

# NSU 2014 Krækíngur-Online

Sauðárkrókur, Iceland

Wednesday 30th of July



Did you know that the first thing that people think when they hear the letters NSU has not always been Nordic Summer University? We thought not. That is why KRÆKINGUR is proud to present to you..

## NSU Cars and Motorcycles

In 19th century Germany, a company called Neckarsulm Strickmaschinen Union manufactured knitting machines. From these, the production moved on to bicycles. These bicycles were sold under the brand name "NSU" in the 1890's.

In 1901, the first NSU motorcycles were produced, and in 1905 the first NSU car scared pedestrians on the streets of Neckarsulm. The venture into big time automobile business in the 1920's ended up in fiasco, though: the recently built car factory had to be sold to Fiat in 1932.

After the war, NSU motorcycle production got a new start with models like NSU Fox, NSU Max, and NSU Quick. In 1957, a small, 15 horsepower NSU Prinz -car was presented. In 1964, NSU produced the first car in the world with a Wankel-motor — the Wankelspider. This motor was developed further, until nearly every major car manufacturer in the world (with the exception of BMW) had bought a license to make their own Wankel-engine. The technology did not satisfy the customers, however, and the expected royalties from other companies failed to materialize. Volkswagen took over NSU in 1969, merging it with Auto Union, creating Audi NSU Auto Union — nowadays better known just as Audi. The last NSU car, NSU Ro80, was sold in April 1977.

## Gala Dinner & Discoteque

The Gala dinner will be held at 19:00 in the Oddfellows house. After the dinner, things will get wild as the NSU Discoteque starts. Dress nice & remember that what happens in Sauðárkrókur, stays in Sauðárkrókur.

### Weather report

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Supplied by the Icelandic weather service, Bergstaðir station Sauðárkróki.

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# Krækingur Chronicle

## The Great Reykjavík Spiritism Scam



Photos from a session, the flash identifies the apparition as Lára's daughter, Ragnheiður.

After the Great War spiritualism was the latest craze in Europe, people wanting to contact their dead loved ones via persons with psychic abilities. A woman in Reykjavík, Lára Ólafsdóttir, began in the early 1930's to invite people to her home for these sessions. Her meeting soon became crowded with people who had lost someone close, the Spanish influenza and tuberculosis playing a major role in creating the demand.

Her abilities were said to be astounding, clearly an apparition was in the candlelit room and the psychic was under a supernatural influence. She even hosted a session on the national radio in 1933. But there are always sceptics. A man who had lost his wife was confused by some of the things his dead spouse supposedly said to the psychic and brought a camera to one of the meetings. He exposed her in the newspaper, Lára was not indicted for fraud but the popularity of her meetings soon dwindled.



### Crash Course in Icelandic

Today's challenge is

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Ð and Þ are pronounced similarly. Also, Icelandic words never begin with Ð, and no words end with Þ. You can encounter words like þarf [required], þetta [this] and borð [table].

