



Nordiskt Sommaruniversitet

CALL FOR PROPOSALS Winter 2016
Study circle: Transformations in welfare in the Nordic countries

Symposium theme: Refugees, migration and ethnic minorities in a Nordic welfare context

The symposium is arranged by Nordic Summer University Study Circle 1
In collaboration with
School of Social Work, Lund University

Dates:

Monday February 22 – Wednesday February 24 2016

Venue:

Lund University, School of Social Work, Campus Helsingborg, Universitetsplatsen 2, Helsingborg

In this study circle we study current transformations in welfare policies and citizens' experiences of welfare in the Nordic countries under conditions of economic globalization and financial crisis. Theoretically we are inspired of the current developments of the welfare states, for instance that the welfare state is developing into a neo-liberal state, an active welfare state or a competition state. The sessions in the circle are organized as workshops each with a different theme related to transformations in welfare. The theme of this symposium is refugees, migrants and ethnic minorities in a Nordic welfare context.

Hence we welcome presentations in this field. The symposium will include a workshop with thematic discussions on these subjects building on reading of selected texts, as well as comparison of experiences from the participating Nordic countries. However there will also be limited space for presentations on other topics related to welfare policies.

We wish to invite to broad participation, hence we welcome students, junior and senior researchers and practitioners interested in our topic, as well as both conceptual and empirical perspectives are welcome.

To take part in the symposium you do not have to make a presentation. You are very welcome to contribute by reading the texts and papers and by actively taking part in the discussions. Presentations in English are preferred due to non-Scandinavian speaking circle members. However it is possible to present in a Scandinavian language, if you prefer that.

Theme of the symposium:

At this winter symposium, we will explore the theme of refugees, migration and ethnic minorities in a Nordic welfare context. As a non-exclusive list of keywords we suggest: Inclusion and exclusion, Nordic policies on refugees and working migrants related to welfare policies, Trans-national families.

Registration:

To submit an abstract (350 words), please send via email to both of the coordinators

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If you would like to attend the symposium without presenting, please email a short Bio (200 words).

The deadline to submit proposals is extended to **December 10, 2015.**

The preliminary program will be announced on December 15, 2015 on www.nordic.university where you can also find more information about NSU and sign up for the NSU newsletter.

The deadline for full papers is February 1, 2016.

Fee

Baltic residents, students and unemployed: 300 SEK

Those associated with institutions: 600 SEK

This cost includes most meals and basic accommodation in a double room. An extra fee will be charged for accommodation in a single room. The registration fee must be paid via bank transfer in advance of the symposium.

We ask participants to apply their institutions, employers or local foundations to cover their travel costs. However, it will be possible to apply for travel funding. Baltic residents, students and unemployed participants will be given priority in this process.

Arrival: Monday February 22

Departure: Wednesday February 24

Coordinators of the study circle:

J.Snæfríður Einarsdóttir, Reykjavik University

Gro Hellesdatter Jacobsen, University College South Denmark

Local co-arranger:

Anett Schenk, Lund University

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

Decisions about the content and the organizational form of the NSU lay with its participants. The backbone of the activities in the NSU consists of its thematic study circles. In the study circles researchers, students and professionals from different backgrounds collaborate in scholarly investigations distributed regularly in summer and winter symposia during a three-year period.

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