

Call for Applications
“Societies, Cultures, Critical Theories”
BUP Workshop for PhD Students, 16-17 May 2022
Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden

The workshop “Societies, Cultures, Critical Theories” aims at strengthening collaboration and find novel ways of interaction between **PhD students from participating universities of the Baltic University Programme (BUP)**, in the name of supporting the key role that universities play in a democratic, peaceful and sustainable development. Drawing on peer-to-peer learning, the workshop offers the possibility for doctoral students to present and receive feedback on their own research, as well as to comment on research by fellow PhD students. In addition, it constitutes a platform for initiating possible collaborations, networks and joint publications.

The workshop focuses in particular on **PhD level research in the humanities, arts, and social studies from any of the BUP participating universities**. We especially encourage participation in this workshop for PhD students from the following subjects: aesthetics, anthropology, archaeology, arts, cultural studies, ethnology, history, history of ideas, languages, literature, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion, and sociology, but PhD students from all disciplines are welcome!

Possible topics of interest are (but not limited to):

- Critical theories (including decolonial theory, queer theory, feminist theory)
- Politics and democracy (e.g., utopian politics, populist discourse, freedom of speech, good governance)
- Aspects and challenges of teaching
- Aspects and challenges of digitalization
- Contemporary and historical perspectives on human settlements
- Conceptualizations and/or problematization of sustainability and sustainable development.

Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance, issued by the BUP Coordinating Secretariat, Uppsala University, Sweden, with the possibility of being converted to credit points by the participant’s home university. In order to receive this certificate, participation during the whole time of the workshop is required.

Outline of the Workshop

The workshop takes place on the **16th–17th of May** and it is hosted by the **Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES), Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden**. We are aiming for an “in real life” event. However, depending on the Covid-19 situation and the participants traveling possibilities, the alternative of a hybrid format (a combination of an “in real life” and online event) remains open.

No participation fee is required. Accommodation and lunches will be provided by BUP (Södertörn University). Participants are expected to cover the travel costs themselves.

The workshop will consist of panel presentations of 3-4 participants/panel, which are then discussed together with the designated discussants (within the same panel), followed by a general discussion with all participants. In addition to these panels, the workshop will include a roundtable session with all participants and invited academic editors, which will focus on possibilities for collaboration and joint publication initiatives. The language of the workshop will be English.

Application Procedure

Deadline for applications: **8th of April 2022**.

The applicant must be enrolled as PhD student at one of the BUP Participating Universities during the time of the workshop. [A list of current BUP Participating Universities can be found on the BUP web pages.](#)

The application should consist of a summary of the applicant's doctoral research, as well as a brief description of the specific part/chapter that the presentation will focus on (max 1 page). Please include information about your disciplinary belonging and your institutional affiliation, as well as contact information (E-mail and telephone). Also, please indicate if you are able to join the workshop "in real life" or only online.

Send your application, as a DOC or PDF file to: **scct2022@sh.se**

By applying, the applicant agrees to act as a discussant of another participant's research, in other words, to give constructive feedback and pose questions to the doctoral research of another participant.

Please note that, in case of acceptance of participation, a draft of the specific part of the doctoral research that constitutes the focus of the presentation **will be requested no later than one week before the event**, in order to assure more substantial feedback. This could be a work in progress, between 5-15 pages (for example the draft of a chapter, an article, or a research plan). All participants will thus receive a draft of another participant's work one week before the event, as base for their feedback.

Notification of acceptance will be sent out by the 15th of April. The decision regarding the designation of discussants (i.e., the workshop programme) will be made after the notification of acceptance.

Welcome to Stockholm!