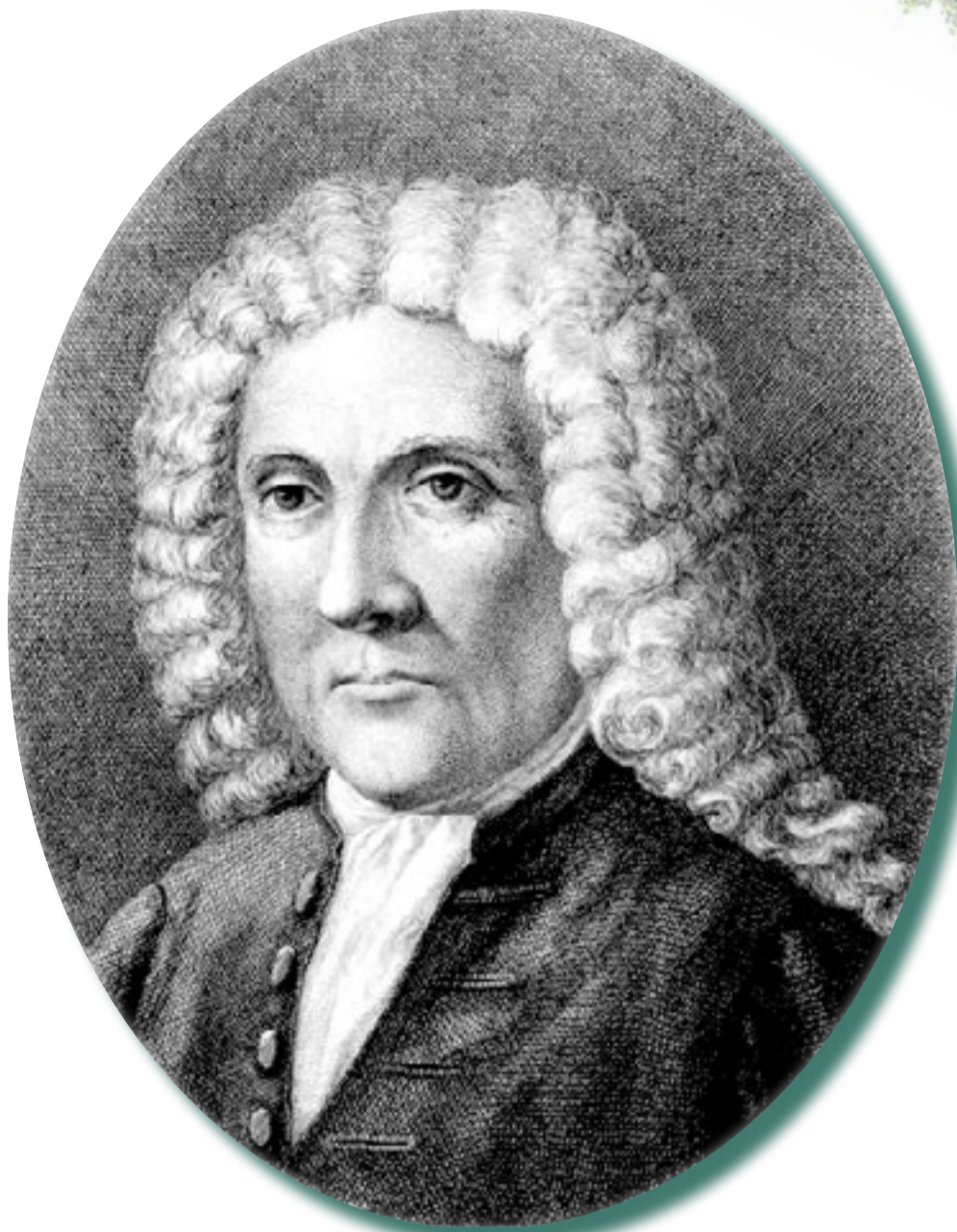
Það þarf að laga þetta borð.  
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# Linguistic puritanism & slang

As you have surely noticed we Icelanders take great pride in our funky language. Because of our tiny population this was no small feat and this we credit to the 17th century scholar Árni Magnússon who travelled around the island collecting old manuscripts and taking them to Copenhagen. There reprinting them and constructing a way to teach Icelandic to youngsters. The Danes eventually returning our scripts in 1971 although some were lost in the Great fire of Copenhagen in 1728.

To protect such a small language from the influence of Danish and then English is the focus of the Árni Magnússon institute in Reykjavík. Whenever a new concept or technology is made, they create ad nauseum a new Icelandic word to match. For example when computers came about in the 1950's they made the word „Tölva" by combining the words we use for oracle and number.

Today the institute has expanded their mandate with their online slang-dictionary.



Árni Magnússon from the now-defunct 100 ISK paper currency.  
Jónas Hallgrímsson, poet, graces the new 10000 ISK bill.

## Rafbarbari

Electronic barbarian

It means computer hacker, combining the word for rhubarb and electronics.

## Holgóma

Palate

Someone who is that drunk that it is hard for him/her to communicate.

## Þunnudagur

Thinday

It is a Sunday that is a result from too much drinking the night before. Thin being the word we use for hangover.

