International Summer School – Digital Health Innovation: Intersections of Design, Technology, and Gender

From the 20. until the 27.06.2021 at Karlstad University, Sweden

While digital health is often praised as the solution to contemporary and future health problems, the social inequalities contained in and reinforced through digital health technologies are often not acknowledged. This summer school addresses this shortfall by asking how the development, design, and use of healthcare technologies interplay with categories of social differentiation such as gender, race, class, and sexuality. From an interdisciplinary perspective, participants will work together to identify, analyze, and address current challenges in international (digital) healthcare technology contexts.

The summer school is organized by the Centre for Gender Studies, Karlstad University and the Gender Studies Program at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in collaboration with Digital Well Arena. From the 20th until the 27th of June 2021, the summer school will commence in Karlstad. The number of participants is limited to 20. Registration for the summer school starts on the 19th of February 2021 and closes on the 15th of March 2021. Registration is done via the admissions page of the Swedish Council for Higher Education: www.universityadmissions.se. Travel bursaries are available for all participants.

In order to be admitted to the summer school, students need to prove at least 30 credit points (ECTS) on the MA-level of any discipline. In addition, students are required to have a sufficiency in English equivalent to level B2 in the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR B2), a score of 72 in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL 72) or a score of 5.5 to 6.5 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS 5.5-6.5).

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