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Winter Sessions 2020



Dear reader, winter is coming and so are the annual NSU Winter Symposia. This Newsletter contains the following information:

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The calls for the Winter Symposia 2020

The winter symposia 2020 will take place from January until March in a range of places in the Nordic and Baltic region. The calls for papers are now uploaded on the NSU web page under our study program, which can be found here: <https://nordic.university/study-circles/>
Which ones will you attend?

Circle 1: Urban Studies: Between Creativity and Power, 28 February – 1 March 2020, Riga, Latvia.

Circle 2: Information will follow.

Circle 3: Feminism and Hospitality: Religious and Critical Perspectives in dialogue with a Secular Age, 5-8 March 2020, Åbo Akademi University, Turku, Finland.

Circle 4: Making Sense of Violence in the Digital Age, 24-26 February 2020, University of Gdańsk, Poland.

Circle 5: Patterns of Dysfunction in Contemporary Democracies Impact on Human Rights and Governance, 6-8 March 2020, University of Wrocław, Poland.

Circle 6: Critique in the Age of Populism, 20-22 March, 2020, Roskilde University, Denmark.

Circle 7: Artistic Research: Disorientations, 5-8 March 2020. University of Wrocław, Poland.

Circle 8: Information will follow.

Circle 9: Comics and Feminism, 19-21 February 2020, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden.

Call for new study circles 2021-2023

Regardless of how interesting our study program is, all circles must come to an end. To be more precise, they must come to an end after a three-year period. But the beauty of the NSU system is that every time a circle comes to an end, new study circles begin. For the period between 2021-2023 we have several vacancies and all proposals for new three-year study circle projects are welcome. The call can be found [here](#). Send in your proposal before the **1st of February 2020**.

Updated statutes and other information on the NSU web page

During the last summer session in Roosta, one paragraph in the statutes of the NSU was rewritten. The revised version of the statutes is now online on the NSU web page along with the signed minutes from the General Assembly 2019. For the statutes, click [here](#). For the signed minutes of the GA 2019, click [here](#). All the documents can be found under the “organisation” headline at the web page: <https://nordic.university/organisation/>.

Upcoming ad hoc event

In addition to our winter symposia we have three ad hoc events coming up within the next three months. In the beginning of November, the symposium “[Response-ability and Creativity at the Time of the Environmental Crises](#)” will take place at University of Jyväskylä in Jyväskylä in Finland. From 25-27 November, a three-day session will take place at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik under the title “[Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering in Contemporary Europe](#)”. Subsequently, the symposium “[Bio-communism – Reconceptualizing Communism in the Age of Biopolitics](#)” will take place at the end of January 2020 in Warsaw. Information on all our upcoming ad hoc events can be found on the NSU web page. If you are interested in arranging an ad hoc symposium or event, the board receives proposals on a rolling basis. For information on how to apply, visit: <https://nordic.university/5-2/call-proposals-ad-hoc-symposia-events/>

Updates on the anniversary year 2020

Next year’s summer session will be a special event since it is the 70th anniversary year of the NSU. It will take place in Oslo, Norway between the 26th of July until the 2nd of August. The venue this year will be a boarding school called [Rønningen Folkehøgskole](#). More information will follow. Until then you may book this week in your 2020 calendar.

Follow the projects tracing the spirit of NSU on this website: <https://tracingthespirit.com/> and on Twitter: @NSU_70.

News from the board

At the end of September, there were a couple of meetings attended by board and coordinators. On Friday 20th of September, Disa Kamula (chair) and Nicole des Bouvrie (treasurer & vice-chair) attended part of the conference on human rights and education co-organised with the European Humanities University in Vilnius. The following two days the coordinators meeting took place. With many new coordinators in attendance, all aspects and changes in the financial and administrative procedures were discussed together with the board and the coordinators. It was a fruitful meeting, with lots of renewed energy as a result, to take on the tasks of organising the Winter Symposia and the content for the Summer Session in 2020.

During this meeting the present chair Disa Kamula handed over the official ceremonial key to NSU to the new chair Inta Balode. A special moment for NSU, with the first ever Baltic chair!

After these meetings, some members of the new NSU board 2020 were able to meet for two days to talk about expectations, methods of collaboration and areas of responsibilities. Did you know that you can find the minutes of all board meetings on the website?

On Monday 23rd of September three NSU representatives were also able to meet with Head of Department Jolanta Bieliauskaite from the European Humanities University to discuss future collaborations with NSU.

Another outcome of these meetings is that NSU was able to send in a proposal for an EU Creative Europe grant in collaboration with FSCONS (in Sweden) and the Laboratory of Stage Arts (in Latvia). This is in line with the aims of NSU in 2019 and the coming years: to find more external funders to support the activities, in order to remain the vibrant and independent organisation it has been since 1950.



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). Please forward to anyone who may be interested.



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