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**Josef Strzygowski in Finland**

Abstract

During the years 1921-1925, Josef Strzygowski held the position as professor in Art history at the then recently founded Swedish-language Åbo Akademi University in Turku (in Swedish: Åbo). Strzygowski's years in Finland were productive in terms of research and publications, and indeed he planned to move his famous research institute from Vienna to Turku. Both this plan and the very fact that he worked for five years in Turku, have almost totally escaped the scholarly world.

My paper deals with the reasons why Strzygowski went to Finland, how that came about, and what he achieved there? thus filling an important gap in the biography of one of our most important art historians.