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Nordic Networks for Interdisciplinary Study and Research

Dear friends of the Nordic Summer University – much has happened in the last few months, and it is again time for news.

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Invitation Summer Session 2022

The Summer Session 2022 will take place from July 28th until August 4th at Rønningen Folkehøgskole in Oslo, Norway. Whether arriving in Oslo by train, plane, bus, boat or car, Rønningen Folkehøgskole is accessible by public

transportation from the city center. The venue is located near the Oslo woodlands, and there are several nature sites for walking in the forest, along the Aker River, and swimming in nearby lakes as well as in the Oslo fjord. From the school, you have a lovely view of the city and the nature park. The city of Oslo offers an array of cultural programs, sightseeing opportunities, nightlife, and nature options. The Oslo area is a lovely place to explore in the summertime. To learn more about the venue, visit <https://ronningen.fhs.no/>.

Study program 2022

NSU has a total of eleven study circles in its study program. Each circle is organised around a specific topic or field of research which the circle participants, together with the circle coordinators, invest and explore throughout a series of seminars, paper presentations and discussions. The symposia take place two times per year: in the winter and, during the week-long Summer Session. The Summer Session could be considered as the core event of the NSU since it is the only occasion when all eleven circles are gathered on the same site. It is usually very appreciated among our members since it gives the opportunity to visit several circles during the same event. To read about the study program and see which one of the circles that fits your interests best, visit NSU's official homepage: <https://nordic.university/study-circles/>

Presentation of the Arrangement committee, aka Arrkom

To ensure that the Summer Session runs smoothly, there will be an Arrangement committee at the site who will take care of NSU's participants. The committee can be contacted with any questions or queries at arrkom@nsuweb.org.

How to apply and register for the Summer Session?

Once you have found a circle you would like to partake in, the next step is to write an application to the coordinators of the selected circle. You can find the current CFPs on the NSU website nsuweb.org, under the individual pages of the Study Circles.

- Circle 1 Urban Studies: [Between Creativity and Power](#).
- Circle 2 Human-technology futures: making art, doing theory, shaking things up - [Poieses and automata](#)
- Circle 3 Hospitality and Solidarity: Feminist Philosophy in Thought, History and Action - [Writing with an\(\)Other](#)

- **Circle 5 Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering in Contemporary Europe** - [Whiteness and Racialization in Colonial Past and Presents](#)
- **Circle 6 Nordic Environmental Ethics** - [Ethics of sustainability](#).
- **Circle 7 The Experiential in Artistic Practice and Research: Methods, Knowledges and Reflective Processes** - [Experiencing Artistic Research Through the Senses](#)
- **Circle 8 Futures of Education, Cultural Diversity, Imaginations and Collective Transformations in Time of the Anthropocene** - [Imagining the Future – Traditions and Transformations](#)
- **Circle 9 Decolonizing Social Work** - tba
- **Circle 10 Art and creative practices as a tool to interpret, redefine and appropriate heritage of the Nordic-Baltic regions** - [Creative practices as a tool to work with heritage. Theater, performance, live art](#)
- **Circle 11 Environmental Aesthetics and Space based ethics of care** - tba
- [Children's circle](#)

We encourage everyone interested to apply for the study program. There are no qualification requirements to receive an invitation to our activities and our symposia are usually visited by students, researchers, artists, and freelancers of all ages and with all kinds of backgrounds; both from within and outside of the academia. The Study Circles offer various options - either to present a paper, take part in a workshop, or even participate as a summer school participant (with a certificate included). Once you are accepted to the study program, you will automatically become a member of the NSU. The call for applications opened on the 15th of April.

It is also important to note that during the Summer Session you can also visit other circles and join common or inter-circle activities - thus, any of the circle activities are open to you after joining one of the circles.

Price List for the Summer Session 2022

The price range for the full week including lodging, meals and the program will be from 150 EUR to 700 EUR. Scholarship and grant receivers would pay 150 EUR and be accommodated in twin or triple rooms.

Other participants can choose between single rooms (650-700 EUR), a bed in a twin or double room (500-550 EUR), or a family room if traveling with children (1500–1800 EUR for a family of four, 1750-2000 EUR for a family of five). Some rooms have a private bathroom while others have a shared bathroom. All rooms at Rønningen Folkehøgskole are of very good quality and most have a beautiful view as the venue is located on the hill. The rooms include bed linen and towels.

There are enough rooms to accommodate up to 200 people, so lack of beds should not be a problem this year. The webshop to register and reserve a room will be open from June 1.

