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### **Finnic and Hungarian flags**

The presentation discusses history and meaning of the Hungarian tricolour and flags used by particular Finnic peoples or ethnic groups (e.g. Tornedalians), both officially adopted by respective countries (Finland, Estonia), or used only as ethnic flags. A particular attention is given to common patterns present in many flags (e.g. the off-centered „Scandinavian” or „Nordic” cross). Historical flags and proposals are also shown for comparison. Both the plausible theories of flags' origins (e.g. the Hungarian and the Ingrian flags taking their colours from the respective coats of arms) and secondary, yet very popular, explanations (e.g. the „winter landscape” interpretation of the Estonian flag) are discussed; some of these interpretations even became official law (e.g. the Hungarian national colours are officially interpreted as the symbols of strength, fidelity and hope in the Constitution of Hungary). The presentation is preceded by a short introduction into vexillology.