



Sandy beach at your doorstep in Saulkrasti, Latvia

## **News from the Nordic Summer University (NSU): Summer Session 2017**

*Apologies for any cross posting*

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**Summer Session 2017**

Welcome to NSU Summer Session for 2017 in Saulkrasti, Latvia. Session will start

26th July and end the 2nd August. For more information, see our webpage [www.nordic.university](http://www.nordic.university). A special NSU blog on the Summer Session 2017 is made by the arrangement committee (Arrkom) and contains practical information: <https://nsu2017.wordpress.com/>.

Saulkrasti is an historic 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 is named after the world's biggest liar, Baron von Munchausen! Intrigued? To find out this and much more about Latvia, come to the summer session!

## Keynote Speakers

NSU proudly presents this year's keynote speakers for the summer session:

Professor Sigrídur Thorgeirsdóttir is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Iceland. She specializes in the philosophy of Nietzsche, feminist philosophy and philosophy of nature and embodiment. More information of her research and publications is found from her website: <http://uni.hi.is/sigrthor/>.

The second keynote Cecilia Malmström Olsson is a Ph.D. in dance science and literature and has been working in the field of dance for the past 35 years as a dancer, dance critic and researcher.

## Excursions

During the excursion day on 30 July, you can choose from a variety of activities for a small additional fee. Possible excursion destinations include:

1. A trip to the vibrant capital Riga, to visit the Latvian National Museum of Art and to explore historic, picturesque 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 nearby 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, into the forest and along the beach <http://juraszirgi.lv/>.

## Children's Circle

As in previous summer sessions, there will be a separate circle for children between 3 and 15 years. It offers a variety of activities for children and youth and is run in parallel to the other study circles. NSU is unique in offering this opportunity for families.

Remember the 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: <https://support.nsuweb.org/children-leader/>.

## Call for papers/proposals from our study circles

The calls for papers or proposals from our study circles are out. The calls are open from 1st April until 1st of May. Read more about the calls and the study circles: <https://nordic.university/study-circles/>.

## Registration process

Please note that the application process has two steps: After having chosen a study circle, you first have to apply to the coordinators to gain acceptance to participate, either with or without paper, before 1st of May. For a list of study circles and their call for papers, see: <https://nordic.university/study-circles/>.

After you receive confirmation from the coordinators of your chosen study circle, you may register and pay. The final deadline is 1st of June. More information about the payments coming soon in the next newsletter.

If you cancel and have paid before the 1st of June, you will be reimbursed, except for an administration fee of 27 Euro (250 SEK). If you cancel after the 1st of June, you will not receive any refunds at all. Terms and conditions can be found at the site for payments. We advice all participants to take a travel insurance in case of cancellations!

For registration and more info visit: <https://registration.nsuweb.org/>.

## Prices and practical information

Please note that the regular participation fee has been changed since newsletter no. 1 sent in March. The fee depends on the type of accommodation you select, NSU subsidizes participants that are willing to share a double room. All prices are in Euro (€) / person:

- Single room: **550**
- Double room: **300**
- Triple room: **200**
- GRANT recipients: **60**
- SCHOLARSHIP recipients: **40**
- Adult not participating in the NSU program (bed in double room): **350**
- Children 5 - 18 years: **150**
- Children 2 - 4 years: **50**
- Children less than 2 years: **free**

See further on combination of categories and prices will soon be updated in the online shop: <https://payment.nsuweb.org/> after this newsletter has been sent out.

*Note: Grant and scholarship holders will be given a place in caravans!*

Cost for grant holders is 60 euros and for scholarship holders 40 euros.

There are also 3 accessible rooms available.

Families with children should get in touch with Arrkom to find the best solution. Our email is: [arrkom@nsuweb.org](mailto:arrkom@nsuweb.org).

## Scholarships and grants

In addition to the general subsidies of the fees for the participants, NSU also offers a special program of scholarships and grants to support students and others with low income or particular needs, such as extra travel costs when traveling from the periphery of the Nordic region. In return Scholarship and grant receivers are asked to help the Arrangement committee for a few hours during the week. Tasks may include taking care of some light practical work (like printing) and also writing a blog about the overall experience of the week written in different languages. On arrival day, the arrangement committee (Arrkom) will meet with grant and scholarship recipients to discuss tasks.

The recipients of scholarships will only have to pay 40 Euro + their own travel cost when participating. The grant holders will only have to pay 60 Euro + their own travel cost. The arrangement committee is also offering extra travel funding for 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, grants, or extra travel funding have to be sent to the coordinators of the chosen study

circle: <https://support.nsuweb.org/arrkom/scholarship-and-grant-program/>.

## Deadlines

Please, note the following deadlines for the application process of scholarships and grants:

- **April 1**, Call opens
- **April 15**, Call closes
- **May 15**, Recipients will receive an offer by email from Arrkom
- **May 22**, Final day for the recipients to confirm the offer, if not confirmed, the offer will be automatically given to the next applicant on the list (with a 48 hour window to confirm)
- **May 30**, The list of scholarship and grant recipients is finalized.
- **June 1**, Last day to register and pay for the Summer Session

## ECTS

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

## How to get to Saulkrasti?

You have 4 main alternatives depending where you come from:

- *Ferry from Sweden*  
[http://www.directferries.com/ferries\\_from\\_sweden\\_to\\_latvia.htm](http://www.directferries.com/ferries_from_sweden_to_latvia.htm).
- *Fly to Riga airport*  
From airport take Bus22 to Central Riga: <http://www.riga-airport.com/en/main/passengers/useful-information/getting-to-the-airport/public-transport>. Once you've made your way to central Riga, you can reach Saulkrasti by bus (see below).
- *A bus from Tallinn to Riga bus station*  
<https://luxexpress.eu/en/tallinn-riga>. If you book in advance, the tickets are only 5 euros per journey. From Riga coach station you take a bus to Saulkrasti (see below).
- *A bus from Vilnius to Riga coach station*  
<https://luxexpress.eu/en>. If you book in advance, the tickets are only 5 euros per journey.

## NSU Press

As participant at the summer session you get discounts on publications from NSU Press distributed by Århus University Press. Information on our publications can be found here: <https://nordic.university/publications/>.

The orders must be placed before 20th of June 2017 to be picked up at the summer session: <https://registration.nsuweb.org/publications/>.

## Application deadline for new publications

In spring the deadline for applying for a publishing grant at NSU Press is 1st of June to the board. More on rules for publications can be found here: <https://support.nsuweb.org/nsu-press-guideline/>.

## The newspaper (Avis) is this year a blog

The newspaper for the Summer Session 2017 will be published continually at: <https://nsu2017.wordpress.com/>.

Check for the updated practical information and the program of the Summer Session in this blog. A reminder will be sent to the registered participants early in the summer with the latest updates of changes and additions.



To get from the airport to the bus stop take Bus 22, which leaves every 10 – 30 minutes and the duration of the trip is 30 minutes). The ticket costs 2.00 EUR and you can buy it from the driver. Be aware that the bus stop is outside the main entrance of the airport, so you should cross the car park to get there. You will find the bus stop in the far right corner of this airport terminal map (left).



At the Bus Station you should buy a ticket to Saulkrasti the ticket costs around 2.55 EUR. The destination is a bus stop called “Koklītes” near “Minhauzena Unda”, so you should ask the bus driver where to get out. You will notice a road sign like the one on the left.



The duration of the trip is around 1 hour. The hotel, “Minhauzena Unda” is within walking distance from the bus stop and looks like the above.



Or like the above here.

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*Please forward to anyone who may be interested.*

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