Uppsala Forum Newsletter September 2021

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Uppsala Forum Schedule of Events September

Save the Date September
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.
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 Forskål 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 or contact Mattias Vesterlund

Upcoming events this semester

Uppsala Forum Guest Lecture with Tracey Skillington: Climate Change, Trauma and the Question of Justice: A Heated Exchange

When: September 3, 13.15-14.30  
Venue: Ekonomikum, room B115, or via Zoom: https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/65978778110  
Organizer: Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES), Department of Social and Economic Geography, and Uppsala Forum

This lecture examines how citizens’ demands for recognition of what have until now been largely ‘disenfranchised’ and depoliticized forms of ecological grief, trauma and rights denial, draw on recent experiences of wildfires, prolonged drought, severe flooding and more to reassess core questions of justice.
**PhD & Postdoc Seminar: Critical Theory, Planetary Multiplicity and Cosmopolitan Justice**

**When:** September 7, 13.15-15.00

**Venue:** IRES Library, Gamla torget 3, Uppsala University, or via Zoom: [https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/69963777801](https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/69963777801)

**Organizer:** Institute for Russian and Eurasian Studies (IRES), Department of Social and Economic Geography, and Uppsala Forum

*In this seminar, we consider the relevance of Lukacs' thesis on reification from a contemporary critical perspective (e.g., Honneth) before considering, via Rosa’s work on resonance, how this representation is being challenged by moments of resonant connection with damaged ecological life and intense longing to ‘save the planet’ and its various inhabitants. The urgency of challenges encountered provokes a return to the idea of planetary multiplicity, species interdependency and the need for a democratic accommodation of radical difference.*

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**Processing Alterity, Enacting Europe**

**When:** September 16, 18.15-19.30

**Venue:** Zoom: [https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/62547989960](https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/62547989960)

**Organizer:** Uppsala Forum and the higher seminar in Philosophy

*This lecture draws on a ten-year long research line on the morphology of government institutions and data infrastructures and focuses on the data-aided management of third country nationals to follow the construction of the European order. It introduces the concept of “alterity processing” to account for the simultaneous enactment of individual “Others” and emergent European orders in the context of informational migration management.*
Book Launch: The Cambridge Companion to Legal Positivism

When: September 29, 15.00-17.00

Venue: Zoom, for more information please contact Minna Gräns (minna.grans@jur.uu.se)

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 is it 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 omformuleras.

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), Title t.b.d.
- **Maja Jarmyr** (University of Oslo), On the Role of Non-signatory States
- **Thomas Gammeltoft-Hansen** (Centre for International Courts, Copenhagen), Legal Evolution and the 1951 Convention
- **Katia Bianchini** (Max Planck Institute, Halle), Adjudicating Asylum Claims based on non-Western Traditional Beliefs

Keynote:

- **Ash Amin**, (University of Cambridge), title t.b.d.
Forsskålssymposiet 2021: När får man tänka? Om tvåkan som risk och resurs

When: November 25, 13:15-16:00
Venue: The Humanities Theatre, 22-0008, Thunbergsvägen 3, Uppsala
Organizers: Uppsala Forum and the Faculty of Law
Honorary Lecturer: Sharon Rider, Professor of Logic and Metaphysics at the department of Philosophy, and Deputy Research Director of the interdisciplinary Engaging Vulnerability research program


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

News about Uppsala Forum
The Arctic Justice workshops funded by Uppsala Forum and organised by Corine Wood-Donnelly and Johanna Ohlsson have been awarded a book contract for an edited volume on Arctic Justice. It will be entitled *Arctic Justice: Environment, Society and governance*, published by Bristol University Press in their series *Spaces and Practices of Justice*.

Uppsala Forum is seconding member in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND project CLOE Training to complexity: multidisciplinary approaches to rural and mountain sustainable development and conservation. The project was attributed 1.2M EUR for the period 2021-26 in the H2020-MSCA-COFUND-2020 scheme which provides funding for regional, national and international programmes for training and career development, through co-funding mechanisms.

In June the Director of Research, Patricia Mindus, participated in the Radio programme *Filosofiska rummet* in connection to the proposed new naturalisation policy in Sweden, together with other researchers from Uppsala Forum.

In July, Mindus was interviewed in *The London Economic* and guestblogged for the Brexit Institute and the BRIDGE Network on the pending cases before the ECJ litigating Brexit. Blogpost available [here](#).

Curious about our incoming visiting researchers? [Watch short interviews here](#).

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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!