

## **2nd announcement:**

NBSW Summer School August 2026 to be hosted by **NTNU and NORWEL**

### **THE NORDIC - BALTIC DOCTORAL NETWORK IN SOCIAL WORK**

invites doctoral students from Nordic, Baltic and countries beyond to participate in the XVII Summer school

### **Collaboration to Develop Knowledge in Ph.D -studies**

**August 10 – 14 at NTNU, Trondheim, NORWAY**

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, established in 2008. 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 doctoral students in social work for five days of intensive lectures and discussions focusing on collaboration and challenges with collaboration in Ph.D. working process. The course provides 5 ECTS credits and has been developed especially for this summer school.

#### **Summer school topic**

Collaborative research is based on the idea that everyone affected by a research project should have the opportunity to be heard and to influence both the process and the outcomes. Such collaboration is increasingly required in funding frameworks and is often justified by the expectation that it strengthens research quality, relevance, and usefulness. It also provides valuable learning opportunities for all participants and increases the likelihood that research results will be applied in practice. However, the concept remains complex, and the conditions necessary for achieving learning, practical value, and high scientific quality are neither self-evident nor always clearly defined.

Collaborative research isn't just a buzzword. Done well, it can help your work achieve a far greater impact than you'd have managed on your own. Participants will engage in discussions and activities covering the planning and conducting research, research cooperation and network, as well as co-production, co-writing, and co-creation within academic environments. The course also highlights the development of academic expertise through collaborative processes. A central theme is the discovering of "co-processes" and their connection to collaboration, approached from diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives. By fostering a deeper understanding of collaborative practices, the summer school aims to equip participants with the skills and insights necessary to maximize the impact of their academic work.

*Keywords* : Researcher as case manager, research community, collaboration, co-writing, co-production, Researchers reflexivity.

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### TIME and PLACE

Start Monday, August 10, 2026 at 13:00 (Norwegian time)

End Friday, August 14, 2026 at 13:00 (Norwegian time)

Place: Trondheim, NTNU campus Helgasetr- <https://link.mazemap.com/Cz4uEMIE>

### NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

The maximum number of participants is 25.

The international NBSW Steering Committee will assess all applications and make the final selection of participants.

### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- ✓ Participation in the Summer School is **free of charge**
- ✓ Prerequisite for participation is the submission of a paper related to the theme of the Summer School
- ✓ Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs

### KEY DATES

April 20	Application deadline
May 09	Decision about participation and detailed program will be announced
May 15	Reading list and practical information will be given
July 25	Paper submission deadline
August 10	Summer School starts

### ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The XVII Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network Summer School is organized by NTNU, Department of Social work in collaboration with the coordination group of the Nordic-Baltic Doctoral Network in Social Work and NORWEL.

### APPLICATION FORM

Please fill in the application until April 20, 2026 (midnight). Link to the application form:

[Registration for THE NORDIC-BALTIC Summer School 2026 - Nettskjema](#)

Link to course: [PhD Summer School - NTNU](#)

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PAPER

Participants are supposed to write a paper of 4,500-5,000 words connected to the course content. The paper can also (doesn't have to) relate to the participant's own PhD-dissertation. Participants are expected to have read the relevant literature from reading list prior to the Summer School. A reading list will be distributed by **May 15, 2026**.

There are no strict formal requirements regarding the structure of the paper. The theme of the Summer School may be integrated throughout the paper or addressed in a separate, dedicated section.

Papers must be written in English and adhere to academic writing standards, including proper citation and referencing (APA 7th style). Formatting requirements: Times New Roman, 12 pt font, 1.5 line spacing and standard margins.

Paper presentations will consist of a brief oral presentation (5-10 minutes), followed by focused feedback from another participant and 1-2 senior researcher. After the feedback group discussion facilitated by experienced researchers will take place. All participants are expected to read each other's papers beforehand and to provide feedback during the group discussions.

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!