

MYTH, MIGRATION AND MOBILITY

13th Biennial Conference of the
Swedish Association for American Studies (SAAS)
Swedish Emigrant Institute, Växjö, Sweden
October 8 - 9, 2026

Call for Contributions

The Swedish Association for American Studies will hold its 13th conference at the Swedish Emigrant Institute in Växjö, **from lunch on Thursday, October 8, 2026 to lunch on Friday, October 9, 2026**. We are honored to feature Gunlög Fur, Professor at Linnaeus University, as the keynote speaker.

For this occasion, we invite scholars, **including MA and PhD students**, working in the interdisciplinary field of American Studies to submit proposals for presentations **on planned, ongoing or completed research projects, or on teaching American Studies**.

Fields of interest include but are not limited to: anthropology, art, cultural studies; film and media studies; gender studies; literature; musicology; popular culture; political science; religion; US or North American history; and visual culture.

Looking forward to the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence, the 13th biennial SAAS conference especially welcomes contributions on the aspirations, contradictions and myths connected to the United States project from its origins to the present. We hope that the conference's location at the Swedish Emigrant Institute will also attract contributions that interrogate the migration and mobility inherent in the formation and development of the United States.

To submit a proposal for a presentation, please provide a title and a short abstract (150-200 words). Length of presentations will be circa 15 minutes.

Submissions should be sent to **Lucia Hodgson at lucia.hodgson@engelska.uu.se**
Please include name, email address, affiliation, and brief bio.

Deadline for proposals: May 15, 2026

Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 26, 2026.

For more information about the conference, please contact Karin Molander Danielsson at karin.molander.danielsson@mdu.se.

SAAS is an academic network that encourages scholarship in the multi-disciplinary field of American Studies. SAAS seeks to develop a critical understanding of the role, position and meaning of the United States and North America. In Sweden, research about the US/North America is conducted in many different disciplines. The biennial SAAS conference thus functions as an important forum for interdisciplinary exchange and provides American Studies scholars with an opportunity to meet and network.