

Nordic Baltic PhD Course

Identity and history in social work (4 ECTS)

The first training course of *the Nordic Baltic Graduate School & Network in Social Work* -program is to be held from November 2009 25th to 27th at Tallinn University. (More information of the Graduate School & Network, see www.sosnet.fi/nbsw).

The aim of the ‘Identity and history in social work’ course is

- 1) To help to problematise uncritical understandings of history;
- 2) to open up the importance of our national/regional interpretations of the past and history of social work for the construction of our professional identities at the present in particular in the European, Baltic and Nordic regions;
- 3) to enlighten the meaning of gender in social work history and for the present day, and
- 4) to provide tools for research how to promote effective historical inquiry.

The pedagogical forms of the course include pre-readings, writing a research paper including research tasks, lectures, discussions and group working, learning tasks.

Articles to be pre read by the participants:

1) Sabine Hering (2009) Solving the ‘Social Question’: The Influence of Agriculture and Industrialization on the Development of Social Work.
http://www.sosnet.fi/includes/file_download.asp?deptid=28858&fileid=16448&file=20090618094436.pdf&pdf=1

OR

Sabine Hering, Differenz, Konkurrenz, oder Vielfalt? - Frauen und Männer in der Geschichte der Sozialen Arbeit.
http://www.sosnet.fi/includes/file_download.asp?deptid=28858&fileid=16449&file=20090618094723.pdf&pdf=1

2) Lorenz, W. (2004), Research as an Element in Social Work's Ongoing Search for Identity, in R. Lovelock, K. Lyons, and J. Powell (eds.), *Reflecting on Social Work - Discipline and Profession*, Aldershot: Ashgate, pp 145 - 162, ISBN 0-7546-1905-2
http://www.sosnet.fi/includes/file_download.asp?deptid=28858&fileid=16450&file=20090618095038.pdf&pdf=1

OR

Lorenz, Walter. Paradigms and Politics: Understanding Methods Paradigms in an Historical Context: The Case of Social Pedagogy. *The British Journal of Social Work*, Volume 38, Number 4 (June 2008), pp. 625-625, <http://ejournals.ebsco.com/direct.asp?ArticleID=41008BAF2F3CDA9D7BCE>

3) Mirja Satka, Timo Harrikari. The Present Finnish Formation of Child Welfare and History. *The British Journal of Social Work*, Volume 38, Number 4 (June 2008), pp. 645-645, <http://ejournals.ebsco.com/direct.asp?ArticleID=43FDBF0C9E503754D241>

Further reading materials (voluntary)

Meeuwisse A, Swärd H. Social work programmes in the social democratic welfare regime

Int J Soc Welfare 2009; 18: 000- 000

http://www.sosnet.fi/includes/file_download.asp?deptid=28858&fileid=16451&file=20090618095146.pdf&pdf=1

Weiss, I & Welbourne, P. (2007). Social work as a profession: a comparative crossnational perspective. Birmingham, Venture Press (251 pages)

Research paper abstracts in English (max 200 words) should be sent 2 weeks before the course by November 11th 2009 by each participant to Academy Research Fellow Mirja Satka, [mirja.satka\[at\]jyu.fi](mailto:mirja.satka[at]jyu.fi)

The research papers are presented by using Power Point, if possible, and developed via discussion in thematically pre-organized small groups. The themes of discussion are not expected to be limited to historical topics only. The papers should include research tasks, and a section which discusses of history in your own PhD research:

Does history have a role in your PhD work? Why?

e.g. How or in which ways history could be important even if it does not play a major role? How could a historical understanding enhance this study? What historical background is important for the study? Reflections on what is the national or local history of the phenomenon I am studying.

Participants are free to decide whether you want to deliver your research paper to other participants of the course during or after the course.

Course program

Identity and history in social work

Wednesday 25, November 2009 at University of Tallinn, room M-648 (Mare building)

13.00 Opening of the event

prof. Lauri Leppik, University of Tallinn & Nordic-Baltic network

13.15 Orientation for the Course: Introduction of participants and the recent European Historiography in Social Work

Academy Research Fellow, Mirja Satka, University of Jyväskylä, Chair of the course

14.15 Why do we need historical research in social work /social welfare?

Two viewpoints:

1) Social Work Histories - the Swedish viewpoint

Prof. Sven Hessle, University of Stockholm

15.15. Coffee Break

15.45 2) Is change the only quality of the present day? The problem of time and history in social research

Academy Research Fellow Mirja Satka, University of Jyväskylä

Discussion

19.00 Dinner

Thursday 26th November 2009, room T-307 (Terra building)

9.00 History and identity as elements of European social work methods

Prof. Walter Lorenz, Free University Bolzano

10.45 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.15 Solving the ‘Social Question’: The Influence of Agriculture and Industrialization on the Development of Social Welfare in Eastern and Western Europe

Prof. Sabine Hering, University of Siegen

13.00 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 18.15 Group work & research paper presentations in small groups, rooms T-307, T-310, T-304 (Terra building) and S-236 (Silva building) including a coffee break.

19.00 Dinner

Friday 27th November 2009, room T-307 (Terra building)

9.00 – 10.00 Group reports presented for the whole course & discussion

10.00 – 12.00 Panel Debate: History as a Resource for Nordic and Baltic social work

Participants:

Prof. Sven Hessle, University of Stockholm

University lecturer, Pirkko-Liisa Rauhala, University of Helsinki

Phd student Johanna Moilanen, University of Jyväskylä

Phd student Reeli Sirotkina, University of Tartu

Chair of the panel: Mirja Satka, University of Jyväskylä

12.00 Closing the Course prof. Lauri Leppik, University of Tallinn & Nordic-Baltic network