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The white dunes at Saukrasti, Latvia

## News from the Nordic Summer University (NSU): upcoming events in 2017

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## Location

The summer session 2017 will be held in Saulkrasti, Latvia from the 26 July until the 2 August. Saulkrasti is a historical sea resort situated on the Baltic sea, 50 kilometers from Riga. The summer session 2017 will be held in Minhauzena Unda, a holiday accommodation in the middle of a pine forest, less than a five-minute walk from the sandy beach seaside. The hotel got its name from the world's biggest liar, Baron von Munchausen! Intrigued? To find out more, come to the summer session! The location is within easy reach, approximately 1 hour from Riga city centre by bus or train.

More information about the hotel can be found

here: <http://minhauzens.lv/en/recreation-complex-minhauzena-unda/>

## Application process

The application process has two steps: (1) Application to coordinators for acceptance. Application starts 1st of April and closes on 1st of May. You first choose a study circle, and then contact the coordinator of the study circle by email for acceptance to participate: <http://nordic.university/study-circles/> After you have been accepted, the next step is (2) Registration and payments, which closes on 1st of June. All registration and payment will be done electronically. More information will be sent out in the next newsletter 1st of April.

## Keynote speakers

Professor Sigridur Thorgeirsdottir is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Iceland. She specializes in the philosophy of Nietzsche, feminist philosophy and philosophy of nature and embodiment. Sigridur Thorgeirsdottir is one of the founders of the United Nations University GEST—Gender Equality Studies and Training Programme, a joint project of the United Nations University, University of Iceland and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Among her publications are *Dagbók 2016 - Árið með heimspekingum* (A Calendar of Women Philosophers), University of Iceland Press, 2015 (co-authored with Erla Karlsdóttir, Eyja M. Brynjarsdóttir and Nanna Hlín Halldórsdóttir) and *Birth, Death, and Femininity: Philosophies of Embodiment* (with R.M. Schott (ed.), V. Songe-Möller, S. Heinämaa), Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010. More information of her research and publications is found from her website: <http://uni.hi.is/sigrthor/>

The second keynote will be Cecilia Malmström Olsson, who received her doctorate in Lund, 1993 in Literature, with special focus on Dance Studies. She is a freelance dance researcher, writer, lecturer, and has been active in dance, culture, and education over the last thirty years in Sweden, Scandinavia, Europe and the US.

Her focus has been and is dance and aesthetics, dance and politics from different perspectives, such as identity, gender, race, and power relations.

## Cost and accommodation

There are a limited amount of rooms in Munchhausen Hotel therefore we will also offer accommodation for participants in 2 or 4 bed caravans that will be located right next to the main buildings in a forested camp-like environment surrounded by nature. Participants who stay in caravans will be able use bathroom facilities/showers in the main buildings. Total cost per adult person ranges from 80 - 550 euros depending on the sort of accommodation you choose.

- Staying in a caravan: from 80 euros to 150 euros.

- Staying in the hotel building: from 200 euros to 550 euros.

Grant and scholarship holders will be given a place in caravans. Cost for grant holders is 60 euros and for scholarship holders 40 euros.

The total cost per child from ages 4-14 years old is 150 euros. Children under the age of 4 pay 50 euros even if they share a room with the parent.

More detailed information about the summer session will be sent out in the April newsletter.

## Scholarship program

NSU will this year provide 18 scholarships for students and 18 grants for others in need of a subsidy in order to attend the summer session. The application period is from 1st April to 15th April. For current information, see <http://nsuweb.org/w2014/> Please note that people who receive grants and scholarships are expected to help ARRKOM with small tasks like writing blog posts, sharing their experience, distributing information if needed, and helping out with setting up and cleaning up the picnic.

## ECTS

PhD and MA students are eligible for up to five ECTS points for participation and presentation of a paper. See also: <http://nordic.university/study-circles/>

## Parents with children

We welcome families at the Summer Session. As previous years, there will be a separate circle for children between 3 and 15 years. In the children's circle, we offer a variety of activities for children and youth, running parallel to the other study circles. See also: <http://nordic.university/study-circles/childrenscircle/>

## Call for youth leaders and mentor for the children's circle

The application period is from 1st to 15th of April. For more information about the tasks and where to submit the application, see: <http://support.nsuweb.org/children-leader/>

## Excursions

30 July will be an excursion day, possible excursion destinations:

1. A trip to the capital Riga, to visit the Latvian National Museum of Art and to explore historic, beautiful old town <http://www.lnmm.lv/en>
2. A trip to Sigulda for those seeking adventure! <http://tourism.sigulda.lv/tourism-information-centre/>
3. A visit to the Munchusen museum where you can learn all about Baron von Munchhausen and hear unbelievable stories about his life. <http://www.latvia.travel/en/sight/munchhausen-museum>
4. Horseback riding through the stunning natural landscapes, through the forest and along the beach <http://juraszirgi.lv/>

## Open call for proposals of new study circles (2018-2020)

The call for proposals for new study circles proposals is open. Subject to the proviso that our funding situation for 2018 will be secured, study circles receive financial support for symposia for three consecutive years. Deadline for submission of proposals is April 1st.

The guidelines for how to submit a proposal can be found here:

<http://support.nsuweb.org/proposals-for-new-study-circles/>

## Call for editor of NSU Press

NSU is looking for an additional editor of NSU Press. NSU Press publishes monographs and anthologies related to the work of the study circles in NSU. Requirements: A PhD from the social sciences or the humanities. Experience in publishing is desirable but anyone interested is encouraged to apply. Please contact board member [johanna.sjostedt@nsuweb.org](mailto:johanna.sjostedt@nsuweb.org) for more information.



Arrkom for summer session in Saulkrasti, Latvia February 2017

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