



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS WINTER 2017

**Study Circle | Understanding Migration in Nordic and Baltic Countries**

**Symposium Theme | Justice Across Borders: Ethics and Human Movement**

**Dates | February 24–26, 2017**

**Venue | Wrocław University, Poland**

### ***The call:***

We invite individuals from all fields to join us for a two-day multidisciplinary symposium focused on migration in Nordic and Baltic contexts. The event is organized by the Nordic Summer University, in tandem with its Study Circle 1, whose 2017–2019 cycle is entitled **Understanding Migration in the Nordic and Baltic countries**.

The focus of the study circle is to explore diverse theoretical and empirical perspectives around the broad theme of migration, in relation specifically to the Nordic and Baltic region. The winter 2017 symposium will be the first of six symposia, each of which will take place in a different Nordic or Baltic country, and focus on a particular set of issues within the overarching theme.

### ***The theme:***

In light of increasing flows of immigrants and refugees into and through Europe, and the rising prominence of human movement in political and popular discourse, the winter 2017 symposium focuses on themes of ethics and justice.

The Nordic and Baltic states are characterized by different histories of immigration and varied understandings of social justice; yet all share in the contemporary challenge of determining how to welcome new minorities within their borders. Against this backdrop, the winter symposium confronts the paradoxical relationships between freedom and protection, justice and control, morality and punishment, ideal and choice, with a focus on situating lived experience.

How do immigrants and asylum seekers navigate the blurry legal boundaries that come to govern them, especially when national laws and international norms are in contradiction? What do we mean when we talk of access to justice for migrants who are never able to secure legal representation? What are the stakes of punitive practices within states that associate immigration with criminalization? Who is affected by marginality and illegality and how? What constitutes the legitimacy of states, borders and laws, and how is such legitimacy maintained and challenged? How are political landscapes changing and what are the human effects?

### ***Who should apply?***

**We invite scholars, students, journalists, social workers, filmmakers and researchers from all fields to take part in our study circle.** Students and researchers from immigrant and refugee backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. Those with presentations related to the broad theme of migration in Nordic and Baltic countries but not directly tied to the symposium subtheme are also welcome to submit proposals.

We encourage participants to craft their presentations in the format that they find most suitable, however, please note that the maximum duration of each presentation, including time for follow-up discussion, will be 40 minutes.

Symposium participants are encouraged to submit papers for pre-circulation by the 15th of January, 2017 in order to stimulate discussions and debate.

Those who wish to attend the symposium without making a presentation are welcome to apply, but we encourage everyone to actively contribute to the group by reading participant papers and taking part in collective discussions.

The winter 2017 symposium is a collaborative effort involving three other NSU study circles: Circle 2, "Appearances of the political"; Circle 5, "International relations and human rights"; and Circle 8, "Comparative futurologies." A short common programme will provide opportunities for participants in each circle to discuss and exchange ideas around shared interests and issues.

### ***How to apply:***

**To submit a proposal, please send a written proposal (350 words) via email to the coordinators, Stéphanie Barillé & Bremen Donovan, at [migration@nsuweb.com](mailto:migration@nsuweb.com).** If you would like to attend the symposium without presenting, please email a short biography (100 words) and briefly explain your interest in participating.

**The deadline to submit proposals is December 1, 2016.** The preliminary program will be announced on December 15, 2017 at [www.nordic.university](http://www.nordic.university). There you will also find more information about NSU and may sign up for the newsletter.

### ***Registration and fee:***

**The fee is 50 € / 30 €** (students, freelancers, Baltic residents) and must be paid via bank transfer in advance of the symposium. Further details will be included in letters of acceptance.

The registration cost includes coffee breaks and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. NSU can also organize and cover the cost of hotel accommodation for two nights and dinner on Saturday evening, so **please indicate whether you need a hotel room**. Kindly note that this means basic accommodation for participants who are not already funded by their institutions, and who are willing to share a double room. Those who wish to stay in a single room are welcome to pay the difference in cost. Please note that neither the symposium fee nor any other costs will be reimbursed should the participant cancel.

Participants should apply directly to their home institutions, Art Councils, local foundations or other sponsors for help covering travel costs. Limited funding for travel may be available through NSU once the symposium has ended.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**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, Nordic Summer University 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 consist 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.

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