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Programme

DAY 1: Tuesday 13 October, [Stein Rokkan auditorium](#)

From 09:00	Registration and coffee outside the Stein Rokkan auditorium
11:00	Lunch in the Nord University canteen area
12:00	Official opening of The Nord Conference • Tove Mentsen Ness, Head of Centre for Saami and Indigenous Studies • Musical opening by Ronja Katrin Larsen • Welcome greeting from the Vice Rector Ketil Eiane. (TBC)
12:30	<i>Keynote lecture (in English)</i> Áile Aikio - <i>Áigasaš duodji: Duodji as a Sámi Practice of Time</i>
13:30	<i>Keynote lecture (in English)</i> Torjer Olsen - <i>Dilemmas of Indigenous Education - the case of Sámi kindergartens.</i>
14:00	Coffee break and poster session

	Poster – Saraswoti Lamsal Khanal et al.: <i>Cultural safety and trust in health services for Sámi patients.</i>
14:30 – 17:00	Paper presentations (in English)
14:30	Astri Dankertsen: <i>Introducing SOTRUST, on how trust and mistrust shape cooperation, conflict and reconciliation in South Saepmie.</i>
15:00	Wenche Torrissen: <i>Can theatre open new pathways to truth and reconciliation? Upper secondary students' reflections on the possibilities and limitations of the performance FUCK FUCK FUCK</i>
15:30	Coffee break and poster session Poster – Saraswoti Lamsal Khanal et al.: <i>Cultural safety and trust in health services for Sámi patients.</i>
15:50	Asta Mønsted: <i>New Houses, Enduring Homes: Kalaallit Inuit Homemaking through Change</i>
16:20	Biret Mailèn M. Buljo: <i>Can entrepreneurship learn from Indigenous values of ethics and respect for nature?</i>
16:50	Summing up
18:00	Dinner in the Nord University canteen

DAY 2: Wednesday 14 October, [Elsa Laula auditorium](#)

09:00	Keynote lecture Anna Andersen - <i>From Memory to Resilience”: Experiences from working with Indigenous resettlement and assimilation in Sápmi and Kalaallit Nunaat</i>
10:00	Coffee break
10:15	Keynote lecture Ketil Zachariassen - After the Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Norwegianisation, its consequences and the road ahead (preliminary title)
11:00	Break
11:15	Panel Debate - <i>Colonialism – a contested concept in Saami studies.</i> Ketil Zachariassen, Stein Sneve, Astri Dankertsen, Anna Andersen. Moderator: Tove Mentsen Ness.
12:15	Lunch, in the Nord University Canteen
13:15	Joint meeting with the Sámi conference Meet Sámi conference participants, exchange experience and explore shared research and education interests through brief introductions and conversation in English.
14:30 – 17:00	Paper presentations (in English)
14:30	Shaua Fui Chen: <i>How Sámi in Norway and Orang Ulu in Malaysia live with, and negotiate, hydropower dams on their land.</i>
15:00	Roksolana Stakhniv: <i>How Sámi imagery, from Rovaniemi to Frozen, became a "Trojan horse" in the global imagination, and at what cost.</i>
15:30	Coffee break
15:50	Åse Ava Fredheim: The Agency of Luohti in Sámi Contemporary Music-Making.
16:20	Åse Hilde Brekke: <i>What can "our shared cultural heritage" mean in teacher education? Performative learning as a source of identity and belonging.</i>
16:50	Summing up
19:00	Conference dinner at Hotel Scandic Havet

DAY 3: Thursday 15 October, Elsa Laula auditorium

09:00	<i>Keynote lecture</i> Katarina Pirak Sikku - <i>Guorrat luottahis bálgaid - Följa spårlösa stigar</i>
10:00	Short break
10:10–13:00	Paper presentations (in Norwegian/Swedish)
10:10	Camilla Olofsson Båatas : <i>Pollen analysis and herders' knowledge shed new light on the origins of reindeer husbandry in Åarjel-Saepmie.</i>
10:35	Camilla Tranås Kristiansen : <i>South Saemien herder cabins as vital homes, not holiday retreats, and often at odds with regulations.</i>
11:00	Jon Iver Eira Tellefsen - <i>Joikens hjem / institusjonelt hjem for joik. Institusjonelt hjem for joik</i>
11:25	Coffee break
11:45	Haakon Halberg, Inger Johansen og Anne Kathrine Hundal : <i>Student teachers and third graders explore sustainability through the South Saami picture book Linne & Ladtetje</i>
12:10	Karin Dyrstad : <i>Does learning about South Saami history foster reconciliation? A study of students visiting a South Saami museum exhibition.</i>
12:35	Birgitte Furberg Moe : <i>A rediscovered emigrant novel from 1899 sheds new light on the Sámi presence in Hamsun's Markens Grøde</i>
13:00	Closing remarks
13:30	Lunch in the canteen and departure. We will meet again at next year's Nord conference Levangken Campus / Levanger Campus, mid-October 2027!

The programme is subject to change.