News from the Nordic Summer University (NSU): Summer Session 2016

Apologies for any cross posting

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Summer Session 2016

Welcome to NSU Summer Session for 2016 in Orivesi, Finland. Session will start 24th and end the 31th July. For more information, see our webpage www.nordic.university. A special NSU blog on the Summer Session 2016 is made by the arrangement committee (Arrkom) and contains practical information http://nsudailyplanet.blogspot.fi/.

The Summer Session takes place from the 24th until the 31st of July in
Orivesi, Finland. Orivesi is a small town of about 9600 inhabitants, close to Tampere (40 kilometers). The site for the Summer Session will be Orivesi Folk High School / Ahlmanin koulun Säätiö (www.ahlman.fi), which has been educating writers, visual artists, students in social sciences and musicians for over a hundred years (est. 1909).

Keynotes

NSU proudly presents this year’s keynote speakers for the summer session: Robert Pfaller, the Austrian philosopher behind the idea of “interpassivity” (http://www.robert-pfaller.com/), and Elizabeth Povinelli, a distinguished scholar on late liberalism and anthropology (http://anthropology.columbia.edu/people/profile/354). More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Excursions

During the excursion day you can choose from different activities at your own expense. There are activities in Orivesi or you can hop into a bus that to two different directions (Tampere or Mänttä). Buses will be organized by Arrkom and the price of the bus will be charged on the journey. You will find more information about the activities from the links.

Historical tour of the Tampere region


Day at the Finnish Lake

Hop into a bus to Tampere and join us for swimming and different water-sport activities at the lake Näsijärvi. After the activities you can enjoy a finnish public sauna by the lake in Kauppi (http://www.talviuimarit.fi/kaupinojan-sauna/kaupinoja-sauna-in-english/).

Design in Tampere

Take a bus to Tampere for your own exploration in town with the help of Tampere design district map (http://designontampere.com/in-english/) or just
get lost in the city and the nice cafés by yourself!

**Amusement Park Särkänniemi**

Families can also spend the day in Tampere at the amusement park Särkänniemi, where you can find a lot of interesting things to experience for younger and older children, including the Angry Birds Land! ([http://www.sarkanniemi.fi/en/sarkanniemi/](http://www.sarkanniemi.fi/en/sarkanniemi/)).

**Contemporary Art in Mänttä**

You can also take a bus to another direction and visit Serlachius Art Museum ([http://www.serlachius.fi/en/](http://www.serlachius.fi/en/)) and Mänttä Art Festival ([http://www.mantankuvataideviikot.fi/en.php](http://www.mantankuvataideviikot.fi/en.php)) in Mänttä. One highlight of the summer in Mänttä is an exhibition by the famous Hollywood actress Lucy Liu, who is also making a career as a visual artist!

**Be the hero of the day for the local community**

This year you can also decide to be a hero for the local community and take part in voluntary work in the town of Orivesi for half of the day (4 hours). The workplaces will be announced once we know how many would like to take this option. Please contact Arrkom leader Disa Kamula directly about this option disa.kamula@nsuweb.org.

**Hiking in the beautiful local nature**

You can also stay in Orivesi for the day and have a walk in the beautiful nature. Hiking route Onninpolku ("Path of Luck") is located in the center of Orivesi. This 2.5 km long hiking route goes around the lake Kirkkolahti. During the journey you'll find duckboards, places for swimming, exercising, resting and making fire. More information (unfortunately only in finnish): ([http://www.orivesiharrastaa.fi/~orivesi/liikuntapaikat/ulkoilureitit/onninpolk/](http://www.orivesiharrastaa.fi/~orivesi/liikuntapaikat/ulkoilureitit/onninpolk/))

**Children’s Circle**

Like at previous summer sessions, there will be a separate circle for children between 3 and 15 years. It offers a variety of activities for children and youth and is run in parallel to the other study circles. NSU is unique in offering this opportunity for families.

Remember the **Call for youth leaders and mentor for the children's circle**. The application period is from 1st to 15th of April. For more information about the tasks and where to submit the application, see:
Call for papers/proposals from our study circles and the Registration process

The calls for papers or proposals from our study circles are out. The calls are open from 1st April until 1st of May. Read more about the calls and the study circles: [http://nordic.university/study-circles/](http://nordic.university/study-circles/).

Please note that the application process has two steps: After having chosen a study circle, you first have to apply to the coordinators to gain acceptance to participate, with or without paper, before 1st of May. See [http://nsuweb.org/w2014/acceptance](http://nsuweb.org/w2014/acceptance). *Then you register and pay.* The final deadline is 1st of June. See [http://nsuweb.org/w2014](http://nsuweb.org/w2014). If you cancel before the 1st of June, you will be reimbursed, except for an administration fee of 27 Euro (250 SEK). If you cancel after the 1st of June, you will not receive any refunds at all. Terms and conditions can be found at the site for payments.

