

# PhD course: Call for participants

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## Crises of identities, environments and economics: Effects on Nordic tourism

5 ECTS September 21st -22nd 2010 at Hólar University College, prior to the 19th Nordic Symposium in Tourism and Hospitality Research which will take place in Akureyri, Iceland September 22nd -25th.

Traditionally the Nordic Symposium has been accompanied by an international PhD course, with keynote speakers and local researcher as instructors. This year the course is hosted by Hólar University College Department of Rural Tourism and the course convenor is Professor Guðrún Helgadóttir.

Participants should be engaged in research for a PhD (or doing literature studies and, if relevant, planning empirical work). The course is a forum for PhD students to present work in progress and get constructive feedback from peers. The aim of the course is to position individual PhD projects within the wider area of Nordic research on tourism and hospitality. It is the ambition of the organizers to make this annual course an important event in developing the Nordic research community in tourism.

Methodological pluralism, diversity of theoretical paradigms and triangulation of methods are hallmarks that the organizers wish to establish for this research community. Furthermore the organizers wish to relate academic dialogue to Nordic tourism and hospitality. This year it is appropriate to lend a thought to the challenges and opportunities ensuing from the triple crises of identities, economics and environment as they play out in Nordic tourism and tourism research.

During the course, all participants will present their paper, and face questions, from fellow students and opponents. The instructors will be asked to present examples of their own ongoing research and place it in a wider academic context and/or argue its importance to contemporary tourism.

Readings for the course include:

- Volume 5 to 10 of the *Scandinavian Journal of Hospitality and Tourism*.
- Hall, Müller and Saarinen (2009). *Nordic Tourism, Issues and Cases*, Aspects of Tourism.
- Selected paper from each keynote speaker (to be announced).

Participants in the course are expected to send an **extended abstract of the one already submitted to the conference of between 1500 and 2000 words (including references) by 15th June** to the course convenor prof. Guðrún Helgadóttir at Hólar ([guadr@holar.is](mailto:guadr@holar.is)). The abstract is to describe the central questions and objectives of their research project, its relation to current academic discourse and trends, and expected contribution to the field of tourism research.

**A full paper of 8,000-10,000 words must be submitted by September 1st**, again to Guðrún ([gudr@holar.is](mailto:gudr@holar.is)), and will be read critically by at least two other participants and one supervisor. A revised version of the paper, based on oral and text feedback must be submitted by December 1st, and will be published electronically provided it meets the expected academic standards.

#### *Registration and arrival*

You are to make your own way to Hólar, but at Hólar all accommodation and food is included in the conference fee. Please note that when you register for the 19th Nordic symposium that you register for the PhD course as well. Also note that you are allowed – and encouraged – to submit your paper to the conference as well. *NB that submissions of papers for the PhD course and for the symposium are separate.* Participation in the symposium is however, an integrated part of the course. There will be a post-symposium assignment asking participants to place their research project in context with Nordic tourism research as presented at the symposium.

The PhD course is organised by The Icelandic Tourism Research Centre and Hólar University College Department of Rural Tourism. The course will have a simple website (Moodle) where participants can retrieve and submit documents, messages and discussions.

Registration is through the 19th Nordic Symposium in tourism and hospitality website.

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#### *Preliminary program PhD course at Hólar University College*

##### **Tuesday 21st September**

12.00 Lunch in Hólar

13.00 Welcome and introductions.

13.30 Participant presentations

15.30 Coffee

16.00 Participant presentations

18.00 Rest and relaxation; time for a walk, the hot tub or a nap if needed

19.00 Common dinner at Hólar

##### **Wednesday 22nd September**

08.00 Breakfast in Hólar

09.00 Course summary and feedback

10.30 Coffee

11.00 The art of publishing

13.00 Lunch in Hólar

14.00 SJTH editorial board meeting / Guided walks in Hólar

15.30 Coffee and greetings from Hólar

*Conference venue Hof - culture house in Akureyri*

18.00 Conference opening in Hof - Akureyri