## Smelludólgur

Clickpimp

It is an online journalist or blogger that tries to get readers attention with catchy headlines to get more clicks on his article.



Less-than-sane Norwegians re-enacting the battle of Haugsnes.





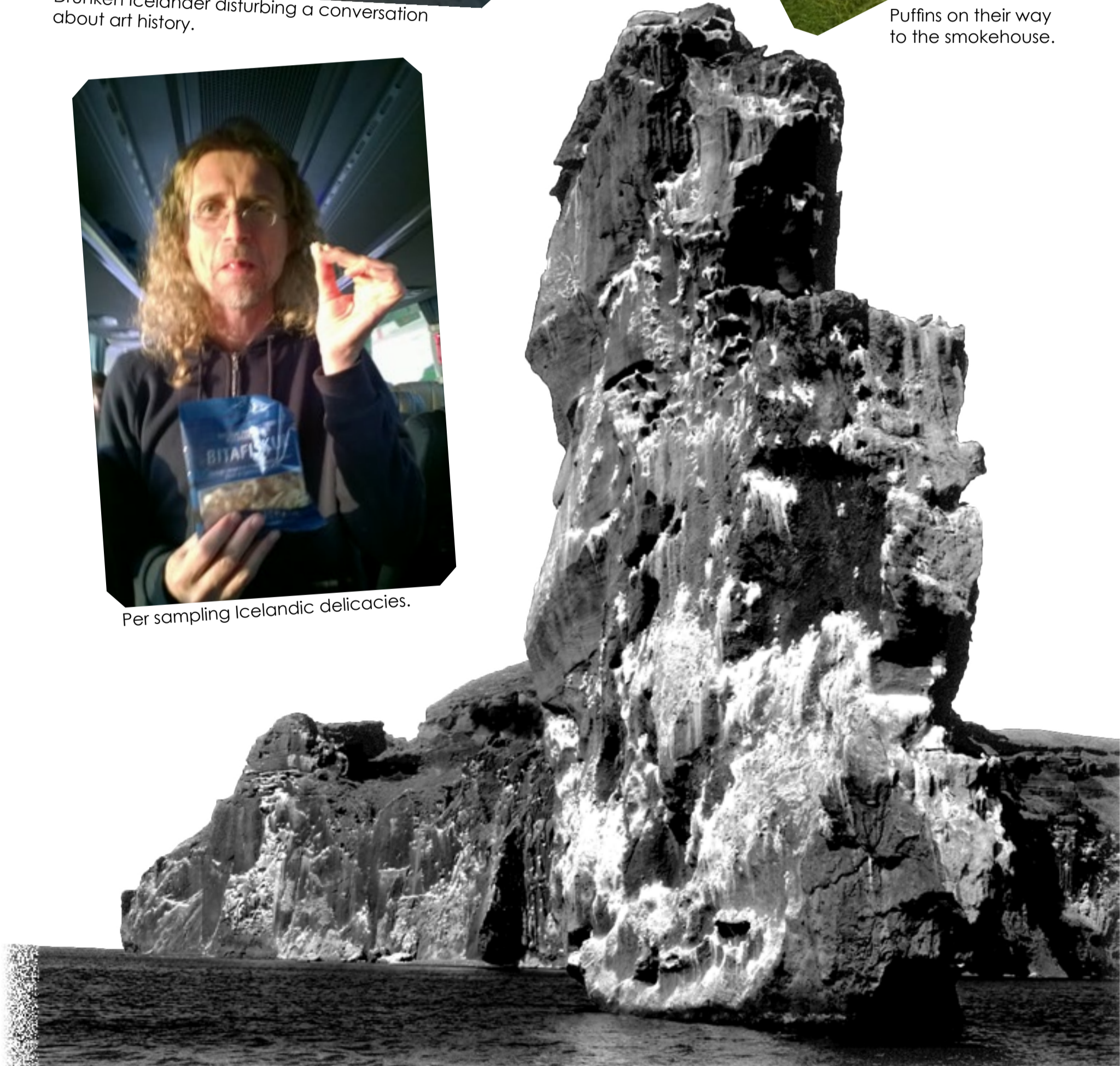
Drunken Icelander disturbing a conversation about art history.



