

**THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL QUEER DEATH STUDIES CONFERENCE:  
"DEATH MATTERS, QUEER(ING) MOURNING, ATTUNING TO  
TRANSITIONINGS"**

**Accommodation:**

A limited number of rooms is pre-booked at Hotel Drott, see below. Please, make your reservation as soon as possible directly to the hotel by phone or e-mail (due to some technical problem, you cannot the reservation online if you wish to use the booking code). To book the room you need a credit card number with an expiration date.

**Address to the pre-booked hotel:**

**Hotel Drott**, 2 min walk from train station.

To receive the lower room rate, refer to the stated booking reference below. The offer is valid until October 3, 2019. Please remember that you need to **book the room via email or phone**. The code would not work for online booking.

Reservation code: **GR2978**

Phone: +46 54 10 10 10

Room for one person: 983 sek (in order to use the discount the guests need **to book at least 2 nights**)

**Other hotels in Karlstad:**

**[<http://www.goodmorninghotels.se/>]** **Good morning hotels Karlstad**

Address: Västra Torggatan 20

Phone: +46 54 17 28 30

E-mail: karlstad@gmorninghotels.se

**STF Karlstad hostel**

Address: Kasernhöjden 19, 653 39 Karlstad

Phone: +46 54 56 68 40

E-mail: info.karlstad@elite.se

**Clarion Collection Hotel Plaza**

Address: Västra Torggatan 2, 652 25 Karlstad

Phone: +46 54 10 02 00

E-mail: cc.plazakarlstad@choice.se

Website: click here

**Less formal travel tips from conference organisers**

If you need to travel by plane, your best destination options are:

**Stockholm (Arlanda airport)**. You have two options for reaching Karlstad from Arlanda:

- 1- There is a direct bus going from Arlanda to Karlstad's city centre several times a day. You can book your ticket here <https://www.nettbuss.se/#!/> You can also buy your ticket upon arrival from the machines at the airport (though there is no guarantee that tickets would be available so late, so we recommend you to buy it in advance).

- 2- Take either the Arlanda Express train (a fast train that takes 18 min to Stockholm C – it goes every 10 to 15 min regularly and costs 195 sek if booked at least 7 days before the journey) <https://www.arlandaexpress.com> or the bus <https://www.flygbussarna.se> to Stockholm Central Station (the bus also goes regularly but takes about 40 min). You can buy your ticket (Arlanda Express as well as the bus) online and in advance or you can buy it at the airport from the machines.

From the Central Station you can take the train directly to Karlstad. You can buy the ticket via Swedish Railway website SJ: <https://www.sj.se/en/home.html>. The tickets could be bought in advance online or upon arrival at the station and from the machines (though there is no guarantee that tickets would be available so late, so we recommend you to buy it in advance).

**Gothenburg (Landvetter airport).** You need to get on the bus from the airport to Gothenburg Central Station. It takes about 20 min with the bus and the busses go every 10 to 15 min regularly. You can buy your ticket online <https://www.flygbussarna.se> or upon arrival at the airport from the machines. From Gothenburg Central Station you can take a direct train to Karlstad via SJ: <https://www.sj.se/en/home.html>. The tickets could be bought in advance online or upon arrival at the airport and from the machines (though there is no guarantee that tickets would be available so late, so we recommend you to buy it in advance).

There is no direct bus from Gothenburg to Karlstad so your best option is to travel via train.

**Oslo.** From Oslo Central Station you can take the bus directly to Karlstad via <https://shop.global.flixbus.com> OR <https://www.nettbuss.se>. Another option is to take the train from the central station via SJ: <https://www.sj.se/en/home.html>.

### **Tickets:**

You can get a train ticket (for the entire journey, so including different train companies, e.g. both Arlanda Express + SJ combined) via SJ website: <https://www.sj.se/en/home.html#/> Your starting point is "Arlanda C" and your destination "Karlstad C".

It is important to note that there are 3 options of SJ train tickets: non-rebookable (the cheapest); re-bookable (usually 100 SEK more expensive - but you can exchange it for a new ticket for the same destination); refundable (much more expensive - but can be just returned and refunded).

While Arlanda Express tickets can be used on any train on the date for which the ticket is issued, the SJ train ticket is valid only for the train it is bought for. Thus, sometimes it might be worth investing in a 're-bookable' version.

The seat reservation is included in the ticket price and you can choose your seat yourself – for instance, you can pick a 'quiet compartment' seat if you prefer to work or sleep and like to avoid unnecessary noise.

Furthermore, SJ tickets on certain routes in Sweden tend to get more expensive closer to the date of the travel - and even more so on so-called 'strategic' days of the week (that is, Friday and Sunday - as a lot of people commute). This is also why it might be wise to book your train travel in advance.

**Dates of travel:**

The conference starts at 8:00 on 4<sup>th</sup> November and finishes at 17:30 on 5<sup>th</sup> November, so please keep that in mind when planning your travels.

**Contact Information**

For questions regarding the *programme* please contact:

- Tara Mehrabi, [tara.mehrabi@kau.se](mailto:tara.mehrabi@kau.se)

For questions regarding *registration and other practical issues* please contact Conference administration at Karlstad University, +46 54 700 1806 or [konferens@kau.se](mailto:konferens@kau.se)

*An email about how to find Karlstad University and other information will be sent to you a few days before the conference.*

**Welcome to Karlstad!**