

*Call for Papers and Presentations*

## **Activism, Resistances and Alliances - The 5th Nordic Transgender Studies Network Conference**

September 24-26, 2018, Karlstad University, Sweden  
Hosted by the Centre for Gender Studies and GEXcel  
International Collegium

**With keynote speaker Julian Honkasalo, PhD, Gender Studies, Department of Cultures, University of Helsinki.**



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### **Welcome to the next Nordic Transgender Studies network conference!**

We would like to welcome you to join us in Karlstad in September and to invite you to submit papers and presentation suggestions. The network conferences aim to connect scholars, activists and artists working on topics related to Transgender Studies within or connected to the Nordic region, and have been taking place in different cities in the Nordic countries since 2009.

This two-day conference at Karlstad University has a specific focus on activism in relation to Trans Studies, and we would like to particularly encourage activists as well as academics working on activist issues to submit their suggestions for presentations. Presentations on for example grassroots activism, other radical activism, research on resistance and forms of protests, as well as broader notions of activism as well as academic activism are welcome. Additionally, we warmly welcome presentations that discuss further topics connected to Trans Studies. When forming the workshops, however, priority will be given to presentations engaging in questions of activism and related topics. We hope to create a specific discussion on activism, as well as a broader platform for the diversity of knowledge production in Trans Studies.

Activists and artists as well as students and researchers based in the Nordic regions, temporarily or long-term, are invited to present their work, to share their results as well as their approaches to trans activism and Transgender Studies. Possible suggestions could address trans activism, resistance practices, methodologies, media representation, historical and popcultural archives, art, ecology, social justice movements, prison industrial system, medico-legal issues, elderly care, ally activism, as well as affective and ontological approaches to trans research.

Following previous Nordic Transgender Studies network conferences, we wish to create a collective space for reflection, connection, community building and lively discussion across disciplinary boundaries as well as reaching outside the academia. The conference will provide space both for presentations and informal exchange, as well as a designated time for a discussion

on how to further develop the network which is particularly devoted to academic research and academic activism, and for future planning of network activities, including the next conference. We will start off the conference with a relaxed get-together on the evening of the 24th, before the actual keynote and workshops on the 25th and 26th.

Deadline for abstracts is May 7, 2018. When submitting your suggested presentation as an activist, artist or researcher please send a brief abstract or summary of your presentation (max. 300 words), as well as a short bio (max. 150 words) including email and possible affiliations to activist groups or educational institutions. Conference stipends (travel and hostel) will be made available for those with no financial institutional support for their participation. Remember to include a title for your presentation, your (preferred) full name as well as whether you apply for a conference stipend. The format of the abstract is free as long as it briefly introduces the presentation. All accepted abstracts/presentation summaries with bios will be made available to the participants of the conference. Authors of accepted abstracts/presentations will be notified by the end of May 2018. Please send all documents as word files (not pdf) to [ntsnetworkconference5@gmail.com](mailto:ntsnetworkconference5@gmail.com)

*The organisers and hosts of the conference are **Luca Tainio** (PhD student in Gender Studies, University of Tampere and GEXcel visiting researcher at the Centre for Gender Studies, Karlstad University), **Wibke Straube** (Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Gender Studies, Karlstad University), as well as **Marie Nordfeldt** (Professor in Social Work and member of the Centre for Gender Studies at Karlstad University).*

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