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The deadline for applications is **1 March 2013**.

For more information about Stockholm Summer School, application and admission, and a list of all the courses given, please visit **www.stockholmsummerschool.se**



Astrid Söderbergh Widding takes office

On 1 February, Astrid Söderbergh Widding took office as new Vice-Chancellor. The university world has been a theme throughout the career of film researcher Astrid Söderbergh Widding, but she is probably best known to the public as former film critic and media columnist in the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.

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Vice-Chancellor's inaugural address

The tradition of openness and basic research guided by curiosity remains important for Stockholm University. Two other issues new Vice-Chancellor Astrid Söderbergh Widding addressed in her inaugural speech on 20 February were the importance of recruiting strong candidates and developing strategic partnerships.

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Vice-Chancellor's blog

"As the new Vice-Chancellor, it is indeed a privilege to be able to acquaint myself with the incredibly rich and diverse activities available at the University, with both groundbreaking basic research and high quality education."

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Crosstalks about robotics, astrophysics and global health

Crosstalks is a web talk show where leading professors from top universities in Sweden discuss global topics live with viewers from around the world.

Crosstalks is a joint venture between Stockholm University and KTH Royal Institute of Technology.



Topics on Crosstalks, 28 February

- Is physics changing our understanding of the world?* (17:00-18:00 CET)
  - What is the ultimate destiny of man and robot?* (18:00-19:00 CET)
  - Global inequality and global health. Are we up to the challenge?* (19:00-20:00 CET)
- www.crosstalks.tv**

EDUCATION



KarenAnn secured a job as Research Assistant

Having completed her Master’s in International and Comparative Education (MSc), Stockholm University’s Global Swede, KarenAnn, is now working as Project/Research Assistant at the Institute of International Education (IIE), at the Department of Education.

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Jayasankar studies Molecular Life Science

With only a few weeks left of the Master’s programme Jayasankar reflects on his time at Stockholm University.

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RESEARCH



Changes in family formation across Europe

Are existing social and family policies compatible with changes in family patterns? Livia Oláh, Associate Professor at the Stockholm University Demography Unit, will coordinate a major European research project investigating the diversity of family forms, relationships and life courses in Europe in relation to policies.

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Newfound signal may shed light on dark matter

In the past year, physicists and astrophysicists around the world have investigated the burning question of what constitutes the dark matter of the universe. At the Oskar Klein Centre at Stockholm University, researchers are working intensively to examine data from a signal with light particles from space that may provide answers to some of the mysteries of dark matter.

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Swedish gamers not just anti-social teenage boys

The image of the computer gamer as a young male loner who spends hours playing computer games with strangers around the world, is not true, according to a new dissertation in sociology from Stockholm University.

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A warmer Greenland

A new study provides surprising details on changes in the Earth’s climate during the Eemian interglacial period, more than 100,000 years ago. The climate in Greenland was about eight degrees Celsius warmer than at present, before it gradually cooled down during the last ice age.

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Sweden climbs world universities' top rank and file

With policies changing on charging foreign students in Sweden, there is already growing international reputation for the country's universities to build on their already glowing reputations. Some of the most helpful indicators of academic excellence are the various international university rankings.

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