Puffins on their way to the smokehouse.



Per sampling Icelandic delicacies.





## Special issue of Nordicum-Mediterraneum

Dear All,

As regards the planned special issue of Nordicum-Mediterraneum (<http://nome.unak.is>) comprising texts based upon our presentations at the current Summer Meeting, please note what follows:

(1) The deadline for submitting the papers is the 1st October 2014

(2) Unless you are fluent in English, the texts should be edited and proofread as much as possible by a native English-speaking person in order to guarantee the quality of their syntax and prose.

(3) The editorial guidelines for the papers to be published in NoMe can be found here: <http://nome.unak.is/nm-marzo-2012/contributions> (refer to section a) "Articles and review essays")

Cheers,  
Giorgio Baruchello

## Do you have any island footage?

Seagulls sitting like little white gothics on their marks, challenge the robe, lucky with the weather, dead and alive puffins, change the subject at the top of a huge stone with a thick grass mat on it. It's an island. We have been there, it was fantastic. I did not take any pictures. I mostly never take pictures so I want to ask you for your pictures, videos, thoughts, notes from and about the trip to Drangey to put it all together in a collage.

The outcome will be put on youtube/facebook including all credits and you are invited again to comment and extend, or if anyone wants to join the process of assembling please let me know.

Please send me an email when you are interested to share.

Susanne Schuda of circle 7.

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# Today's competitions!

## NSU Air Guitar Challenge!

Have you ever thought about what it would be like to play the guitar in a rock band in front of a huge crowd? Well, now is your chance!

The traditional NSU Air Guitar Challenge will be held after the gala dinner in the Odd Fellows building [CHECK]. The contestants will all play simultaneously the air guitar in one song, whereupon the judges will decide who will go through to the final to perform another song.

The contestants will be judged by their ability to enter into the music, their appearance and movements, and the overall feeling of the performance.

Grand prizes! Good feeling! Great fun!



## DANTE vs. JANTE

School Gymnasium at 5 pm

COME ON, COME ALL

Cheer your team to victory!

Tonight at 5 pm, NSU goes all agog for the return of the gladiators. Forget the World Cup; don't even think about the next season in Champions League. Dear readers, the annual football match between Jante and Dante is back on the schedule!

Begun in Iceland 2004, the match has traditionally decided whether social scientists (Jante) or humanists (Dante) rule NSU. Sadly, there has been a short break in this tradition — but now it's back, stronger than ever.

The game will be played to general applause in the gymnasium of the school (yes, indoors). The players are to wear no shoes. Pick your team and come and play — or just watch!

While KRAEKINGUR notes that betting on the outcome of the match is illegal, it is also highly recommended. Those interested in the odds can contact Anssi, who also happens to be the referee.



# Facts about Iceland

There's a mobile app that tells you whether you're related to a person or not. To put this into perspective, remember that there are only around 320,000 people living in Iceland. It's an Android app that was built by a team of students from the University of Iceland as part of a contest to find creative uses for *Islendingabok*, which a website aimed at the same thing. The idea is to cross reference other names to see if you're related and the joke is, "before you kiss on a date." Additionally, you can access all the information on the online database, which will include reminders for your relatives birthdays.

Geothermal fields cover up to 20% of the country's electricity needs.

In 2010 Iceland banned strip clubs.

Iceland does not have army, navy or air force, only the coast guard. If an Icelander wants to serve in the military, they can join the Norwegian army according to an agreement between the two countries.

Second names of Icelanders are names of their parents plus the word 'son' for men and 'daughter' for women. The second name of a man whose father's name is Jón would be Jónsson (son of Jón). The second name of Jón's daughter would not be the same, but Jónsdóttir (daughter of Jón).

Reykjavík is the only city in Iceland and its capital city. Its name means Bay of Smokes. Other centers of population are small-sized villages.

