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Uppsala Forum Schedule of Events October

Save the Date October
Please find below information on events organized or supported by Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice at Uppsala University. You are kindly invited to attend.

Call for Applications Deadline October 31
Uppsala Forum offers the opportunity to apply for funding for visiting fellows, seminars and workshops, and funding for development of research applications, which may also cover salary costs for early-career researchers. For more information, please visit the Uppsala Forum Website or contact mattias.vesterlund@uppsalaforum.uu.se.
**Survey on Digital Humanities Methods**

PhD and clueless about how digital humanities can boost your research?

Uppsala Forum in collaboration with the Digital Humanities Uppsala is mapping the needs and knowledge among our researchers and PhD candidates on DH methodology with the aim to bring you the enhanced knowledge and abilities that would benefit your research. Please do take our 5 min survey. Your participation is much appreciated!

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**Call for Applications: Workshop for PhD Students with Sharon Rider**

**When:** November 26, 9.00-12.00  
**Where:** TBA  
**Contact:** For more information and application, please contact Mattias Vesterlund

*All doctoral students at the faculties of Arts, Languages, Law and Social Sciences are invited to apply for a half-day workshop with this year’s honorary lecturer of the Uppsala Forum Forsskål symposium: Sharon Rider. Participants will give a presentation of their ongoing research projects or projects they are currently developing and receive feedback from Sharon Rider and the group with a view of strengthening the core idea and connect it to the cutting edge of the state of the art. Applications should include a short CV and a half-page description of the topic presented. The **deadline for application is Friday, 12 November 2021.** Successful candidates will be notified on the 18 November 2020.*

*For more information, please visit the [Uppsala Forum website](https://mail.uu.se/owa/#path=/mail/search) or contact Mattias Vesterlund*

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**Upcoming events**
Book Launch: The Cambridge Companion to Legal Positivism

When: September 29, 15.00-17.00
Venue: Zoom, https://uu.se.zoom.us/68965887966
Organizer: Higher seminar in Legal Philosophy and in Philosophy of Law, Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts

Legal positivism is one of the fundamental theories of law. What does it submit? Why it is relevant? What are its fundamental ideas, its history and major theorists? How does it relate to justice and ethics? The editors present the thirty-three chapters composing the volume and discuss the current developments and influence of legal positivism, as well as on criticisms moved against it.

Seminarieserie: Bildningens nya vägar

When: September 30, 13.15-15.00
Venue: University Main Building, sal IX, Biskopsgatan 3
Organizer: Institutionen för moderna språk, institutionen för nordiska språk, med stöd från Uppsala Forum och CIRCUS

Bildning framhålls oftast som något positivt och till och med nödvändigt för att stödja demokrati och rättvisa i samhället. Samtidigt är bildning ett begrepp som ger uttryck för olika värderingar beroende på hur det definieras och praktiseras. I seminarieserien »Bildningens nya vägar« välkomnas studenter och universitetsanställda att delta i ett samtal om hur bildningsideal och bildningspraktiker kan fördjupas, granskas och...
Online Conference: The Refugee Convention - 70 years on

When: October 20, 13.00-15.45
Venue: Zoom: [https://uu.se.zoom.us/j/65269184490](https://uu.se.zoom.us/j/65269184490)
Organizer: Uppsala Forum, Uppsala Migration Law Network (GLUMIN), Swedish Institute for International Law (SIFIR), and the CIRCUS financed network 'Migration as a legal and political process'

The focus for this conference is particularly on the issue of the processes, tendencies and still overlooked matters that influence the Refugee Convention’s incisiveness. On this 70th anniversary of the Convention, at least 82.4 million people around the world have been forced to flee their homes and less than 1% of the world’s refugees are resettled. It is time to take stock: are we dealing with a paper-tiger and if so, how and why? There are many issues surrounding the question of validity and enforcement: from the lack of adhesion to the convention to the lack of ratification; from the question of adjudication mechanisms to that of the UNHCR budget, not to mention the issue of reasons for protection and their assessment. We would be particularly interested in your idea that we might simply be going back to business as usual, making the Convention a parenthesis in the history of international relations.

Speakers:
Thomas Spijkerboer (Amsterdam Centre for Migration and Refugee Law of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), The Refugee Convention, Europe and the global South
Maja Janmyr (University of Oslo), The 1951 Refugee Convention and Non-Signatory States: Charting a Research Agenda
Katia Bianchini (Max Planck Institute, Halle), Adjudicating Asylum Claims based on non-Western Traditional Beliefs

Lecture with Ash Amin: Looking Beyond Xenophobic Nationalism
This is not a good time to be an immigrant, refugee or minority in Europe. After a decade of austerity, and a longer period of growing inequality and welfare austerity, majority discontent is finding cause against these figures. Seduced by the inflammatory language of nativist nationalism promising the closed polity without interfering germs, migrants, and other 'anywheres', vast swathes of the 'left behind' are seeing salvation in the return of homely nation, policed by a protectionist state and entrusted to the indigenous community. They are persuaded that the elimination of the foreign is a condition of preserving self and historic community.
**Forsskålsymposiet 2021**
Moderator och panel till årets Forsskålsymposium består av nedanstående:

**Maria Ripenberg**, Journalist (moderator)

**Ulrika Björkstén**, Chef för Vetenskapsradion vid Sveriges Radio

**Li Bennich-Björkman**, Skytteansk professor i vältalighet och statskunskap, Uppsala universitet

**Mats Benner**, Rektor och dekan, Ekonomihögskolan, Lunds universitet

**Mårten Schultz**, professor vid Juridiska fakulteten, Stockholms universitet

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**News from the PhD Student Forum**

The MSCA-IF mock assessment workshop is being organised for next spring semester. The workshop will be offered to PhDs and Postdocs at Uppsala University. The Call for Applications opens in January 2021.

Curious about Uppsala PhD Student Forum? [Watch a short video here](#)

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**News about Uppsala Forum**

Uppsala Forum Director of Research Patricia Mindus becomes member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Springer’s new Journal *Digital Society*.

Uppsala Forum Director of Research Patricia Mindus becomes advisory board member of the Journal *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia Politica*.

Curious about our incoming visiting researchers? [Watch short interviews here](#)
Please note that all Uppsala Forum events are free of charge and open to the public. Our events are held in English, if not otherwise indicated. For more information visit the Uppsala Forum website. Welcome!

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