

Dear participant in our second International Summer School in Human-Animal Studies (HAS),

Warmly welcome! You've been enrolled in the summer school and now it's time for a first round of information about what will happen in August.

The summer school officially runs from July 19 to August 22. However, there will be no lectures, meetings or mandatory assignments before August 16. The summer school will be held online and there will be no physical meetings.

We will be using Zoom, and also Canvas, which is Mälardalen University's online platform for students. On Canvas you will find a more detailed study guide as well as the mandatory readings (around 10 articles). These materials will be made available at the formal beginning of the summer school (July 19). You will receive separate instructions on how to log into Canvas.

All of the lectures and online discussions will take place during one week, 16-20 August. Usually, the lectures are given in the morning, and then we'll meet online for discussion sessions in the afternoons. You will find a detailed schedule in the study guide. Lectures and discussion meetings are scheduled between 8 AM and 5 PM, Central European Summer Time. The days will not be fully scheduled 8 to 5, but please keep these dates open, as this week will demand your full-time engagement.

The summer school is a combined summer school and master's course. This means that those who complete the goals of the course will be awarded ECTS credits, to be used for a postgraduate degree. Participants who attend all discussion meetings will be awarded 2,5 credits. An additional 5 ECTS credits will be awarded to those who also read two additional books (chosen in dialogue with the teachers) and submit a paper after the course. Some of you may be attending the summer school strictly for the lectures and as a venue to meet other HAS scholars, and that is of course completely fine too.

We're glad to say that the summer school has attracted great interest – students from over 20 different countries, from a number of different disciplines, have applied. Among the enrolled participants are master students and PhD students, as well PhDs. Since the admissions office is still going through applications we don't know the final number of participants at the time of writing. If the number is smaller, we will be able to meet as one group for the discussion sessions. If the number is bigger, we will work with smaller groups so that you will have the possibility to discuss with other HAS people and get as much out of the summer school as possible.

While you're waiting for the study guide and final schedule, you can find information about the summer school and the lecturers here:

<http://humananimalstudies.net/pt/formacao/summer-school-2/>

You will hear from us in July, but you can also get in touch with us directly if you have any questions about the summer school. If you have questions concerning practicalities, get in touch with david.redmalm@mdh.se

We look forward to seeing you in August!
All the very best,

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