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THE NORDIC-BALTIC DOCTORAL NETWORK IN SOCIAL WORK (NBSW)  
XIV Summer School, August 21–25 2023, Vilnius, LITHUANIA

## Unfolding social work research in global and personal crises: critical and intersectional perspectives

The Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work (NBSW) is a joint network of doctoral schools, universities and other institutions in social work in seven countries. The network provides research training for PhD students in social work in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and other countries.

We invite PhD students to participate in the summer school of the Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work (NBSW). This summer school aims to bring together PhD candidates in social work from Nordic and Baltic countries and beyond for five days of intensive lectures and thorough discussions on social work practice and research in global and personal crises. Participation in summer school is free of charge, however, submission of a paper (optionally short or long) connected with the theme of the summer school is a prerequisite for participation.

Every crisis, whether it be psychological, intrapersonal, societal, or global, is a liminal existential experience that either weakens or strengthens the person by providing new insights and opportunities. A crisis, although it is a state of severe psychological discomfort, is a healthy reaction to a difficult and emotionally significant life situation that requires new ways of adapting and coping because the existing ones are no longer sufficient. During the life course, a person faces both normative and non-normative crises on personal, group, and community levels. Additionally, in the last couple of years, we experienced several global crises—firstly, the COVID-19 pandemic and the lockdowns; then, the invasion of Ukraine and the outcomes of following economic restrictions.

Crises are characterized by a variety of psychological, social, economic, and political outcomes for individuals, groups, and communities, which in turn offer new challenges, opportunities, and directions for social work theory, practice, research, and education. Thus, the summer school will focus on various models and theoretical approaches to crisis intervention in social work, in addition to aspects of research ethics when conducting a study with vulnerable groups of people and holistic knowledge that informs critical and intersectional perspectives on crises.

The summer school will each day contain a mixture of keynote presentations related to the perspectives of the overall topic and workshops where the PhD students present and discuss their papers under the guidance of experienced researchers or keynote speakers.

### TIME

Start Monday, August 21, 2023, at 12:00 CET

End Friday, August 25, 2023, at 12:00 CET

### PLACE

Lithuania, Vilnius University, Faculty of Philosophy: <https://www.fsf.vu.lt/en/>

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The XIV Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network Summer School is organized by Vilnius University in cooperation with the coordination group of the Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work.

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## APPLICATION FORM

Please fill in the registration form until May 12, 2023 (midnight) at the latest or scan the QR code below: <https://forms.office.com/r/6bbMqndCM6>.



## PRELIMINARY PAPER INSTRUCTIONS

The summer school stands for the course which provides 4 ECTS credits with a short paper (1000–2000 words) submission and presentation and 7.5 ECTS credits with a long paper (6000–7000 words) submission and presentation. Papers and presentations must connect the participant’s doctoral research project with the theme of the summer school.

## KEY DATES

2022 November 7	1st announcement
2023 February 28	2nd announcement and invitation to apply, final programme, paper instructions
2023 May 12	Application deadline
2023 May 31	The decision about participation announced
2023 May 31	Literature list for reading announced with practical information for summer school participants
2023 July 31	Paper submission deadline
2023 August 21–25	Summer School in Vilnius

LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!