Please find below some of the planned events for this semester.

UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING 2022

Call for Papers PhD Conference, January 31: Rights for non-humans: AI, Robots, Cyborgs, Animals and Nature

The PhD Student Forum at Uppsala Forum is organizing a hybrid conference on the theme "Rights for non-humans: AI, Robots, Cyborgs, Animals and Nature" on June 9-10 2022. The purpose of the conference is to gather and inspire early-career researchers from various disciplines such as history, law, linguistics, peace and conflict studies, philosophy...
and political science.

As the debate on granting rights for non-humans (such as nature, animals or cyborgs, as well as AI and robots) increases since the beginning of the 21st century, this conference aims to address some of the most topical questions in the field of research, relating to ascription of rights, the role of agency, defining a right-holder and beyond. The conference will feature three keynote speakers: Joshua C. Gellers (University of North Florida), Yaffa Epstein (Uppsala University) and Tomasz Pietrzykowski (University of Silesia).

All PhD students and post-doctoral researchers from Uppsala University and beyond are invited to present their academic work on any aspect of rights of non-humans that is relevant for debates about democracy, peace and justice.

**Deadline for abstract submission : 31 January 2022 (max. 300 words)**

For questions and abstract submission, please contact [phdforum@uppsalaforum.uu.se](mailto:phdforum@uppsalaforum.uu.se)

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**MSCA Workshop for PhD Candidates and Postdocs**

Are you planning to apply for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie individual fellowship for a post-doc abroad? [Uppsala Forum](https://www.uppsalaforum.uu.se) organises a workshop series this Spring term, in collaboration with [Doctoral Student Forum](https://www.uppsalaforum.uu.se) and [EU Funding Office](https://www.uppsalaforum.uu.se) for the Humanities and Social Sciences, to help PhD candidates in the later part of their doctoral programs and researchers with less than 8 years total research experience (from the date of receiving PhD Degree) to prepare a winning proposal. A transdisciplinary panel of local and international scholars will provide scientific feedback on your draft application, and you will receive expert advice on how to prepare your proposal and hear from earlier grant-receivers about their experience. **The workshop is held on April 20 and June 20. Last day for registration is April 13.** For more information and registration please contact [mattias.vesterlund@uppsalaforum.uu.se](mailto:mattias.vesterlund@uppsalaforum.uu.se)

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**Call for Abstracts, March 5: Uppsala Epistemology Workshop: Inquiry and Epistemic Harms**
Much recent work in epistemology and metanormativity is concerned with questions about how, if at all, non-epistemic considerations bear on what we should believe and how we should conduct inquiry. For instance, are there moral and/or prudential constraints on inquiry and deliberation? Can beliefs be harmful and/or wrong, and if so, do we thereby have reason not to form such beliefs? The workshop aims to provide a constructive forum to make progress on these and related questions, with a focus on the topics of inquiry and epistemic harms (both very broadly construed).

The workshop will take place in Uppsala, Sweden, on June 16-17, and there will be ten talks in total. Five talks will be given by invited speakers and five talks will be selected on the basis of submitted abstracts. We welcome abstracts on all questions having to do with inquiry, epistemic harm, and other nearby issues. Abstracts should be 1000-1200 words long, be prepared for blind review, and be suitable for a 35-minute presentation. Please submit your abstracts no later than March 5 to olle.risberg@filosofi.uu.se.

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Workshop: Post-Soviet Women - Ways to Empowerment

**When:** May 12-13, 2022  
**Where:** IRES Library, Gamla torget 3, 3rd Floor, and Zoom  
**Contact:** ann-mari.satre@ires.uu.se  
**Organisers:** Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES), Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Centre for Baltic and East European Studies (CBEES) at Södertörn University, and Uppsala Forum

Women commonly face challenges to gender equality in many post-Soviet countries. Among these are revival of conservative political agendas, ambiguous public opinions on women’s roles in society and gender stereotypes, as well as anti-gender initiatives supported by the church, by governments as well as by parts of civil society. The purpose of this workshop is to gather scholars from different disciplines and countries to discuss these tendencies and its consequences, including the reactions and initiatives by women’s organisations. We will discuss new activism and ways to empowerment.

