

INVITATION for YOUNG SCHOLARS

Doctoral students and post-docs are invited to take part in

Nordic Geographers Meeting 2011

"Geographical Knowledge, Nature and Practice"

Roskilde University, May 24 - 27, 2011

The theme of the conference is 'Geographical knowledge, nature and practice'. The production and use of geographical knowledge in society has become a critical issue in our understanding of society. This is evident in relation to current geo-political conflicts, the growth of new international relations, climate change and regional development.

Keynote speakers

- Bruce Braun, University of Minnesota (US)
- Luiza Bialasiewicz, Royal Holloway, University of London (GB)
- Morten Pejrup, Copenhagen University (DK)
- Ole Hertel, Aarhus University (DK)
- Gillian Rose, The Open University (GB)
- Kirsten Simonsen, Roskilde University (DK)
- Nigel Thrift, University of Warwick (GB)

Tracks

A number of paper sessions – “tracks” – are organised. Participants are invited to submit papers to be presented and discussed during the tracks.

Track for young scholars

A track, “Zooming in on European spatial perspectives in the Baltic Sea Region” is organised for young scholars by the European Spatial Planning Observation Network (ESPON). Call for papers and track information - see below.

10 bursaries covering part of the costs (conference fee, travel and accommodation) are available for young fellows and PhD students submitting papers for this track.

Registration and submission of abstracts: <http://ruconf.ruc.dk/index.php/ngm/ngm2011>

Deadline for submission of abstracts: February 1, 2011. Maximum length of abstracts 300 words

Special track for young scholars (doctoral students and post-docs)



“Zooming in on European Spatial Perspectives in the Baltic Sea Region”

By ESPON (Antti Roose & Niels Boje Groth)

The NORBA project (www.rha.is/norba) will host a special session examining the results and findings of ESPON 2013 programme (www.espon.eu) in the Baltic Sea Region, in particular exploring the city regions, rural change and demography in the framework of European, regional and national strategic planning and territorial development policy. The session features the key findings of ESPON 2013 projects and will highlight the Nordic and Baltic regional dimension. The analysis places the Nordic region and Nordic-Baltic countries in a European perspective and zooms in on the state-of-the art of regional studies and planning promoted by ESPON. The session will also nourish a discussion on research-policy relationships and aims to explore how spatial planning has been informed by the concepts of space and place and how these concepts have been articulated, presented and visualised through the production of contemporary plans.

The NORBA project will provide up to 10 bursaries for young fellows and PhD students for covering part of the costs (registration, travel and accommodation) in order to facilitate their participation in the NGM conference and networking amongst peers.

Application deadline for bursaries is the same as the abstract submission deadline. In order to be eligible for the bursary, an applicant must be either registered as a PhD student or working as a post-doc researcher at a Nordic or Baltic university or research institute. An applicant must submit an abstract to the NGM04 ESPON session proposing a topic related to strategic planning or territorial development policy. A panel consisting of members of the peer reviewers and the NORBA project will select bursary recipients based on the quality of the abstract.

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