



CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2022

## Whiteness and Racialization in Colonial Pasts and Presents

***'Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering in Contemporary Europe' (Study Circle 5)***  
***Nordic Summer University***

Summer 2022, Oslo (at Rønningen Folkehøgskole)

July 28-August 4 (in person)

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Deadline for applications: 1 June 2022

### Invitation

The Nordic Summer University study circle 5 'Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering in Contemporary Europe' is pleased to invite proposals for our symposium to be held from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup> 2022, at Rønningen Folkehøgskole near Oslo, as part of the Nordic Summer University.

### Theme of the symposium

Whiteness and racialization remain contested topics in contemporary Europe (Dzenovska, 2018; Loftsdottir & Jensen, 2012), central to the very notion of what Europe is, and for whom. Colonial past and imperialist legacies continue to affect inter-European struggles, anxieties and axis of difference, such as West and East, North and South (Hvenegård-Lassen & Maurer, 2012; Jensen et al., 2017). This symposium will explore how whiteness and racialization are intertwined with colonial temporalities - how coloniality continues shaping racialized subjectivities and politics. We would like to explore how different whitenesses are enacted, negotiated and contested; and to challenge how un(re)marked whiteness reinforces colonial complicity (Keskinen, 2009; Vuorela, 2009). Thinking of time as social coordination (Bastian, 2014) linking subjectification and processes of governance, we are interested how processes of racialization are entwined with notions of temporality (Sharma & Towns, 2016). We aim to explore how colonial entailments linger and persist, thinking through concepts like continuities and ruptures, accumulation and duration (Sharpe, 2016; Ramírez, 2017). The symposium will use pasts, presents and futures as "entry points of inquiry into racism's multiplex genealogies; into the historiography of reason, colony, "legacies," "colonial intimacies," and "imperial sovereignty"(Stoler, 2016:21).

The foci of the symposium will include racialization and coloniality in the Nordic and Baltic region; indigenous histories; changing locations of whiteness; degrees of proximity and distance to (Nordic) whiteness; materiality, affectivity and embodiment. We would like to specifically encourage papers that engage with indigenous perspectives.

This symposium is open to participants from different countries and backgrounds. We welcome applicants from outside institutionalized academia. The symposium provides an opportunity for open discussions on topics particularly important for the Nordic and Baltic region and facilitates access to scholarly activities for persons from different backgrounds of society. We welcome participants who are working on these and related issues - as academics, activists, artists, independent researchers or practitioners, as well as others who are

interested to discuss the above topics. When applying please tell us why you are interested to participate and indicate how you would like to contribute to the symposium.

### **Format**

The symposium will take place over one week of work-in progress sessions and in-depth discussions (with breaks), focusing on the participants' needs, for instance, exploration and playfulness, advice on publishing, or comments related to coherence, and/or a sense of community. We will group the abstracts by topic and circulate abstracts in advance to enable the presentations to be relatively brief, giving more time to discussions and exchange of ideas.

### **To apply**

Please fill out the google form by 1st June 2022: <https://forms.gle/GbCcbFjNcmn6QiAD8>

In your application, please indicate the following:

- Short biographical statement and your interest in the topic
- What do you hope to get out of (and contribute with) at the symposium?
- Would you need a travel grant in order to travel to Norway? (travel and accommodation costs are covered by participants, apart from those granted one of the limited number of scholarships and grants).

### **Participation costs**

Participation in the symposium requires NSU membership, which is connected with a small fee:

- Students, unemployed and independents, West Nordic & Baltic residents: 10 euro
- Those associated with institutions or companies: 25 euro

To join NSU, please visit: <https://www.nsuweb.org/product-category/nsu-membership/>. If you already took part in a winter symposium 2022, your membership is already covered for the whole year 2022.

In addition, there will be the following costs:

- single rooms for 650-700 euro per person.
- double/twin rooms for 500-550 euro per person.
- children up to 4 years old pay a small fee for food but no extra costs for accommodation (in cot with room of parent(s)). Other children/youth pay full cost.
- family rooms for 1500-1800 euros (family of 4) or 1700-2000 (family of five).

The cost includes accommodation, 3 meals and 2 coffee breaks a day, and access to the full NSU program during the summer session. See more on <https://www.nsuweb.org/activities/summer-session/>.

### **Scholarship and grant program**

There are two funding options for which the participants at the NSU Summer Session can apply:

- Scholarship: exclusively for Nordic/Baltic students, and
- Grant: inclusive for all other students and people in need, also non-Nordic participants.

Criteria for each are described in detail here: [https://www.nsuweb.org/support\\_pages/arrkom/scholarship-and-grant-program/](https://www.nsuweb.org/support_pages/arrkom/scholarship-and-grant-program/).

If you would like to apply for scholarship and/or grant, the required documents should be sent to [racialisation@nsuweb.org](mailto:racialisation@nsuweb.org) by the 1st June, 2022.

Please note that the number of scholarships and grants is limited.

### **About the circle**

The study circle 'Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering in Contemporary Europe' discusses how processes of racialization and ideas of whiteness shape present Nordic, Baltic and European spaces, identities and politics. The circle invites interdisciplinary debates about Europe's condition/integrity and poses questions about who and what counts as "European", "Nordic" and "Baltic" from different locations, practices and

subject positions. The circle wants to broaden and develop existing research networks on race, racialization and whiteness in the Nordic with perspectives and knowledge from the former Soviet countries in order to enrich existing scholarship by combining post-Soviet and post-colonial perspectives.

### **About NSU**

The Nordic Summer University ([NSU](#)) is a Nordic network for research and interdisciplinary studies. NSU is a nomadic, academic institution, which organises workshop-seminars across disciplinary and national borders. Since it was established in 1950, NSU has organised 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 organisational 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.

The Nordic Summer University is committed to the principle of sustainability. At our symposia we offer vegetarian/vegan food and aim towards zero waste. We thus invite members to bring their own reusable coffee cup and water bottle to the symposia and to consider carefully the carbon footprint of their travel choices.