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Nordic Networks for Interdisciplinary Study and Research

Dear reader, it is again time for the Winter Symposia organised by the Nordic Summer University. This Newsletter contains the following information:

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NSU's new website

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Since 1950 the Nordic Summer University (NSU) has been an independent, academic institution, which organises symposia that draws international participants across disciplines in the Nordic and Baltic regions.

Did you know, that you can also contribute to, and be a part of the future of NSU? As a [volunteer](#), as a [participant](#) and as a funder?

Grounded in the universal Nordic values of equality, democracy and openness, the Nordic Summer University brings a richness through the diversity of its participants and

Open Calls

- [Call for Study Circle Proposals 2022-2024 \(15 February 2021\)](#)
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The Board is happy to announce the launch of our new website: www.nsuweb.org!

Over the past weeks the board have been working on setting up a new website for NSU. The reason for the new website is, among other things, that the previous website was created and owned by a company which made it hard to add a plugin for instance. By creating this new website we now have complete control over the website, and can change and add things unhindered. This means that our old website is gone, but if you do attempt to go to nordic.university, you will automatically be forwarded to our new website.

Information on the upcoming Winter Symposia 2021

[Circle 1](#) will host a Winter Symposium from 27 to 28 March 2021. There are 10 minute presentations and time for discussions with around 15 people. Topic: **The Urban Everyday Life**. You can find the programme [here](#).

[Circle 2](#) is working on the publication and collaborative writing project that will take place over three

sessions during March. Around 15 participants were accepted. It will be a completely online event on March 6, 18-19 and 30-31. Topic: **Far Futures Archeology: collaborative excavations. Writing workshop and publication project.** You can find the programme [here](#).

[Circle 3](#). With around 30 participants, many from the writing community and reading groups that were established during last summer session, but also new people. The Winter Symposium took place from 6 to 8 March, and was online. Topic: **Home & Exile.** You can find the programme [here](#).

[Circle 4](#). There will be a couple of sessions per day during their online Winter Symposium that will be held from 16 to 19 March 2021 and on 28 to 31 in Paris (also online, in collaboration with the American University there). There were many applications but they had to reject some to come to a manageable amount. Topic: **Narrating Violence: Making Race, Making Difference.** You can find the programme [here](#).

[Circle 5](#) will organise an online Winter Symposium from 17 to 19 March 2021. However, IF possible, there will be some meeting in Denmark with local people. There will be presentations of 14 papers during three afternoons, even though more applied. Topic: **Racialized Encounters.** You can find the programme [here](#).

[Circle 6](#): Winter Symposium with 18 presentations and 2 keynotes. Mid-march, will be a complete online event due to lock down in Finland. Topic: **Is there a need for a new, a Nordic, environmental ethic?** You can find the programme [here](#).

[Circle 7](#): There will be several evenings in March with programme, as well as a physical event in Helsinki in May 2021, a meeting outdoors if not inside. Also, a reading group is starting. Topic of the Winter Symposium: **Presence.** You can find the programme [here](#).

[Circle 8](#) will have an online symposium from 26 to 28 March 2021. Planned are 4 keynotes and 14 presentations. Topic: **Education and Nature as the Other in the Anthropocene.** You can find the programme [here](#).

[Circle 9](#) will hold a small gathering in Turku, but the symposium will be mostly online, 17 to 19 March 2021, in collaboration with circle 4. Topic: **Comics in the Nordic Region.** You can find the programme [here](#).

Summer Session 2021 and Call for Papers

The Summer Session for Nordic Summer University will this year be held at **1.-7. August 2021** with the option to hold local NSU events.

Call for Papers will be sent out on **15. April 2021** where further information will be sent out.

