

CfP Feminism, Phenomenology, and Genealogy
Nordic Summer University
Saulkrasti, Latvia, 26 July – 2 August 2017

Keynote speakers:

Sigrídur Þorgeirsdóttir, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Iceland, specializing in feminist philosophy, the philosophy of Nietzsche, and the philosophy of nature and embodiment.

Cecilia Malmström Olsson, PhD at Lund University in Literature, with special focus on Dance Studies. Malmström Olsson specializes in dance and aesthetics, as well as dance and politics from different perspectives, such as identity, gender, race, and power relations.

The network *Feminist Philosophy: Time, history and the transformation of thought* (2017-2019), invites scholars to Saulkrasti, Latvia, 26 July – 2 August 2017. The aim of the conference is to create a space for critical feminist practices of reading. We want to develop and draw connections between philosophy and feminist theory, informed by historical perspectives. How can feminism revitalize philosophy and interpretations of its history? What would a philosophical feminism look like? What would it mean to read feminist theory historically? The meeting in Saulkrasti is the second out of a total of six conferences during a three-year period. The first conference *Feminist Utopias* was held in collaboration with the University of Iceland in March 2017, attracting about 60 scholars from all over the world.

The keywords for the gathering in Saulkrasti are **feminism, phenomenology, and genealogy**. During the week we will organize text seminars where we re-read classical texts in phenomenology and genealogy through a feminist lens. One seminar will be devoted to the study of texts by **Hannah Arendt** and **Adriana Cavarero** and one seminar will take on the project of reading **Simone de Beauvoir** alongside **Friedrich Nietzsche**. One evening is dedicated to a symposium ancient style (with wine, outdoors) where we read **Sophocles'** *Antigone* together. The next day we follow up the theme with a seminar on feminist readings of *Antigone*.

We invite papers or proposals for activities that address the themes in a variety of perspectives. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Feminist readings of texts in the phenomenological and genealogical traditions.
- Women philosophers in the phenomenological movement.
- Appropriating phenomenology and genealogy for feminist aims.
- Genealogies of feminist thought, writing histories of feminist theory and philosophy.
- Power and struggle in the production of feminist truths.
- Feminist genealogies of the history of philosophy.
- Corporeal temporalities, history as embodied practice.
- Appropriating phenomenology and genealogy in feminist art and artistic research.
- We also welcome proposals on the theme of feminist philosophy more broadly speaking by people who have an interest in the network.

Each paper presentation will be allotted at least one hour, which allows for in depth discussions. The fact that we have a whole week at our disposal opens up for an intimate environment for learning and discussion between people from different countries, universities,

disciplines and traditions. All participants are invited to organize workshops, film screenings or similar activities. PhD candidates receive 5 ECTS for the presentation of a paper and full participation during the week.

About the network

Feminist philosophy: Time, history and the transformation of thought is an international platform for inquiries in feminist philosophy. From 2017 to 2019, we will organize six conferences on different themes in feminist philosophy. Our ambition is to make a contribution to feminist theory and philosophy both within and without the discipline of philosophy, as well as to put extant efforts in feminist philosophy in historical perspectives. The network aims to transcend the hierarchies of academia and is open to senior scholars, PhD-candidates, and master students.

Practical information

The summer session takes place in the town of Saulkrasti, close to Riga on the Latvian seashore, 26 July to 2 August 2017. It is organized together with the other seven thematic networks of the Nordic Summer University (see below). The total number of participants is expected to be between 100 and 120. Feminist philosophy will have its own separate program, but as a participant you will have the opportunity to visit and partake in the work of the other circles. There will also be a cultural program in the evenings and a chance to go on excursions in the surroundings of Saulkrasti. There will be a children's circle during the academic work sessions, which means parents can bring their children with them.

The cost of participating in the summer session ranges from 80 € to 550 €, depending on what accommodation you choose. Full board is included in all prices. Further information about accommodation and prices, as well as the location, excursions and cultural program, is found on the website <https://nsu2017.wordpress.com>.

Participation – deadline 1 May

Anyone interested in presenting a paper or organizing a workshop is invited to submit an abstract of approximately 300 words and a short bio to feministphilosophy@nsuweb.org no later than **May 1st, 2017**. If you wish to participate without presenting a paper, please write 50-100 words about yourself and submit by the same date. Decisions will be communicated in the beginning of May, together with further information on how to register. We might be able to accept late applications; contact us if deadline has passed.

Scholarships – deadline 15 April

NSU offers a scholarship program to support PhD and MA students or people with low income or special needs. In return scholarship recipients are asked to help the Arrangement committee for a few hours during the week. Tasks may include taking care of some light practical work or contributing to a blog about the overall experience of the week.

The recipients will pay 40 euro + their own travel cost. Full board is included. The arrangement committee also offers extra travel funding for three participating students from Greenland (1 student), Faroe Islands (1 student) and any Baltic state (1 student) to cover their travel costs to and from Latvia.

The application for scholarships and extra travel funding should be submitted to feministphilosophy@nsuweb.org and to the leader of the Arrangement committee: arrkom@nsuweb.org by **April 15th**.

About the Nordic Summer University

Founded in 1950, the Nordic Summer University is an independent, non-profit academic institution that fosters intellectual and cultural exchange between the Nordic and the 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. The NSU is funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers. Read more about the Nordic Summer University on the website <http://nordic.university>

Coordinators

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