The smell of Hákarl (fermented shark), traditional Icelandic food, is so strong and particular, that it may cause you to vomit.

About 11% of the country's territory is covered by glaciers.

During the last two centuries, 30 post-glacial volcanoes have erupted in Iceland.

As late as 1413 Icelanders used dried fish as a unit of money.

Eyjafjallajökull was probably the most complicated word the newsmen around the world had to learn in 2010.





# NSU Nostalgia



Set Lonnert and Troels Degn Johanson waiting for the airport bus in Iceland, 2004.  
In the background: Jon Boiesen

Thanks for reading and watching! The journalists of Krækingur



Helgi Freyr Hafþórsson  
Web-guru



Ari Brynjólfsson  
Print-guru



Halla Mjöll Stefánsdóttir  
Local photo-journalist



The Seal  
A seal wearing glasses

Next year's NSU Summer Conference will be held at the Europa Royale Spa Hotel Druskininkai in Lithuania.  
Hope to see you there!



# Today's program

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	Circle 1	Circle 2	Circle 3	Circle 4	Circle 5	Circle 7	Circle 8	Circle X
9.00-10.30	Giorgio Barcuchello: Reflections on Castoriadis' 'The Modern Society'	Tina Louise Sørensen: Dark Sensibilities: New Distributions of the Sensible in C. Ingemann's Photos of Non-urban Denmark	Sigurd Hverven: What is an individual? Identifying an anthropological crisis in liberalism  Espen Dyrnes Stabell: Responsibility: The first virtue of innovation?	Meeting in the lobby with Per Roar; Skype-conference	Sofia Corydon Smith: Introduction to Discussion of Hito Steyerl's "Too Much World: Is the Internet Dead?"	Notes from yesterday  Corinna Casi: Utilitarian theory and writing texts	Anna Lindal: Presentation of an Art Book	The Lesser Evil, Political Ethics in the Age of Terror (Michael Ignatieff) — Short Introduction by Lars Erslev Andersen
10.45-12.15	Kristin Thorarinnisdottir: Patient perspectives on constraint patient participation in health care: A framework analysis	Epp Annus: Mapping the Everyday	Gisli Sveinn Loftsson: Crisis and Global Tourism  Anthology and the Winter symposium	Further discussion	Erik Steinskog: With Andy to the Opera: Hommage à Koestenbaum	Alexandra Litaker: Your Blue Mountain - my journey through the text of the notebook Christine Fentz, Mi You, Sidsel Pape: Writing by throwing Larissa Lily and Joanna Sperryn-Jones : Do not make mistakes	Johanna Sjöstedt: The battle of experience: An attempt to account for a controversy in Swedish prostitution research	DISCUSSION: The role of academia in the public discussion of Gaza conflict (Lars Erslev Andersen)
14.00-15.30	Evaluation of Summer Session, planning of Winter Symposium	Closing discussion	Panel discussion	Visit other circles	Visit other circles	Meetings, discussion, evaluation	Concluding discussion, evaluation	DISCUSSION: Conceptions of Human Rights & Religious Argumentation (Olga Breskaya)
15.45	Children's Circle Feast	Children's Circle Feast	Children's Circle Feast	Children's Circle Feast	Children's Circle Feast	Children's Circle Feast	Children's Circle Feast	Children's Circle Feast
17.00	Football game	Football game	Football game	Football game	Football game	Football game	Football game	Football game
19.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner

## BUSES TO AIRPORT & REYKJAVIK

Please note that the buses will leave the hotel as follows:

Bus #1: Departure from the hotel at midnight (directly after gala dinner).

The bus will be at the hotel beforehand (at 5 pm), in case you should wish to put your baggage in the bus before going to gala dinner.

Arrival Keflavik Airport 05.00 in the morning.

Bus #2: Departure from the hotel at 06.30 in the morning of July 31st.

Arrival Reykjavik ca. 11.00, Keflavik ca. 12.00.

(Please note that in case someone needs to be at the airport a little earlier, the bus can drive first to Keflavik Airport and from there to Reykjavik.)