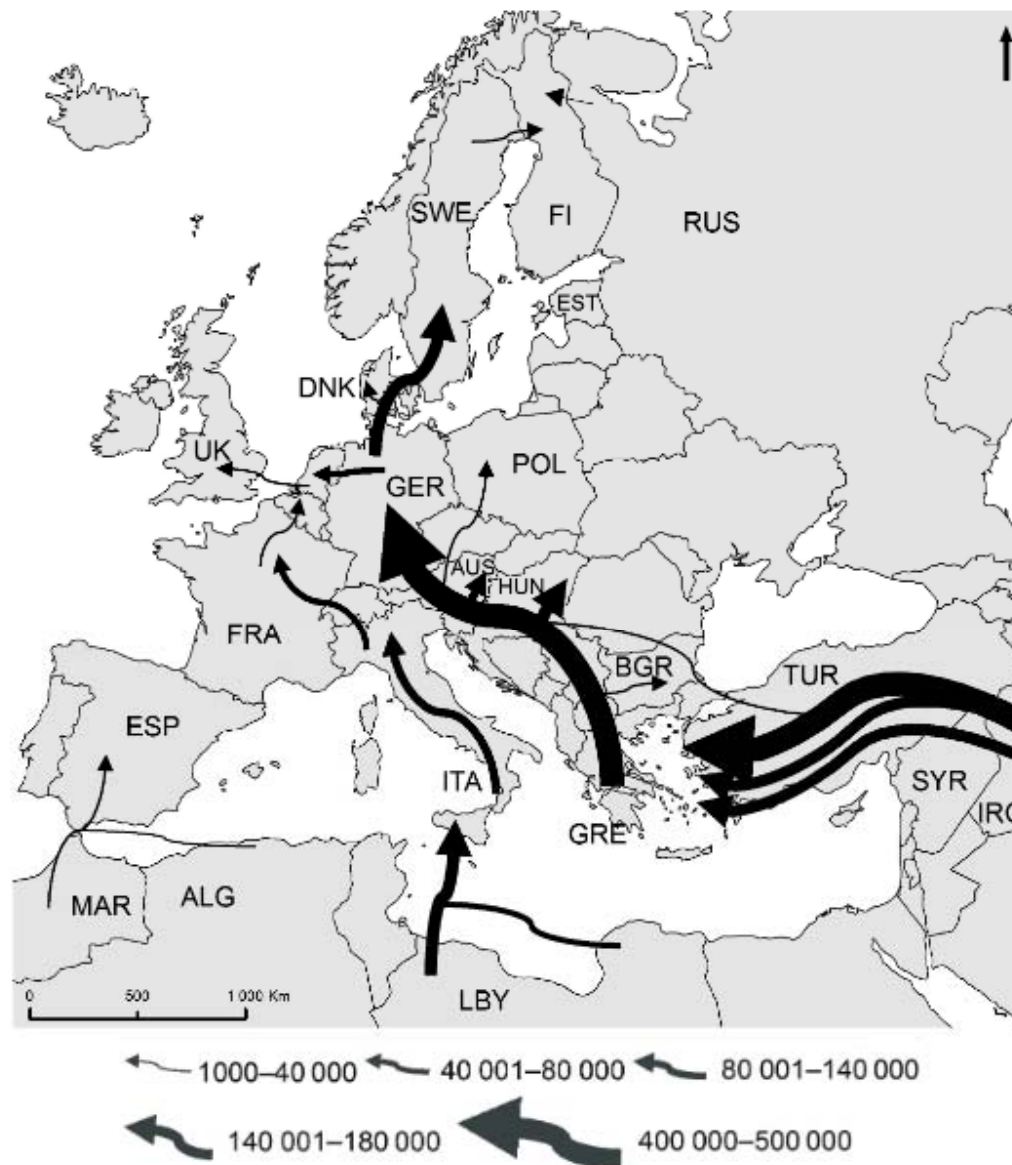