Prices and practical information

Please note that the regular participation fee has been changed since newsletter no. 1 sent in March. The fee depends on the type of accommodation you select, NSU subsidises participants that are willing to share a double room. All prices are in Euro (€) / person:

- Single room: 550
- Double room: 320
- GRANT receivers: 100
- SCHOLARSHIP receivers: 80
- Adult not participating in the NSU program (bed in double room): 380
- Children 5 - 18 years: 250
- Children 2 - 4 years: 46
- Children less than 2 years: 0


Scholarships and grants

In addition to the general subsidies of the fees for the participants, NSU offers also a special program for scholarships and grants to support students and
others with low income or special needs, like extra travel costs when travelling from the periphery of the Nordic region. In return Scholarship and grant receivers are asked to help the Arrangement committee for few hours during the week. Tasks may include taking care of some light practical work (like printing) and also writing a blog about the overall experience of the week (in different languages).

The recipients of scholarships will only have to pay 80 euro + their own travel cost when participating. The grant holders will only have to pay 100 euro + their own travel cost. The arrangement committee is also offering extra travel funding for three students from Greenland (1 student), Faroe Islands (1 student) and any baltic state (1 student) to cover their travel costs to and from Finland.

The application for scholarships, grants or extra travel funding have to be sent to the coordinators of the chosen study circle http://nsuweb.org/w2014/acceptance.

Deadlines

Please, note the following deadlines for the application process of scholarships and grants:

- 1st of April Call opens
- 15th of April Call closes
- 15th of May Recipients will receive an offer by email from Arrkom and the coordinators the priority list of the applicants.
- 22nd of May Final day for the recipients to confirm the offer, if not confirmed, the offer will be automatically given to the next applicant on the list (with a 48 hours window to confirm).
- 30th of May The list of scholarships and grants recipients is finalized.
- 1st June Last day to register and pay for the Summer Session.

ECTS

PhD and MA students are eligible for up to five ECTS points for participation and presentation of a paper. See also http://nordic.university/study-circles/.

How to get to Orivesi?

You have basically four alternatives:

- A flight to Helsinki, a bus from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to Tampere and further to Orivesi
- A flight to Helsinki and a connection flight to Tampere and buses to Tampere city centre and Orivesi
- A flight to Tampere-Pirkkala Airport, a bus to Tampere city centre and to
Alternative 1


Orivesi is situated 170 km from Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to the Tampere direction (duration about 2.5 hours, which costs about 27 euros).

Bus connections to and from [https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/](https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/). More information about the time tables and bus stops in Tampere later. As well as the bus/train connections to Orivesi (about 50 km, duration 45 minutes - 1 hour).

In case you want to spend some days/overnight in Helsinki, here is the link to transport to City Centre


The Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is situated 18 km from Helsinki City Centre. From Helsinki City Centre you can take either a train or a bus to Tampere.

Bus [https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/](https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/)


Alternatives 2 and 3


Tampere–Pirkkala Airport is located in Pirkkala, 13 km south-west of Tampere city centre. Connections Airport to Tampere:


More information about the time tables and bus stops in Tampere you will be informed later on. As well as the bus/train connections to Orivesi (about 50 km, range from 45 minutes to 1 hour).

Alternative 4

Ships from Sweden/ Baltic States to Turku (Åbo)/Helsinki


From Turku/Åbo the easiest connection to Tampere is the train (goes directly from the harbor), from Helsinki both train and bus are easy.


Bus [https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/](https://www.matkahuolto.fi/en/)
NSU Press

As participant at the summer session you get discounts on publications from NSU Press distributed by Århus University Press. Information on our publications can be found here http://nordic.university/publications/. You can order from here: http://nsuweb.org/w2014/publications-2016. The orders must be done before 20th of June 2016. The ordered books can then be picked up at the session.

Application deadline for new publications

In spring the deadline for applying for a publishing grant at NSU Press is 1st of June to the board. More on rules for publications can be found at http://support.nsuweb.org/nsu-press-guideline/.

Newspaper No. 0 (Avis nr. 0) is a blog

The newspaper for the Summer Session 2016 will be published continually at: http://www.nsudailyplanet.blogspot.fi. Check for the updated practical information and the program of the Summer Session in this blog. A reminder will be sent to the registered participants early in the summer with the latest updates of changes and additions.

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