

The Second International Queer Death Studies Workshop: *Coming to Terms with Death, Dying, and Mourning Differently?*

27-28 November 2017

Karlstad University
Room: Minerva

27th November (Monday):

16:00 - 16:15 - Welcome and practicalities

16:15 - 16:45 - Introduction to the network and the workshop: *Coming to Terms with Death, Dying, and Mourning Differently?*

16:45 - 17:00 – Coffee/tea break (Fika)

17:00 - 19:00 – Panel I (2 papers)

20:00 - ... Dinner downtown (Clarion restaurant: self-paid basis)

28th November (Tuesday)

9:00 - 10:00 – Panel II (1 paper)

10:00 - 10:15 – Coffee/tea break (Fika)

10:15 - 12:15 – Panel III (2 papers)

12:15 - 13:30 – Lunch break (self-paid basis)

13:30 - 15:30 – Paper IV (2 papers)

15:30 - 16:15 – Closing panel (with coffee/tea at 15:30)

Dear Participants,

Many thanks for your interest in the Queer Death Studies Network (QDS) and this second international workshop, co-organised by QDS, GEXcel International Collegium for Advanced Transdisciplinary Gender Studies and Karlstad University.

We hope that this summary of practical information does not reach you too late.

First, content-related practicalities:

This particular workshop aims to explore the understanding (or rather, different understandings) of the concept of 'queer' in the context of Death Studies. What does 'queer' do to both the concept of death

and Death Studies as such? What kind of platform of engagement with death does 'queer' create?

This is also why we ask all the participants to continuously keep in mind two questions:

- What, according to you, is now Queer Death Studies?
- How do you see your own activity (academic, artistic, activist, other) in relation to QDS?

These are the two questions that will form the starting point for our reflection and discussion in the closing panel and shall be the guidelines kept at the back of our minds throughout the workshop.

Furthermore, each panel is planned in a way that there is 30-40min for a presentation of each paper and ca 20-30 min for Q&A. This Q&A space is designed and offered as an invitation for every participant not only to engage with the content of each paper, but also to bring these reflections into a broader problematisation of QDS.

Second, 'technical' aspects:

Location of the workshop

The workshop is organised at Karlstad University, in the room Minerva, House 12, Room: Minerva. You can check the location [here](#).

When you reach Karlstad by train, the easiest way to get to the campus is to take bus 1 from the stop Drottninggatan in the direction of Campus Futurum, and get off at the stop Universitetet. One-way ticket costs 26 SEK. You can check the timetable here: <http://www.varmlandstrafik.se/resa/sok-din-resa>

Accommodation

While some of you might have already arranged that, here are a few suggestions of possible hotels/hostels located nearby city centre/central station:

- Carlstad City Hostel: <http://www.carlstadcity.se/> - 650 sek/single room
- Clarion Collection Drottninggatan
<https://www.nordicchoicehotels.se/hotell/sverige/karlstad/clarion-collection-hotel-drott/> - 1058 SEK
- Savoy Karlstad https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/karlstad/hotel-rooms/sure-hotel-by-best-western-savoy-karlstad/propertyCode.56004.html - 958 SEK
- Good Morning Karlstad <http://www.goodmorninghotels.se/> - 796 SEK

Meals

As the workshop is organised on a very low budget and, at the same time, we have wished to make it accessible to everyone, we are offering complementary drinks (coffee/tea) and sweet/salty snacks

during 'fika' (coffee/tea breaks). All the sweet snacks are vegan and the salty ones are both vegetarian and vegan.

This also means that unfortunately, dinner on 27th and lunch on 28th are offered on a self-paid basis."

For dinner (scheduled at 20:00 on 27th) we are going to Clarion restaurant at Clarion Drottninggatan. The menu will consist of a vegan burger buffet for 195 SEK (excl. drinks – see the other attachment).

IMPORTANT: If you would like to join the group for the dinner, please confirm your participation by sending an email to: marietta.radomska@liu.se

Lunch on the 28th takes place on campus and food (vegan/vegetarian) will be available at the campus restaurant.

Other

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (marietta.radomska@liu.se)