



NORDIC SUMMER UNIVERSITY  
Nordic Networks for Interdisciplinary Study and Research

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*Apologies for any cross posting*

Dear NSU participant, in this newsletter you will find information about:

- Call for new study circle proposals
- Call for papers and presentations for the NSU Winter Symposia
- Summer session 2019
- Highlights from the NSU community
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### **Open call for new study circle proposals 2020-2022**

The Nordic Summer University call for project proposals for study circles to be active 2020-2022 is now open. We seek proposals for new scholarly networks addressing critical issues in culture and society. The activities of NSU are based on three concepts:

**Research:** NSU provides frameworks for critical scholarship with relevance for culture and society, where scholars and practitioners explore ideas and develop knowledge on equal footing.

**Networking:** NSU brings together university scholars, students, artists and other professionals from different disciplines, countries, generations and institutions in activities that transcend institutional hierarchies.

**Folk/bildning:** NSU combines two traditions: the continental ideals of learning and cultivation of the self and the Nordic heritage of folkbildning and self-organization, with its investments in open access education and collaboration through participation and active citizenship. All aspects of NSU are democratically organized by the participants.

Deadline to submit a proposal is **1 December 2018**. Further information and instructions about the application are available here: <http://nordic.university/study-circles/proposals-new-study-circles/>

### **Calls for papers for 9 NSU Winter Symposia in 2019**

The NSU Study Program is launching the calls for the winter symposia 2019 for its nine study circles. We are particularly happy to welcome participants to the two new study circles: **Cybiosis: Shaping Human-Technology Futures** and **Comics & Society: Research, Art, and Cultural Politics**. Information about the study circles and their respective calls for papers is available [here](#). To participate in a winter symposium, please notify the coordinators of the circle of your interest by email. NSU will subsidize your participation at a winter symposium, though a small participation fee may also be required. Each study circle compiles a preliminary program that will be posted on the NSU website in December this year.

### **NSU Summer Session 2019**

The summer session in 2019 will take place 28 July - 4 August on the Baltic seashore at [Roosta Holiday Village](#) in Haapsalu, Estonia. More information will follow in the upcoming newsletters.

### **Highlights from the NSU community**

From now on, we would like to include updates from the study circles and the participants in the newsletter. If there is anything you'd like to share, from information about publications or spin-off events to pictures or a story from the summer session, please send your suggestion to board member Johanna Sjöstedt at

## News from the board

From September 28 to September 30, the fourth board meeting and the third board- and coordinator meeting of the year took place in Tallinn, Estonia, to prepare for the upcoming year in NSU. A lot of practical issues were taken care of, such as updating the website and getting the new coordinators accustomed to the way NSU works. The coordinators voted on the keynotes for 2020 and the two scholars who will be invited are Dr. [Nora Bateson](#) and Prof. [Donatella Della Porta](#). We also talked at length about the future of NSU, in particular the plans for the 70th anniversary of NSU in 2020. We also finalized the new publishing strategy, discussed the structure of NSU and the developments with the main funder of NSU, the Nordic Council of Ministers.

The Board arrived one day early and stayed half a day longer. Many decisions were made, all of which will be made publicly available in the minutes that will be uploaded on the NSU website. Amongst the decisions was an acceptance of the ad hoc project "Multilingual literature and the reader", which will be held 7-9 March 2019 in Visby, Sweden. Following up on the recommendations of the nomination committee and the General Assembly at the summer session in Fårö 2018, the Board talked about how to increase accountability and transparency within NSU. An online project management system was introduced to support the Board in keeping track of decisions and work. In addition, the tasks of the Board as a whole were itemized in detail and divided among the board members, depending on capabilities and time commitments of each board member. Before the meeting board member Ben Tyrer, representing the international group on the board, announced that he would step down. It was decided that Nicole des Bouvrie, who would otherwise have become a board member in 2019, would substitute Tyrer from 1 October 2018.

*Since 1950, the Nordic Summer University (NSU) actively supports the cultivation of new ideas and growing research networks in the Nordic countries. As an independent, non-profit academic institution, NSU fosters the development of new research areas and emerging researchers in the Nordic and Baltic countries. Committed to egalitarian and interdisciplinary modes of learning, the NSU is open for senior scholars, doctoral and master students, as well as artists and professionals with relevant backgrounds. NSU is a non-profit organization, funded by Nordic Council of Ministers / Nordic Council ([www.norden.org](http://www.norden.org)).*

*Please forward to anyone who may be interested.*



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