NSU Scholarship and Grant Program: Application Process

There are two funding options for which the participants at the NSU Summer Session can apply: Scholarships (exclusively for Nordic/Baltic students) and Grants (inclusive for all other students and people in need, also non-Nordic participants). Please see the criteria and procedures to apply here: https://www.nsuweb.org/support_pages/arrkom/scholarship-and-grant-program/

The application deadline is 1st of June.

Statement of Scientific and Cultural Collaboration in Times of War

Nordic Summer University (NSU) aims to support scholars at risk and has worked for years to do so by fostering scholarly and artistic networks engaged in multidisciplinary inquiries and providing a space for conversations and exchange of ideas between diverse members of society. NSU was created in the 1950s to promote peace through scientific and democratic collaboration and that is what we continue to do. Over the years our members have built strong and lasting networks with scholars and civil society in countries such as Ukraine, Belarus, Russia, and the Baltics. In many cases, NSU has provided an arena for debating social change, and we collaborate with individuals and institutes that promote democracy in the countries, where we are working. In the light of ongoing challenges to democracy in Europe, we continue to maintain and uphold the values of equality, inclusion, sustainability, and a democratic debate.

NSU is a fully voluntary organization and operates in a democratic and horizontal structure. Its members set out the main course of action during its annual General Assemblies. Elected circle coordinators then continue to shape our activities in line with the general action-plan, and in accordance with the

needs and circumstances of their participants as well as the research topic. It is up to each study circle and their coordinators to decide on their participants and how to organize their symposia.

NSU values and will continue to value the diversity of nationalities and backgrounds of its members. We will continue to defend the idea that collaboration between research and civil society actors promoting democracy is essential for sustainable peace.

Call for Study Circle Proposals 2023-2025 is still open - Deadline May 15

Each year, the Nordic Summer University (NSU) calls for project proposals for three-year study circles (2023-2025). We seek proposals for new scholarly networks addressing critical issues in culture, science, and society. Founded in 1950, NSU is an independent, non-profit scholarly institution that provides platforms for networks and collaborations across disciplines in the Nordic and Baltic regions.

Activities in the NSU are based on thematic study circles, which are forums for participants to present, discuss, and develop their scholarship. The work done in a study circle aims to do new and innovative research in the Nordic and Baltic context and provides a surplus for the Nordic and/or Baltic region. NSU currently consists of eleven study circles in total: seven study circles running for three years each and four ad hoc study circles starting in 2022 and running for one year. Each study circle has two people who function as coordinators and are responsible for organizing the circle's activities. Each circle meets twice per year, once in the winter (January-April) in a so-called winter symposium in the Nordic-Baltic region, 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 circles themselves 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 meet in the same location. The circles conduct parallel symposia during the day and partake in joint activities in the evening. For more information about current study circles, visit <http://nordic.university/study-circles/>

Deadline to submit proposals for new study circles is 15 May 2022.

All received proposals will be subjected to an open community review, which aims to support the development of the applications and advise the applicants on how to meet the values and objectives of Nordic Summer University. All applicants will be invited to a public online call on 11 June 2022 to briefly present their proposal and discuss it with the members of the community review group.

Spontaneous study circle proposals can be developed during the summer session and presented during the workshop organized before the first General

Assembly meeting. Such submissions are possible, but not encouraged, as they would not benefit from the feedback and support from the collaborative community review process outlined above.

Read more about the current call and the requirements: <https://www.nsuweb.org/activities/call-for-study-circle-proposals-2023-2025/>

News from the Board: Nordplus Grant Approved!

The Board of NSU is happy to announce that the Nordic Summer University has received a Nordplus Horizontal grant of 50.000 € for the project “The Nordic Summer University: The Nordic Summer University: Developing self-governing and democratic practices in research and higher education”. This project aims to develop and strengthen Nordic/Baltic anchored networks in research and higher education across disciplines, sectors, and borders. Furthermore, it is to preserve and develop a culture of self-governing in creating and evaluating research initiatives. This is practiced through participation and active citizenship within the frame of Nordic values of equality, inclusion, and sustainability combining the continental tradition of Bildung, and the Nordic heritage of folkbildning and self-organization in a contemporary understanding of these values. The outcome of this project are 9 symposia in five different Nordic/Baltic countries in February/March 2023. Congratulations to us all!

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 Nordplus Horizontal, the Swedish Kungliga Vetternhetsakademien and Svenska Akademien.

Please forward to anyone who may be interested.