

Call for applications of PhD students to participate in CBSS Summer University 2018 at Södertörn University and the University of Gdańsk



Swedish Presidency



CBSS Summer University 2018: Populism and Radical Politics, Across East and West, Right and Left

When: 9 June – 21 June 2018

Where: **Site 1** - Stockholm (Södertörn University) and **Site 2** - Gdańsk (University of Gdańsk and European Solidarity Centre)

How many credits: 7.5 ECTS Points

For whom: Doctoral students within humanities or social sciences

By whom: Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES) at Södertörn University, University of Gdańsk, European Solidarity Centre in Gdańsk and the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)

About:

In the last few years, **populism** has been on the rise in Europe, across **East** and **West**. In some countries the nationalist **right-wing** populist parties have gained power, whereas in others they have emerged on the fringes of mainstream politics. Xenophobic and outright racist movements are becoming more visible and vocal and seemingly threatening democracy. Yet elsewhere, **left-wing** movements are mobilizing against this development, arguing that there are other forms of populism: less reactionary, more inclusive and with the potential to reinvigorate democracy. Recent years have also seen a rise in women's and feminist mobilization against a current resurgence of "traditional values", anti-feminist backlash and authoritarianism. In light of this, is it safe to say that we live in a time of increased **political polarization**?

This and other topical questions will be the subject of lectures and discussions during the two weeks of the **CBSS Summer University 2018** on two sides of the Baltic Sea, in Sweden and Poland.

The course “**Populism and Radical Politics, Across East and West, Right and Left**” deals with populism and radical politics across the political spectrum both theoretically and empirically. Particular attention is paid to the European post-1989 context within Baltic, Central and Eastern Europe, as well as the larger transnational and global cultural, economic and political developments within which these movements have emerged. The actual learning process will be enhanced by travel from Stockholm to the birthplace of Solidarity – Gdańsk, as well as teaching in action during guided tours and trips, small study groups and informal learning during leisure activities.

Some of the confirmed lecturers thus far are the following internationally renowned scholars:

- Oliver Marchart (University of Vienna)
- Cecilia Sjöholm (Södertörn University)
- Mark Devenney (University of Brighton)
- Agnieszka Graff (University of Warsaw)
- Elzbieta Korolczuk (Södertörn University)
- Emilia Palonen (University of Helsinki)
- Michal Krzyzanowski (University of Liverpool)

Registration and application:

- only for doctoral students
- previous knowledge about social movements and poststructuralist theory is highly recommended
- no registration and tuition fees
- **submit the following documents to summeruniversity@sh.se :**
 1. **proof of PhD-program admission/enrolment**
 2. **statement of intent** including a short description of your PhD project, your research interests and your motivation for taking the course (**300-500 words double spaced, *doc format**)

Deadline for applications: 30 April 2018

Number of places: limited

Housing: can be provided free of charge (indicate the need in your application)

Detailed programme and syllabus: check <http://www.sh.se/summeruniversity>

Course organisers:

- Jenny Gunnarsson Payne (academic programme – Sweden)
- Kazimierz Musial (academic programme – Poland)
- Natalia Durkalec (administration, promotion and social media)

Contact: summeruniversity@sh.se

WWW: sh.se/summeruniversity

CBEES
CENTRE FOR BALTIC AND
EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES