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Nordic Summer University Newsletter 2023/1

Nordic Networks for Interdisciplinary Study and Research

Dear friends of the Nordic Summer University, it is time for some news!

In this newsletter you will find the following information:

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Invitation Summer Session 2023

Summer is fast approaching and within NSU we are preparing for our 73rd summer session. This year we meet in Palanga in Lithuania between July 27 and August 3. Palanga is a sea-side resort located north of Klaipėda with its own international airport. We will lodge at Vyturys Hotel close to the beach. For more information about prices and events, visit: <https://www.nsuweb.org/activities/summer-session/>

Call for papers for the summer session is out now! We currently have seven active three-year study circles and two one-year study circles. To access the CFP for each circle: <https://www.nsuweb.org/activities/summer-session/>

Study program 2023

NSU has a total of seven study circles, two one year circles and five ad hoc 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 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.



NORDIC SUMMER UNIVERSITY SUMMER SESSION 2023



WHAT IS NORDIC SUMMER UNIVERSITY?



Founded in 1950, Nordic Summer University (NSU) is a non-profit, independent, and non-hierarchical academic organisation that supports the development of cross-national networks and inter-disciplinary research initiatives in the Nordic and Baltic regions.

WHAT IS THE NSU SUMMER SESSION?



The week-long Summer Session is the yearly culmination of NSU's activities where all circles hold their symposia at a shared location, usually at a stunning location in one Nordic or Baltic countries. The program comprises of presentations, discussions, keynotes, workshops, readings, performances and a general assembly where every participant can take part in the democratic functioning of the organisation. There is also swimming, walking, and enjoying each other's company, and participants can bring their family. There is a children circle with activities for children aged 3-13.

ABOUT THE SUMMER SESSION 2023

The summer session 2023 takes place in Palanga, Lithuania, from July 27 to August 3, 2023.

JOIN US

Scholars, artists, students, journalists, independent researchers, practitioners, critical thinkers, and anyone who wants to our events is welcome. Apply to join one of our study circle this summer:

<https://www.nsuweb.org/study-circles/>

PARTICIPATION FEES



The costs of the summer session are as follows:

- single rooms for 575 euros per person.
- double/twin rooms for 425 euro per person.
- family rooms for 950 euros (family of 4).
- scholarship and grant recipient in a twin room: 175 euros.

The cost includes NSU membership, accommodation for the week, 3 meals and 2 coffee breaks a day, and access to the full NSU program during the summer session.

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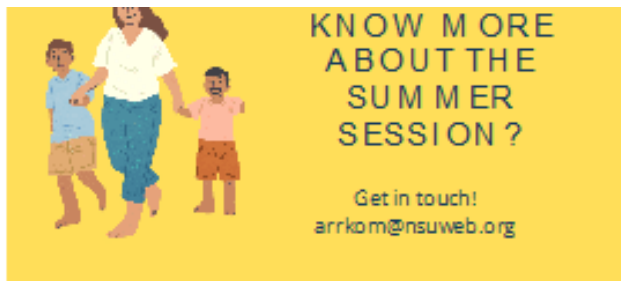
WANT TO

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Apply to our grant and scholarship program to benefit from our reduced fee of 175 euros for the week. Criteria for each are described in detail here:

https://www.nsuweb.org/support_pages/arrkom/scholarship-and-grant-program/.



www.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. Place of Heritage in Interdisciplinarity. Theme: Access to Cultural Heritage: Inclusivity and Development.

Circle 2. Cybioses – life in the future imperfect. Theme: What a waste: surplus art, theory and tékhnhē.

Circle 3. Praxis of Social Imaginaries: Cosmologies, Othering and Liminality. Theme: Racialisation, Objectification, Dehumanisation: Missionary and Merchant in the Mongolian Empire.

Circle 5. Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering in Contemporary Europe. Theme: Racialization, Whiteness and Politics of Othering: Alternative Futures.

Circle 6. Nordic Environmental Ethics. Theme: Climate Change and Welfare.

Circle 7. The Experiential in Artistic Practice and Research: Methods, Knowledges and Reflective Processes. Theme: Experiential Cognition in Artistic Research.

Circle 8. Futures of Education, Cultural Diversity, Imaginations and Collective Transformations in Time of the Anthropocene. Theme: Action-Oriented Change – Potentialities for Sustainability.

One year circle 1. Political Myths and Critique in the Age of Post-Truth.

One year circle 2. TBA.

Children Circle. Participants are welcome to bring their families and their children to the summer session. Children aged 3 and older will be supervised by youth leaders and a mentor while the parent(s) attend their study program during the day. A range of activities and free play opportunities will be available!

We encourage everyone interested to apply for the study program. The deadline for applications is **May 15th**, but please inquire with the study circle coordinators to see if there is potential to join later! 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.

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. There is a social and

cultural program in the evening.

Prices for the Summer Session:

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The cost includes accommodation for the week, 3 meals and 2 coffee break a day, and access to the full NSU program during the summer session. Participation in the summer session requires NSU membership, and the cost also includes NSU membership. If you already paid the membership fee when you took part in a winter symposium in 2023, your membership is already covered for the whole year 2023. Please let the coordinators know so you can receive a discount code to deduct 25 euros from your payment. Those who can and wish to support NSU in addition to these costs are welcome to purchase an optional support fee of 40 euros. Those who cannot attend the summer session are also welcome to support the work of NSU by purchasing this support fee of 40 euros.

NSU Scholarship and Grant Program: Application Process

Those who wish to receive financial support to attend can apply for a scholarship (exclusively for Nordic/Baltic students) or a grant (inclusive for all other students and people in need, also non-Nordic participants). Please see the criteria and process to apply:

https://www.nsuweb.org/support_pages/arrkom/scholarship-and-grant-program/

The application deadline is May 15th.

Call for Study Circle Proposals 2024-2026 is open

Deadlines:

15 May 2023 for review round 1

27 July 2023 for review during the NSU Summer Session.

The summer session is also a time to discuss and apply for new three-year study circles. Deadlines are May 15 and July 27 for round one and two of reviews. We particularly encourage seasoned members to consider applying!

The call for study circles is open and you can find it here:

<https://www.nsuweb.org/activities/call-for-study-circle-proposals-2024-2026/>

Inquiry from a member of NSU

One of our members Dankert Veddelar is looking for information/a chronology of Jean-François Lyotard's tour in Scandinavia in the 1970s for a publication.

Anyone with documentation is welcome to contact him at

dankertv@gmail.com/ dankert.vedeler@ntnu.no

News from the Board

The one-year study circle is a new format that we have introduced during the last year.

The aim is to attract new people to NSU and have them engage with our activities without a larger three-year undertaking.

The one-year study circles will continue during this year, thanks to the grants that we have received from **Svenska akademien** and **Kungliga Vitterhetsakademien**. This is the second year that we count on their support and we are very happy that they want to continue encouraging our activities.

The next couple of years will be vital for the survival of NSU. As we prepare to survive on less predictable funding and think of new ways of organizing what we do without losing track of our fundamental activities, we will be more and more dependent on the work of our members. NSU is what we make of it. Come join us this summer or support us by becoming a paying member! <https://www.nsuweb.org/shop/?product-page=2>

On behalf of the board,
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