

Call for papers: The Third Nordic Conference on Cultural Policy Research

Bø in Telemark, Norway
August 23-24, 2007

The Centre for Cultural and Sports Studies, Bø, and the Arts Council of Norway, Oslo, now invites you to submit an abstract to a paper to the Third Nordic Conference on Cultural Policy Research, that will be organised at Telemark University College, Bø, Norway, August 23-24, 2007.

Similar conferences on cultural policy research have earlier been organised in Århus, Denmark (2003) and Borås, Sweden (2005). We plan to organise similar Nordic conferences every second year in the years to come, i.e. the Nordic conferences will alternate with the – also biannual – “International Conference on Cultural Policy Research” (ICCPR)

The purpose of the Nordic conference is to contribute to the discussion of cultural policy research issues with particular relevance for the Nordic countries. The conference should support Nordic research in this field, and promote further transnational exchange of high quality research experiences.

The conference primarily aims to recruit researchers, especially researchers who will present papers for discussion, but also other researchers that are interested in cultural policy research. The conference is also open for others that are interested in cultural policy research (people in the cultural sector, media).

It is an important objective to establish/develop a research conference with high professional ambitions. The conference is still open for young researchers/research recruits (PhD students, possibly master students with particularly interesting projects).

Topics

There is no fixed theme of the conference. Rather, participants are invited to present research contributions within a wide range of topics and with different theoretical/methodological approaches, for instance:

- cultural diversity
- decentralisation and globalisation
- local and regional cultural policy
- cultural identity
- cultural policy as welfare policy
- institutionalisation/de-institutionalisation
- privatisation and creative alliances
- artist policy
- cultural industries
- models and strategies of cultural policy
- cultural policy and copyright
- culture and economy
- culture and gender
- cultural work

- history of cultural policy
- cultural policy and international relations
- cultural policy and development policy
- cultural policy and theory
- cultural policy and cultural heritage

We may also organise some thematically and/or theoretically more focused sessions, for instance on “governance and cultural policy in Nordic and Baltic societies” (if a sufficient number of participants are interested).

Organisation

The conference lasts for two days. The program will include keynote speeches and presentations/discussions of papers in sessions. 40 minutes will be accorded to each paper, divided between presenter, discussant and open discussion. Some sessions with panel debates may also be organised, for instance about “the arms length principle” in cultural policy. The participants will be invited to a gala dinner on the first evening of the conference. There will also be a cultural program during the conference.

Abstracts and papers

Those who will present papers at the conference must submit abstracts of about 750 to 1500 words (2-3 p). Abstracts must include:

- research objectives or questions
- research methodology and theoretical perspectives
- findings and conclusions (if there are any at this stage)

The abstract should be sent by mail to the Centre for Cultural and Sports Studies/Kjærsti Skjeldal (Kjarsti.Skjeldal@hit.no) before January 15, 2007.

Conference fee, registration and payment

The conference fee is 1000 NOK for ordinary participants (PhD-students included), 250 NOK for students. The fee covers the conference itself and the meals, but not the accommodation. Deadline for registration and payment of registration fee is June 1, 2007. New invitation/reminder of the conference with proposal form will be distributed later on.

The proposal form will also be made available at the internet site of the Centre for Cultural and Sports Studies (SKI), http://www.hit.no/main/af/senter_for_kultur_og_idrettsstudiar. Here additional information will also be provided.

Proceedings/papers

All papers accepted for presentation at the conference will be made available at the internet site of the Centre for Cultural and Sports Studies (SKI), in due time before the conference.

Conference language

Conference languages will be Norwegian, Swedish, Danish and English. Keynote speeches, paper presentations and discussions will mainly be held in Scandinavian languages. But presentation of papers, contributions to discussions and keynote speeches in English will also be accepted.

Scientific committee

Gestur Gudmundsson, professor at the Iceland University of Education, Reykjavik, Island

Anita Kangas, professor at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Jørn Langsted, professor at the University of Aarhus, Denmark

Per Mangset, professor at Telemark University College, and head of Centre for Cultural and Sports Studies, Norway

Dorte Skot-Hansen, head of Centre for Cultural Policy Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark

Geir Vestheim, professor at the University College of Borås, Sweden

Organisers/hosts

The conference will be organised by the Centre for Cultural and Sports Studies, at Telemark University College/Telemark Research, in cooperation with the Arts Council of Norway. The conference takes place in the venues of Telemark University College, Bø in Telemark, 23-24 August, 2007.

Bø is located about 150 km south-east of Oslo. Travel time by train Oslo-Bø is about 2 hours, by bus 2 ½ - 3 hours. There are also flight connections from other Nordic countries to the airport of Torp, near Sandefjord. The bus from Torp to Bø takes about 2 h and 20 minutes.

Local organisation committee

Ellen Aslaksen, head of research, the Arts Council of Norway, Oslo

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Important dates

Deadline for submission of abstract, January 15, 2007

Deadline for submission of paper, May 20, 2007

Deadline for registration and payment of the conference fee, June 1, 2007

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