Call for 1-year Working Groups 2022

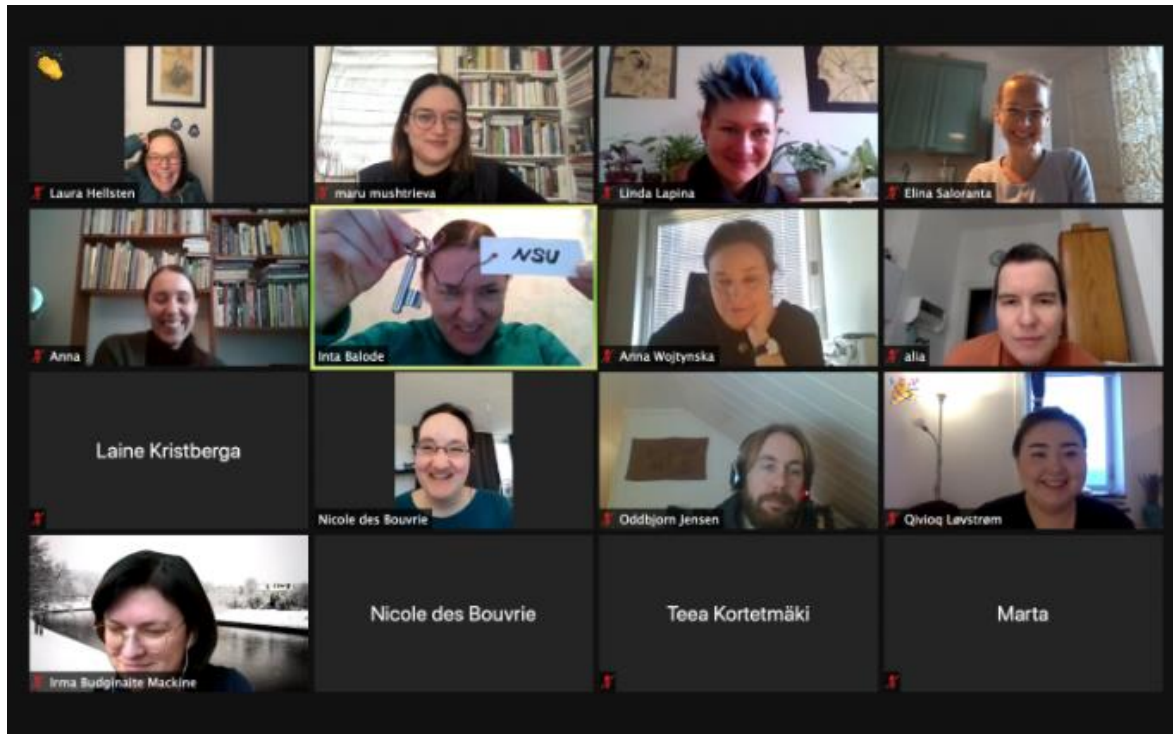
The Nordic Summer University (NSU) calls for project proposals for one-year experiments, 'working groups' that would like to become part of NSU, or extend their partnership with NSU, to host two seminars in 2022.

What is a 'working group'?

Activities in the NSU are based around thematic three-year study circles, which are forums for participants to present, discuss, and develop their scholarship. Due to the pandemic and the insecure financial situation of NSU, the NSU Board has realised that committing for a full three-year project is difficult. Therefore we would like to offer everyone the opportunity to explore a theme for one year. We recommend to have two people function as coordinators, who are responsible for organizing the activities: two meetings, once in the winter (February-March) in a so called winter symposium in the Nordic-Baltic region including its periphery or online, and once in the summer during the annual weeklong NSU summer session, which is typically held the last week of July. The winter symposia are organized by the NSU working group in collaboration with a local partner (another network, a university department, a cultural institution, or similar). The summer session is organized by NSU, where all circles and working groups meet in the same location - which may be online when the pandemic situation calls for that. The circles and working groups conduct parallel symposia during the day and partake in joint activities in the evening.

For further information about the call for 1-year Working Groups see [here](#).

News from the Board



The coordinators of the study circles of the Nordic Summer University met on January 17th, to discuss the ongoing plans for the Winter Symposia, and to make first plans for the Summer Session this year.

The keys of NSU were also passed on this occasion from the departing 2020 Chair Inta Balode (Latvia) to the new Chair for 2021 Nicole des Bouvrie (International). With many thanks to the hard work of both Inta and the other members of the Board last year, and fortunately Inta is taking on the new responsibility of treasurer to support Nicole and the rest of the Board in the tasks ahead.

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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