New Zealand Studies Association 27th Annual Conference Stockholm, Sweden and Turku, Finland 26 – 30 June 2023

Information

Conference schedule and venues

A more detailed programme of panels will be released in May. In the meantime, we can advise that:

- 1. The conference will begin in Stockholm at 1.30pm on Monday 26 June.
- 2. The Turku section of the conference will commence at 12 midday, Thursday 29 June.
- 3. The conference will end no later than 5.30pm on Friday 30 June.
- 4. The venue for the Stockholm section is Filmhuset, the home of both the Swedish Film Institute and the film department for Stockholm University. In this building we have excellent facilities. The address is in central Stockholm: Borgvagen 1, 115 53.
- 5. The venue for the Turku section is the Arcanum building, 1 Arcanuminkuja, 20500 Turku, on the main campus of the University of Turku.
- 6. Both venues are fully equipped with computers, Internet, DVD, audio and projection facilities (with blackout). All non-keynote speakers will be on panels of 2, 3 or 4 people, each with 20 minutes to present and with 10 (for the smaller panels) or 15 minutes shared for questions. Keynotes will have 40 minutes + an additional 10 minutes for questions.

Flights and trains

We advise that delegates fly into Stockholm and fly out from Helsinki.

- 1. Arrive at Arlanda Stockholm's international airport. From there you can either catch a bus or commuter train (about 50 minutes journey time). However, we recommend the Arlanda Express the airport's train that reaches 200kmh and takes you from the airport to Stockholm central in 18 mins. This train leaves every 15 minutes and the cost is approximately €30. You can buy tickets in advance or very easily on arrival at the airport https://www.arlandaexpress.com.
- 2. The Arlanda Express, commuter trains and buses all arrive at T-Centralen, Stockholm's central station. From there take the red line (line no.13) to Karlaplan. It is just 2 stops, costs about €3 (easiest to swipe a debit card at the barrier) and trains are very frequent. The red line splits into line no.14 after one stop so make sure you catch the train that clearly is for line no.13 and which is heading to Ropsten. Get off the metro train at Karlaplan, and from there you will have a short 4-minute walk to the conference hotel (details below). The conference hotel is itself an easy 9-minute walk to Filmhuset, the conference venue. Maps will be sent in the coming months, which will show all venues in detail.
- 3. In Finland, we advise that after the conference you travel by train to Helsinki and fly out from there. Alternatively, you can catch the ferry back to Stockholm, but note that the ferry journey takes 12 hours. If you opt for the ferry journey back this will be your choice and it will need to be your own booking ie the conference is not organising any travel for delegates once the conference ends on Friday 30 June.
- 4. Trains from Turku to Helsinki take 105 minutes and generally depart once an hour. Depart from Kupittaa Station (just 50m from the conference hotel) and travel to Pasila Station in Helsinki. From Pasila there are frequent connections directly to Helsinki Airport. The Turku-Helsinki train costs from €15 to €20, but booking early (a month

or two ahead) the train can cost less than €10. From Pasila Station connecting trains run twice every 10 minutes to the airport. The connecting train takes about 30 minutes arriving directly into the airport terminal and costs €4.10.

Ferry/ Excursion

Delegates will be taken by ferry (with Viking Line) from Stockholm to Turku on Wednesday 28 June.

- 1. The ferry (which is more like a cruise ship with bars, live music, shops, spas etc) departs at 07.45 and the journey lasts 12 hours.
- 2. The conference will provide the coach transfers from the Stockholm conference hotel (see below) to the ferry port and then from the ferry port in Turku to the Turku conference hotel (see below).
- 3. The 2 coaches will depart the Stockholm conference hotel at 6am, so it is advantageous for delegates if they have booked rooms either at this hotel or nearby, due to the early morning start. We are required to be at the ferry port one hour before departure.
- 4. There will be no conference excursion this year. Instead, the ferry crossing on the 28th will be the excursion and the fee will be included in the registration for delegates. The crossing will include a conference 'dinner' for everyone, which this year is technically lunch the ferry has a renowned large buffet of all you can eat or drink and that is included in the conference fee.
- 5. Also included in the conference fee is a cabin (no window) shared for every two delegates. We thought delegates may appreciate a space where they can leave their luggage, take a nap or have a shower during the journey. The ferry journey through many of the 30,000 islands of the Stockholm and Turku archipelagos is spectacular, especially in the summertime when daylight lasts for 20 hours per day.
- 6. You will find a useful review (with pictures) at this address, https://rail.cc/blog/turku-stockholm-ferry-vikingline, but our journey is during the day and in the summer, which is much better!

Hotel Stockholm

We have reserved rooms at the 4-star Best Western Hotel, Karlaplan, which is a short 4-minute walk from Karlaplan metro station and a short 9-minute walk from the conference venue.

