

CALL FOR PROPOSALS:

LOSS AND REMAINING

Roosta, Estonia

July 28 - August 4, 2019



Nordiskt Sommaruniversitet

The Call

The research circle *Understanding Migration in the Nordic and Baltic Countries* is pleased to announce the call for our summer 2019 symposium in Roosta, Estonia, to be held Sunday, July 28 through Sunday, August 4, 2019.

During this session we will explore the dual framework of loss and remaining, considering both terms as both concepts and as an experience.

Humans and non-humans are exposed to loss through war, displacement, abuse, disease, ecological changes, death, and detention. By connecting different aspects of loss—landscapes, affect, and memory—we wish to explore the violence of loss as well as its hopeful corollary, as loss can also force upon us the question of what remains or what may emerge.

For this symposium we seek to bring together individuals from diverse disciplines and practices, including anthropology, cultural studies, geography, citizenship and diaspora studies, health, ecology, journalism, art, filmmaking, and photography, among others.

Who should apply?

We are interested in contributions that address a range of concerns, artistic, legal, ethical, theoretical and pragmatic. The idea of the study circle is to bring together a diverse and motivated group of people to share projects and work collaboratively through complicated questions related to the chosen topic. In this spirit, we invite artists, established and emerging scholars, practitioners, and others directly concerned with the theme of our symposium to apply with prepared presentations and/or advanced stage works-in-progress to share and discuss in an open, cross-disciplinary environment.

As we are part of the Nordic Summer University, our circle is fundamentally interested in the Nordic and Baltic countries. However, we strongly encourage submissions that speak to the symposium's theme and subject matter, even absent a direct geographical link to the Nordic and Baltic region. The goal of the research circle is to encourage cross-disciplinary engagement, and likewise, we seek always to expand and deepen cross-contextual feedback and exchange.

We encourage participants to craft their presentations in the format that they find most suitable, however, please note that the maximum duration of each presentation, including time for follow-up discussion, will be 45 minutes. Those who wish to attend the symposium without making a presentation are welcome to apply, but we encourage everyone to actively contribute to the group by reading participant papers and taking part in collective discussions.

Keynote speakers

Naomi Scheman is Professor of Philosophy and Gender, Women, and Sexuality studies at the University of Minnesota.. She is also guest professor at the Centre for Gender studies at Umeå University, Sweden. Her work is centred around feminist philosophy, Wittgenstein, the politics of epistemology, queer/sexuality studies. Scheman was one of the first academics to read Wittgenstein in a feminist light, and, likewise, was one of the first academics to bring Wittgenstein's ideas to feminism. Much of Scheman's work has centered around the implications of the interactions between ontology and epistemology. Scheman is especially interested in the ways in which transgressive practices shine light on the actions of normal people, and on how insights gleaned from these observations allow for the chance of acting differently.

Our other keynote speaker is Professor Anna Reading, who has played an international role in developing the interdisciplinary field of memory studies with research in gender, memory and human rights. She has particular foci on gendered memory, migration, the holocaust, digital technologies, nonviolent struggles and resistance with work that combines her expertise as an academic and playwright. For over thirty years Reading has had an academic and creative interest in questions of human rights, gender and memory with foci that include Eastern Europe, especially Poland, the Holocaust, terrorism, peace and nonviolent struggles. Her work combines academic research with playwriting and storytelling with wider publics.

How to apply?

To apply, please send a written proposal (350 words) along with a brief biography (200 words) via email to the Circle 1 coordinators, Stéphanie Barillé & Bremen Donovan, at migration@nsuweb.org. If your work is in a non-written medium, please attach samples as appropriate. If you would like to attend the symposium without presenting, please email a short biography and briefly explain your interest in participating.

The deadline to submit proposals is **May 1st, 2019**. The participants will be notified of the outcome by May 15, 2019.

Registration and payment

Once you have been accepted to participate in the symposium, you will be expected to complete the registration and payment process by June 1, 2019. All registration and payment is done electronically.

Cost and accommodation

Roosta Holiday Village is located on the Estonian coast, 39 kilometres from Haapsalu and 115 kilometres from Tallinn. It will take place from 28 July (arrival day) to 4 August

(departure day) in [Roosta Holiday Village](#) in Estonia. The price list is now settled. All prices include accommodation in beautiful cabins with shared bathrooms in a wooded area, three meals and coffee breaks every day (except for excursion day), a beautiful beach next to the cabins (24/7), sauna and the conference program of the circles during the day and cultural program in the evenings.

- Scholarships (18) (in a twin loft in 3 bedroom house)
80 EUR
- Grants (18) (in a twin loft in 3 bedroom house)
100 EUR
- A bed in a twin loft in 1 bedroom house (32)
325 EUR for participants
375 EUR for accompanying persons
(250 for a child till 12 years)
- A bed in a twin room in 1 bedroom house (24)
475 EUR for participants
535 EUR for accompanying persons
(300 EUR for child till 12 years)
- A bed in twin room downstairs in 3 bedroom house (6)
430 EUR for participants
490 EUR for accompanying person
- FAMILY ROOM (2 adults + 1 kid till 12 years) (5 rooms)
1175 EUR
- FAMILY ROOM (2 kids till 12 years + 1 adult) (5 rooms)
850 EUR
- Children aged 0-3 sharing bed with parents 0 EUR
- A bed in a caravan for 4 people or Saulkrasti nostalgia (8)
360 EUR
- A bed in a caravan for 2 people or Saulkrasti nostalgia (4)
540 EUR
- Tent place for 1 person
340 EUR

Call for Artists and Researchers for the project ‘Tracing the Spirit of NSU: past, present and future’ Due to NSU’s 70th anniversary in 2020, there are several opportunities for artists, researchers and others, to apply for funding (up to 4000 euro) to do a project to trace the spirit of NSU. [Read more information and download the application on our website.](#)

Scholarship program

NSU provides a number of scholarships and grants for those in need of a subsidy in order to attend the summer session. The application period ends on **May 1, 2019**. For information see <http://support.nsuweb.org/arrkom/scholarship-and-grant-program/>

Please note that people who receive grants and scholarships are expected to help the organising committee, ARRKOM, with small tasks like writing blog posts, sharing their experience, distributing information if needed, and helping out with setting up and cleaning up during the summer session.

Parents with children

We welcome families at the NSU Summer Session. As in previous years, there will be a separate circle for children between 3 and 15 years old. In the children's circle, which runs parallel to the other study circles, we offer a variety of activities for children and youth.

Arrival: July 28, 2019

Departure: August 4, 2019

For any questions about presentations, registration, the summer session and/or NSU, please contact us at migration@nsuweb.org.



The Nordic Summer University (NSU) is a Nordic network for research and interdisciplinary studies. NSU is a nomadic academic institution, which organises workshop-seminars across disciplinary and national borders. Since it was established in 1950, Nordic Summer University has organised forums for cultural and intellectual debate in the Nordic and Baltic region, involving students, academics, politicians, and intellectuals from the region and beyond.

Decisions about the content and the organisational form of the NSU are made by its participants. The backbone of the activities of the NSU is its thematic study circles. In the study circles, researchers, students and, professionals from different backgrounds collaborate in scholarly inquiry during regular summer and winter symposia over the course of a three-year period.

For more information www.nordic.university



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