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Universities under Siege? 4th annual Philosophy and Theory of Higher Education Conference
**When:** June 7-9, 2022  
**Where:** University Main Building  
**Contact:** mats.hyvonen@antro.uu.se or johan.boberg@filosofi.uu.se  

**Organisers:** The Philosophy and Theory of Higher Education Society (PaTHES) and hosted by Higher Education as Research Object (HERO), a multidisciplinary research network, Uppsala University, and Centre for Integrated Research on Culture and Society (CIRCUS)

"**The crisis of the university**" is a familiar topos in contemporary discussions about higher education. It is said that the University is facing untold threats from, inter alia, the anti-intellectualism of populist politicians and authoritarian regimes, the commodification of knowledge resulting from neo-liberal ideas about utility and international competition, the politicization of teaching and learning arising out of identity movements, the fragmenting of the university in response to stakeholder demands, and so forth.

This conference poses the question: Is this really the case? And, if so, what exactly is being threatened? The aim of the meeting is to take a serious look at what is ultimately at stake, among other things, by examining the roots of these developments in terms of our conceptions of what is useful knowledge, why it is desirable and what is required to establish, maintain and develop it through our institutions of higher education.

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**Visiting Fellows Spring 2022**

**Karen Uslin**  
Visiting period: March 2-April 1

Karen Uslin is adjunct professor of Music History and Fellow for the Center of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Rowan University. Her main areas of expertise include music from the concentration camp of Theresienstadt and music from Central/Eastern Europe. Her current work includes examining music criticism during the period of World War II.

Karen Uslin's Guest Lecture is entitled "Beyond the

Alexander Dukalskis
Visiting period: March 7-20

Alexander Dukalskis is Associate in the School of Politics and International Relations at University College Dublin. His Research concerns authoritarian states, transitional justice, Asian Politics and international human rights.

Alexander Dukalskis' Guest Lecture is entitled "Recoil: How Authoritarians have Expropriated Liberal 'Soft Power'."

Diego Acosta
Visiting period: March 27-April 9

Diego Acosta is Professor in European Migration Law at the Law Department, University of Bristol. His work discusses Migration Law as a central aspect of globalisation and analyses various processes of inclusion and exclusion and their implications for the rule of law in Europe, Latin America and elsewhere.

Diego Acosta's Guest Lecture is entitled "Regional Free Movement of People Law as a New Subfield of Research in International Law".
Volker Kaul
Visiting period: April 14-May 20

Volker Kaul is Research and Teaching Fellow at the Center for Ethics and Global Politics at LUISS University in Rome and lecturer at the CEA Rome Center. His work focuses on the possibility of emancipation. In this regard, he works on the concepts of identity, agency, autonomy, self-knowledge, recognition, and culture.

Volker Kaul's Guest Lecture is entitled "Open Borders and the Claims of Community".

David Goodhart
Visiting period: May 20-June 12

David Goodhart is Head of Policy Exchange's Demography, Immigration, and Integration Unit, and Director of the Integration Hub website. He is former Director of Demos, and former Editor of Prospect magazine. He is the author of The Road to Somewhere: The Populist Revolt and the Future of Politics and Head, Hand, Heart: The Struggle for Dignity and Status in the 21st Century. During his stay in Uppsala he will also participate in the conference Universities under Siege?

Title of Guest Lecture TBA.
Pamina Firchow
Visiting period: TBA

Pamina Firchow is Associate Professor of Coexistence and Conflict at Brandeis University. Her research interests include peacebuilding, transitional justice (especially victim reparations) and reconciliation. In particular, she is interested in the study of the international accompaniment of local communities affected by mass violence.

Pamina Firchow's Guest Lecture's preliminary title is "Reclaiming Everyday Peace: Local Voices in the Politics of Measurement and Evaluation after War"

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News about Uppsala Forum

Malin Holm at the Department of Government, who was granted funding for Developing a Research Application from Uppsala Forum, has with help of the grant won funding for an International Postdoc via VR. Congratulations!

The Cambridge Companion to Legal Positivism, co-edited by Uppsala Forum Research Director Patricia Mindus, is one of the winners of Choice's Outstanding Academic Titles Award 2021.

During 2021 the PhD Student Forum at Uppsala Forum has welcomed several new representatives. The lineup in 2022 will consist of:

Silvia Carretta (Faculty of Law)
Anna Jeglinska (Faculty of Social Sciences)
Jesse Juopperi (Faculty of Languages)
Elena Prats (Faculty of Arts)
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