- 1. The hotel is located at 82 Skeppargatan, 114 59 Stockholm. There are very few hotels in the immediate region of the conference venue and this one is by far the best option, especially as hotels in Stockholm can be quite expensive.
- 2. Of the 60 rooms we have reserved, they range from single rooms, to doubles and twins and rooms with queen beds and rooms that are superior. Some of the cheaper rooms are also without windows (not unusual for Swedish hotels). The full options and prices are at the end of this document/ email and note that if you book for 3 nights instead of 2 the price per night is cheaper.
- 3. Prices are inclusive of excellent breakfast and wi-fi. Plus the hotel will provide a takeaway breakfast for free for the morning of Wednesday 28th, when we have the early coach departure for the ferry crossing.
- 4. Rooms are already reserved for 25, 26 and 27 June. Extra nights can be booked on request.
- 5. Rooms can be booked by emailing Dara Hosseini <u>dara@viinvest.com</u> and mention the code 'NZSA2023' to access the discount rate/ reserved rooms. Note that rooms can only be booked by bank transfer and Dara will supply you with the bank details.

- 6. We advise you to book rooms asap as we have more than 70 delegates attending the conference. But also we have agreed with the hotel that any rooms not booked by early May will be released back into their system.
- 7. When our 2 coaches depart Stockholm, for the ferry port, they will leave at 6am and will leave only from the Best Western Hotel, Karlaplan.

Hotel Turku

We have reserved 70 rooms at a discount rate at the 4-star Original Sokos Hotel Kupittaa (part of the Radisson Blu group), which is a short 50m walk from the Kupittaa train station and an easy 1.3km walk from the conference venue, 1 Arcanuminkuja, 20500 Turku, on the University of Turku campus.

- 1. The hotel is located at Joukahaisenkatu 6, 20520, Turku.
- 2. Of the 70 rooms we have reserved, 30 have a king size bed and 40 have twin beds. Single occupancy for either type of room is €104 per night, whilst occupancy shared by two people is €114 per night (ie €57 per person).
- 3. Prices are inclusive of breakfast, wi-fi and use of the hotel's sauna.
- 4. Rooms are already reserved for 28 and 29 June. Extra nights can be booked on request.
- 5. Rooms can be booked by emailing sokos.hotels@sok.fi or by calling +358 300870 000. When booking you need to mention the code 'NZSA2023' in order to receive the discount and access the reserved rooms. The hotel takes all major credit and debit cards.
- 6. We advise you to book rooms asap as we have more than 70 delegates attending the conference. But also, we have agreed with the hotel that any rooms not booked by early May will be released back into their system.
- 7. When our 2 coaches arrive in Turku, from the ferry port, they will stop only at the Original Sokos Hotel Kupittaa.

Registration fees

- 1. Conference fees for early registering speaking delegates are £240 full rate and £190 for unwaged/ full time students and the retired. After 31 March the rate will increase to £260 full rate and £210 for unwaged/ full time students and the retired.
- 2. Fees for non-speaking delegates are £195 full rate and £165 for unwaged/ full time students and the retired.
- 3. All fees include the ferry crossing, cabin on board, the conference dinner on the ferry, coach transfers to and from the ferry, the teas/coffee breaks during the conference and a one-year membership to NZSA, which includes copies of the twice-yearly *Journal of New Zealand and Pacific Studies*.
- 4. Registration will open soon via the NZSA website. Another email will be circulated within the week.

Stockholm Hotel Room Rates

Best Western Hotel, Karlaplan

Guests staying from 25-28/6/2023. Available/reserved rooms:

- * 1 standard single room 1150 SEK /night
- * 3 cabin single rooms 1150 SEK/night (no window)
- * 6 cabin double rooms 1290 SEK/night (no window)
- * cabin double room occupied by two people 1390 SEK/night (no window)

- * 15 queen rooms (140cm wide bed) 1290 SEK/night
- * queen rooms occupied by two people 1390 SEK/night
- * 15 standard double rooms (180cm wide bed) 1350 SEK/night
- * standard double rooms occupied by two people 1500 SEK/night
- * 14 twin rooms (2 x 90cm wide beds) 1350 SEK/night
- * twin rooms occupied by two people 1500 SEK/night
- * 6 superior double rooms (180cm wide bed) 1650 SEK/night
- * superior double rooms occupied by two people 1750 SEK/night

Guests staying from 26-28/6/2023. Available/ reserved rooms:

- * 1 standard single room 1250 SEK /night
- * 3 cabin single rooms 1250 SEK/night (no window)
- * 6 cabin double rooms 1330 SEK/night (no window)
- * cabin double rooms occupied by two people 1490 SEK/night (no window)
- * 15 queen rooms (140cm wide bed) 1330 SEK/night
- * queen rooms occupied by two people 1490 SEK/night
- * 15 standard double rooms (180cm wide bed) 1400 SEK/night
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