

The Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work
 Evaluation Summary of Summer School in Vilnius 17–21, 2009

Altogether 14 PhD students sent their evaluations (13 participants didn't fill in the form)

Respondents' opinion on Summer school	Agree	Nei-ther	Dis-agree
1) I really enjoyed the summer school	13	1	
2) I had a lot of exchange with PhD-students from the other countries	9	4	1
3) I had a lot of exchange with PhD-students from my country	9	4	1
4) The summer school gave me new perspectives	12	2	
5) The lectures was very interesting	13	1	
6) The presented papers were very interesting	10	3	1
7) The seminars was very interesting	11	3	
8) The discussion with the steering committee was very interesting	9	5	
9) The literature was very interesting	10	2	2
10) I read all literature for the summer school	8	5	1
11) I think the summer school was well organized	11	3	
12) The summer school fulfilled my expectations of the course	12	2	
13) Summer school made me more aware of a Nordic perspective	9	4	1
14) Summer school made me more aware of an international perspective	13	1	
15) I would recommend attending summer schools to other PhD-students	13	1	
16) I hope to participate in more summer schools	12	2	

The best with the summer school:

Great atmosphere; Interesting discussions between the lecturers, professors and PhD -students. The representations of different perspectives on social work research. Meeting other people from the Nordic and Baltic countries and sharing experiences. The combination of interesting and updated lectures, seminars and paper presentations. Focusing on discipline of social work itself.

The most problematic with the summer school:

Problems with the student accommodation in the beginning; happily all ended well. Unclear expectations on the paper presentation; not having the papers beforehand. Unclear clarification of credits and no expected learning outcomes. The list of the litterature came too late. As there were some difficulties to get the litterature before the summer school, the discussions in the seminar group were not always as deep as one would hope. Maybe some articles would be more usable option compared to whole books. The perspective of Nordic-Baltic countries was lacking. Time schedule was may be a little bit too tight and full.

What I would like the coming organizers to think about:

Problems with the availability and clarity of literature and unclear expression about the seminar papers. Clearer instructions about earning ECTS are needed. There could be fewer presentations during a day and more time for a paper sessions and discussions afterwards. Try to find a way to integrate Baltic perspectives in a better way in discussions and presenting papers. The themes for summer school selection. The organizers made a good job. It was an unforgettable experience for everybody and everybody participated as much as they felt they need. Organise it in the same way!