



*Newsletter November 2021*

# Nordic Summer University

*Nordic Networks for Interdisciplinary Study and Research*

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Dear reader, after a successful October Session, it is again time for news about call for applications, the Winter Symposia and many other things organised by the Nordic Summer University. This Newsletter contains the following information:

- **Information on a special opportunity to apply for three one-year study programs (2 symposia) - deadline 5 January 2022**
  - **Good news on successful grant applications for NSU**
  - **Information Call for Study Circle proposals 2023-2025**
  - **Join in the work of NSU! Join a working group**
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**Call for proposals from the Nordic Summer University (NSU) for three one-year study programs (2 symposia) for 2022. Deadline: 5 January 2022**

The board of the Nordic Summer University (NSU) is happy to announce our call for proposals for three 'ad hoc' study programs. We call these study programs "circles" to reflect the democratic core values that characterize our activities and it involves support for two symposia that will be part of the NSU's

a dozen such multidisciplinary winter symposia across the Nordic region and the Baltics as well as during a week-long combined session in the Summer. In 2022 the NSU summer session will be held close to Oslo in July. By joining NSU you will become part of a community of volunteers that has been organizing such symposia for a very long time across the region (this will be our 72th shared session).

We welcome your 'ad hoc' proposal in line with our goal to ensure the community remains open to new members and the new influences they bring. The proposals are selected based on NSU's objective to support "the development of emerging research initiatives and communities by fostering scholarly networks engaged in multidisciplinary enquiries, and to provide a space for conversations and exchange of ideas between diverse members of the Nordic-Baltic regions." ([NSU Statutes](#))

While the symposia are held within the Nordic and Baltic region, we have many committed members who come from elsewhere. In this sense we also welcome proposals with a membership outside of the region. Our mandate means that we value unconventional contributions. We give financial and organizational support to circles that host symposium series that fall outside of established ways of working and thinking and/or have difficulties to be maintained within universities. We welcome everyone, including those that are academically inclined, dancers, inventors, teachers, and any interested and engaged individuals.

We are looking for new subject areas that fit into our existing program. In the recent past they have included urban studies, feminism, technology, race, human rights, artistic research, education, environment, comics, critiques of populism, welfare, migration and so on. More information is available at our website: <https://www.nsuweb.org/study-circles/> We expect you to contribute your research activities within the context of participating in our community and this includes our democratic process. We are a community governed by its members in a General Assembly that meets every summer session and together decides on the NSU study program for the next year(s). We warmly invite you to join this process in 2022, and consider sending in a three-year study circle application if you would be interested to do so.

The exact details on what we provide and ask, can be found on [nsuweb.org](https://www.nsuweb.org). In short: basic accommodation and travel expenses for participants are covered. For the summer session, travel expenses are covered for coordinators, and there are a limited number of grants and scholarships for low income or independent participants who would otherwise be unable to join, as well as travel support for people from Baltic and Nordic periphery regions. In the linked document you will find the details on the type of financial and organizational

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## Happy news!

We are happy to convey the fantastic news that NSU has received yet another grant, this time from the Swedish Kungliga Vitterhetsakademien! This makes it possible for NSU to add further ad hoc circles and continue offering traveling grants and scholarships. It will also make it possible for us to continue developing ideas for new funding strategies, as well as hopefully reaching new NSU members. In addition, it feels great to know that there are funders who are willing to support NSU and what we do! There is hope for the future! The grants should encourage all members to engage with NSU and see to it that the money is well used.

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## Call for Study Circle proposals 2023-2025

The new call for three-year study circle proposals 2023-2025 will open in January, with a deadline in the middle of April 2022. More information will follow.

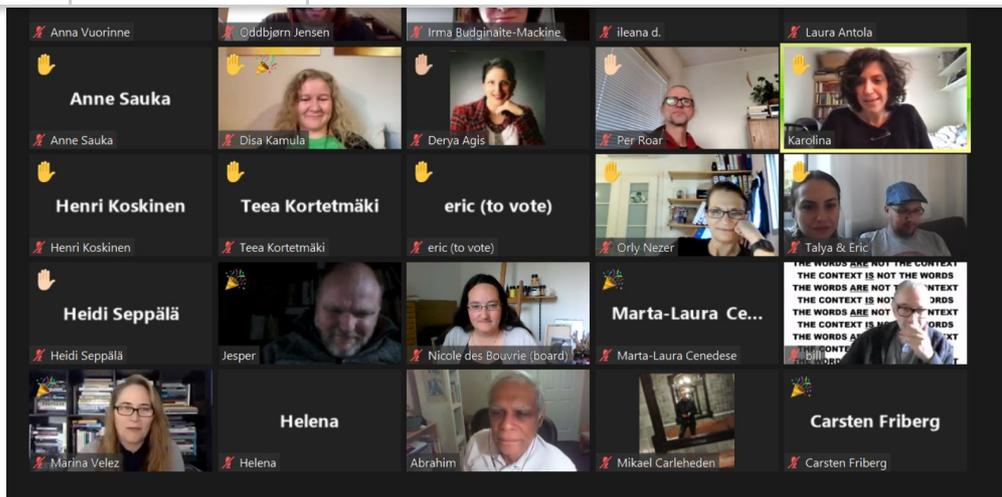
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## Join in the work of NSU! Join a working group!

To share the work behind the scenes with more people than just a handful board members and deputies, the new board that was elected during the General Assembly decided to organise working groups to deal with some of the larger tasks and topics. All NSU members are welcome to join one or more working groups, to deliberate, discuss, decide and take action in different areas: funding, accountancy, study program, communication and statutes. [More information in this document.](#)

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## News from the Board



(Image: delegates voting for the new Board 2022)

The board is very thankful to everyone who attended the General Assembly, for the second year in a row online. We were able to meet with delegates from almost all the circles and regions that make up NSU. They were able to make some important decisions about the coming year, including setting the new study program (with 7 circles and 3 spots for new one-year circles!) and elect a new Board and delegates. Thank you all, we're looking forward to an inspiring and fruitful year, and hopefully meeting all of you in Oslo next summer!

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## News from the study circles

October was a busy month, as most of the circles organised online symposia or other meetings. There was a successful keynote lecture by Silvia Frederici hosted by circle 4. And the work continues, as the organisation of the winter symposia (WS) is on its way. Call for participation will be uploaded on the [nsuweb.org](https://nsuweb.org) website, please check each study circle there for updates. For instance the [CFP for the WS of circle 6 on Nordic Environmental Ethics](#). And the [call for papers](#) for the symposium organised by circle 4 in collaboration with ICI Berlin on 'Violence, Care, Cure'.

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*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*

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*Please forward to anyone who may be interested.*

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