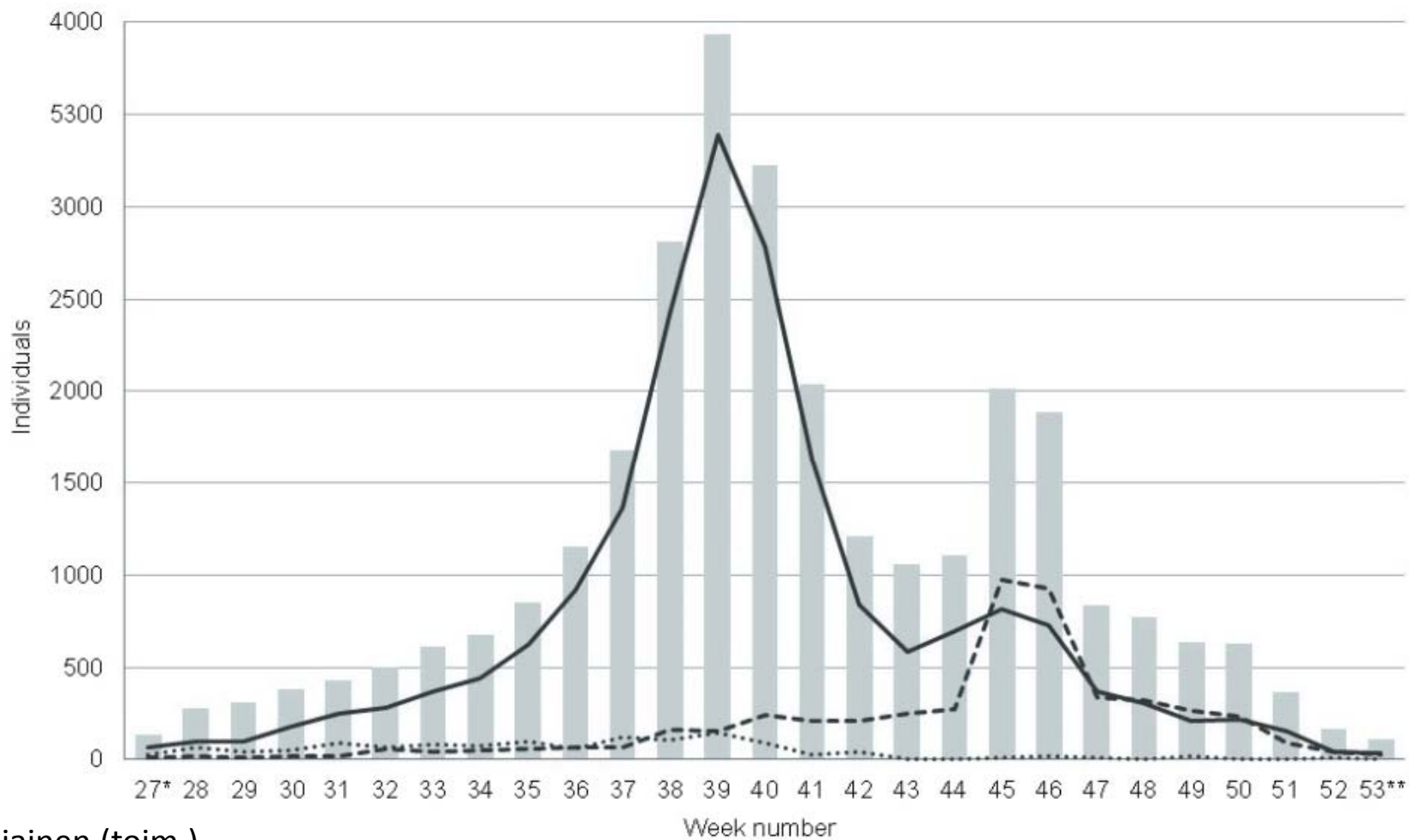


