

The NordicBaltic Doctoral Network in Social Work

Evaluation Summary of Summer School in Aalborg from 16th to 20th of August 2011

Altogether 13 PhD students sent their evaluations (13 participants didn't fill in the form).
Some who answered didn't fill in all sections in the evaluation form.

Respondents' opinion on Summer school	Agree	Neither	Disagree
1) I really enjoyed the summer school	11		1
2) I had a lot of exchange with PhD-students from the other countries	11		1
3) I had a lot of exchange with PhD-students from my country	10	2	
4) The summer school gave me new perspectives	11		1
5) The lectures was very interesting	9	2	1
6) The presented papers were very interesting	10		2
7) The seminars was very interesting	10	1	1
8) The literature was very interesting	10	2	
9) I read all literature for the summer school	1	7	4
10) I think the summer school was well organized	9	2	
11) The summer school fulfilled my expectations	9	2	1
12) Summer school made me more aware of a Nordic-Baltic perspectives	8	4	
13) Summer school made me more aware of an international perspective	6	3	3
14) I would recommend attending summer schools to other PhD students	12		1
15) I hope to participate in more summer school	11		2

The best with the summer school:

Great atmosphere; Interesting discussions between the lecturers, professors and PhD-students.

The combination of interesting and updated lectures, seminars and paper presentations.

Support and experienced advises for PhD projects. Summer school gave new energy to start working after summer. The networking group exercise was a success.

The ground service (accommodation & food) was well organized. This gave people energy for listening, discussing and learning.

The most problematic with the summer school:

The pre-reading list:

The list of the literature came too late. The literature could have helped to ask questions and be better prepared in discussions. It would be easier to get on-line full texts articles than books. Otherwise participants liked that the literature was interesting.

Program:

Some participants would prefer more time for reflexions between the seminars. One international lecturer had to cancel, which was disappointing. Participants wished the international lecturers to lecture longer than 2 hours in one day. Otherwise the program was good.

The weather and place:

It was raining half of the summer school week. Because of the weather, the participants had to stay indoors a lot. Some students felt that it was hard being together all the time without some time of ones own. On the other hand, many felt that staying together made the networking with other participants easier.

What I would like the coming organizers to think about:

Students would like to hear how the researcher/lecturer choose the analytical concepts, interprets the data etc. what is the research process.

To activate students more during lectures with small group/pair discussions and to nominate a PhD as opponent to the paper as well as the seminary leaders. With opponents the PhD students would get more involved in the paper sessions and also the paper discussion become a learning element of the Summer School.