Baltic Anthropology Graduate School
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22-23 May 2018, University of Tartu, Estonia

Social Issues, Collaboration, and the Anthropological Method

BAGs International Seminar

Baltic Anthropology Graduate School is a graduate training programme joining five Baltic centres of learning: University of Latvia; Riga Stradiņš University; Vytautas Magnus University; Tallinn University and the University of Tartu. BAGs is open to applicants either studying in or doing research in the Baltic States.

The aim of this study session is to provide a forum for PhD and advanced MA students focusing on the anthropological method to analyse the experience of ethnographic approach, to present their projects, and to get instructive feedback. Additional exchange involves also the hurdles of academic progress and elaborations on applied/public anthropology.

The seminar schedule comprises two days with a morning lecture, a round table discussion, and a workshop. Invited lecturers are Dr Toomas Gross (University of Helsinki, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology/University of Tartu, Department of Ethnology) and Professor Henrik Vigh (University of Copenhagen, Department of Anthropology). Student projects are discussed in smaller groups.

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Call for Student Participation

The planned parallel workshops in smaller groups will provide a platform for graduate students and early career researchers to present their projects to their peers and to experienced academics for constructive feedback.

We encourage applications for participation from:

- PhD or MA students and early career researchers in the field of anthropology and related disciplines who are affiliated to the BAGs Consortium;
- Graduate students enrolled in anthropology (or related) programmes outside the BAGs institutions but do (did) fieldwork in the Baltic States.

Please send in your application to attend the seminar **by 30 April, 2018** to Ms Reet Ruusmann reet.ruusmann@ut.ee

The **application** (300 words) should include:

a) your personal information: name, level of studies, affiliation;
b) a short description of your research project: title of the project, research questions, methods, research site(s), main theoretical focus.

In further preparation for the seminar you are expected to prepare a longer **overview of your research project** (2,500 words) **by 11 May, 2018**: title of the project, research questions, methods, research site(s), theoretical approaches, first insights, prospective issues you would like to discuss with the peer group.

**Travel and accommodation costs** for graduate students from the BAGs Consortium universities will be met by the organisers. More details on particular modalities will be provided later.

For participants from other universities no participation fee is required but they should cover their own accommodation and travel costs.
Seminar programme

Tuesday, 22 May
10:00-11:30 Lecture 1
   Toomas Gross (University of Helsinki/University of Tartu)
   Anthropology, methodology (and pedagogy)
12:00-13:00 Roundtable discussion
   Student constraints; publishing; study abroad; academic career; etc.
14:00-18:00 Parallel workshops to discuss student projects in small groups
   (moderators: Kristin Kuutma, Laur Vallikivi, Laura Siragusa, Toomas Gross)

Wednesday, 23 May
10:00-11:30 Lecture 2
   Henrik Vigh (University of Copenhagen)
   Social issues, collaboration, and the anthropological method
12:00-13:30 Workshop on applied anthropology (Centre of Applied Anthropology)
14:30-15:30 Roundtable discussion
   Student constraints continued
   (moderators: Kristin Kuutma, Laur Vallikivi, Laura Siragusa)

Organising Committee:
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