Figure 11.1. Spatial arrival of asylum seekers in the European Union and Finland in 2015 (Statistics from Eurostat and UNHCR).



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All nationalities
 Afghanistan
 Iraq
 Somalia
 *1. – 5.7
 **28. – 31.12

Figure 11.2. Temporal arrival of asylum seekers in Finland in July–December 2015.

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Reception center capacities
in individual municipalities
on 31 August 2016

- 1 - 50
- 51 - 200
- 201 - 750
- 751 - 1515

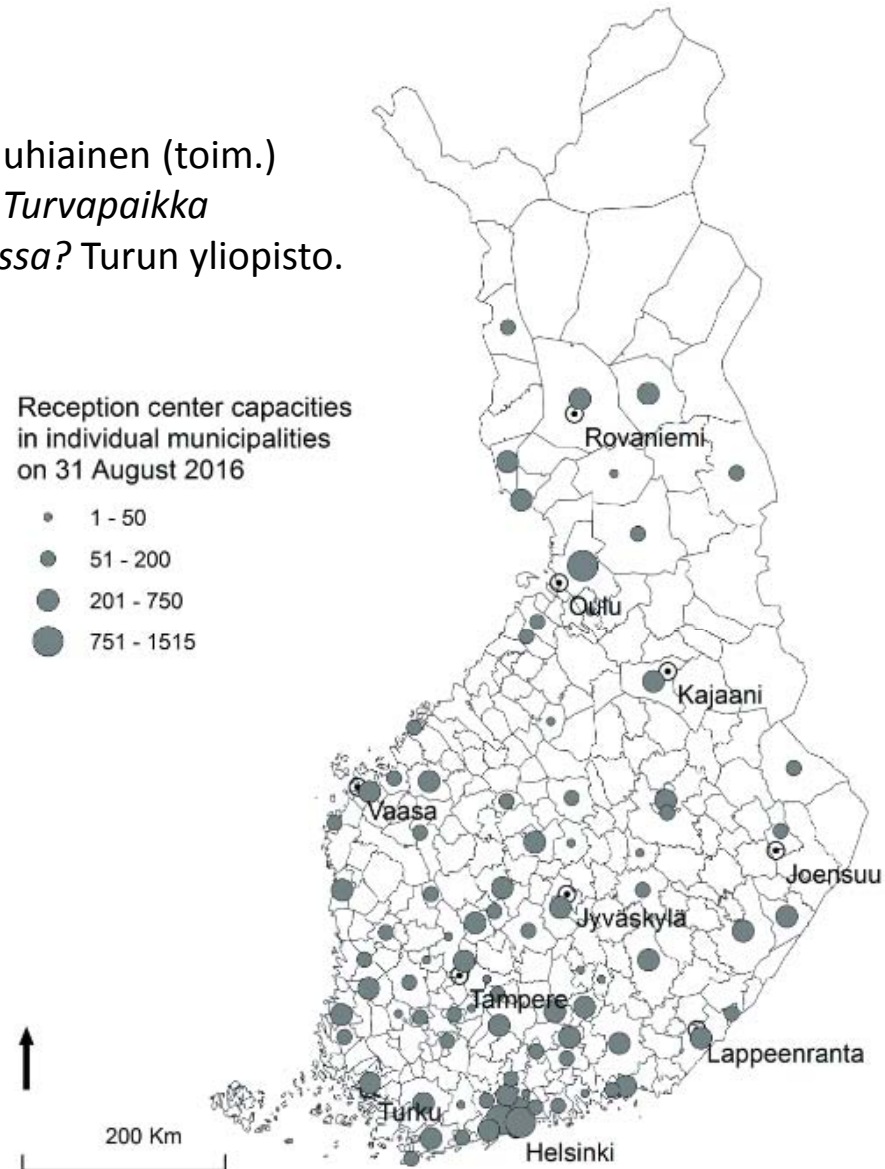


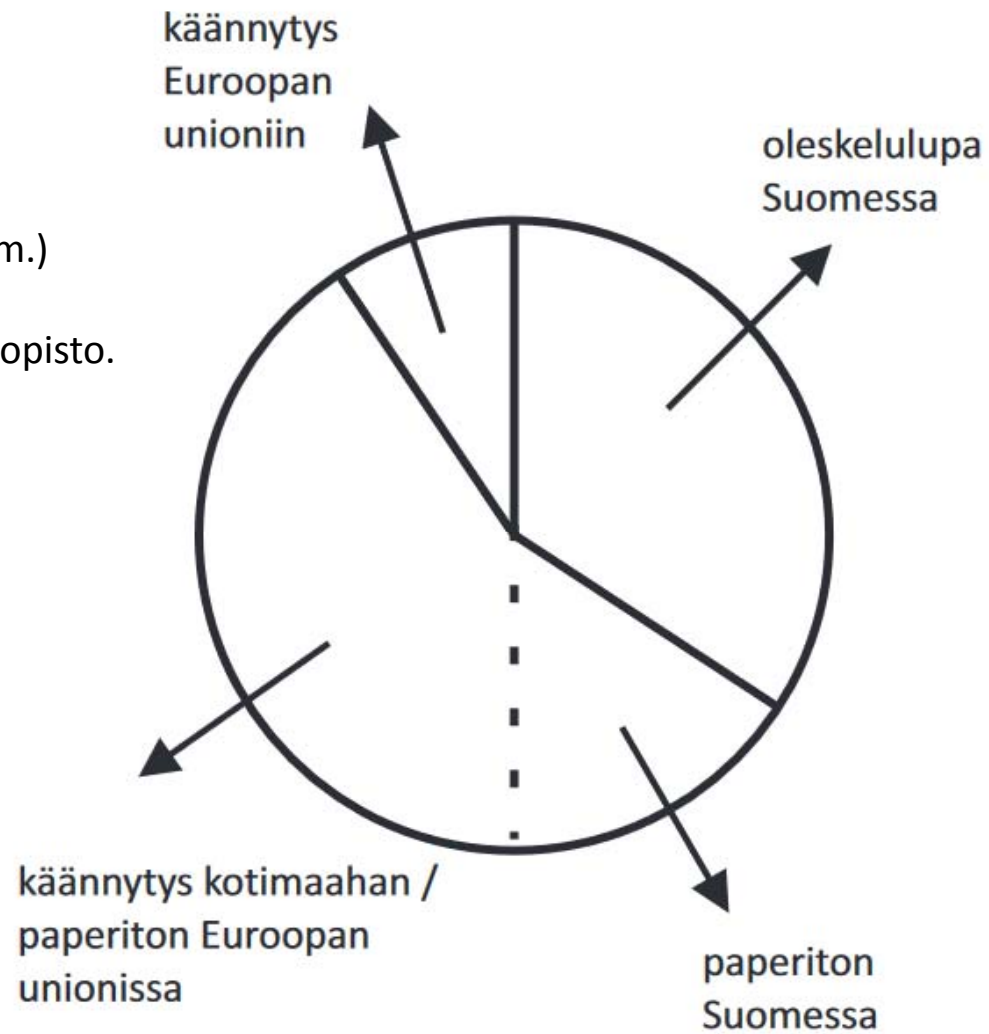
Figure 11.3. Location and size of asylum seeker reception centers in Finland in 2016. Source: Statistics from Finnish Migration Service.

Asylum seekers in Finland 2015 and 2016

	2015
Iraq	20 484
Afghanistan	5 214
Somalia	1 981
Syria	877
Albania	762
Iran	619
Unknown	254
Russia	190
Nigeria	167
Kosovo	165
TOP 10 nationalities	30 713
All	32 476

	2016
Iraq	1 247
Afghanistan	757
Syria	602
Somalia	432
Eritrea	279
Russia	193
India	182
Nigeria	169
Iran	153
Turkey	101
TOP 10 nationalities	4 115
All	5 651

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Kuva 8.3. Vuonna 2015 Suomeen tulleiden turvapaikanhakijoiden sijoittuminen.

Déjà vu: policy responses (a year ago)

First: a surprise to everyone

Second: how to scale the system

Third: (when) does this end? Where is the
EU?

Fourth: enough is enough

Five: what next?

Policy responses since then

- Tightening of everything
 - deportation
 - > more effective
 - granting asylum
 - > redefining safe places of return
 - family reunification
 - > income and time limits
- A new balance of idealism vs. pragmatism?
 - > idealism: what we should do?
 - > pragmatism: what we can do?

What happened to the asylum seekers of 2015?

- The question cannot yet be fully answered
- What we know:
 - Some returned
 - Many are still in an unsolved situation
 - Iraqi and Somali communities are growing
 - Undocumented are many more
- What we don't know:
 - A permanency of undocumented?
 - A permanency broken families?
 - The battle of idealism vs. pragmatism

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