

CALL FOR PAPERS

TENSIONS AND POTENTIALS



Nordic feminist and gender research has gone through significant developments in its relatively short life. From Nordic Summer Schools and interdisciplinary research and teaching networks in the 1970s and 1980s, across the institutionalisation of women and gender studies in the 1990s, to the expansion into a wide range of subfields in the 2000s. These subfields are committed to diverging epistemic-ontological orientations, themes and political projects/visions, and express increasing perceptions of gender studies as trans- or post disciplinary. Nordic feminist and gender research develop in and through dialogues between different subfields and orientations.

Debates within Nordic feminist and gender research are shaped and influenced by empirical studies of lived experience as well as discussions and developments elsewhere in the world, not least from the UK and US. Yet they have particular characteristics shaped by the historical processes and societal particularities that characterise Nordic countries, such as the welfare state, and relatively egalitarian and culturally homogenous societies. This conference is committed to bringing Nordic feminist and gender researchers together, to create an intellectual space for situating and mapping the breadth and depth of Nordic feminist and gender research today, and for transnational and transdisciplinary dialogue. Building on and responding to debates from previous NORA conferences, it seeks to explore the potential of cooperation across internal differences, through open-ended dialogue in which divergencies of methodologies, theories and empirical contexts travel within and between sub-disciplinary collectives. The aim is to provide perspectives from the Nordic region on all levels of the research field, and to make these perspectives visible in the Nordic societies as well as the international research field.

We welcome paper proposals that engage with past, current and emerging trends in feminist and gender studies, or thematic overviews of major theoretical perspectives and research fields. Papers should combine international dialogues with materials, theory formations or topics of Nordic interest and relevance. Whether conceptual, theoretical, empirical or methodological, we encourage papers that reflect on Nordic issues, discussions and research interests in relation to increasingly globalized academic subfields.



Plenary panels will discuss topics, such as:

- The gendered interactions between the global and the local: today's challenges in the Arctic
- What is queer about Nordic feminist and gender studies now?
- Rethinking the Concept of "Race" in Gender Studies in the Nordic context
- Are We Free Yet? Imagining Black Feminist Futures through the Politics of the Ordinary

Deadlines:

- Paper submission: 20. December 2021
- Early bird registration: 7. March 2022
- Final registration: 4. April 2022

For more information about the conference, [visit our website](#).

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