

Call for papers

Fourth Seminar of the Nordic Research Network on Trust within and between Organizations

Theme: Formal and institutional aspects of trust

6-7 November 2012, Göteborg, Sweden

Key-note speaker:

Antoinette Weibel, Current president of FINT, Professor for Management Studies at the University of Konstanz, Germany. Her current research interests include trust and control, organization-level trust, vulnerability and the dark sides of trust.

Purpose and focus of the seminar

Trust may be regarded as a cross-level phenomenon, created in the interplay between interindividual, organizational and institutional level events. This seminar will specifically highlight how factors on the institutional level: systems, structures, culture, etc. shape and are shaped by trust-related practices on the organizational and individual levels. Different institutional contexts are governed by different logics, and the role of formalized processes, incentives and contracts in trust development varies between countries as well as between industries and regions. One aspect of this question especially salient in the Nordic context is how the high levels of generalized interpersonal trust, low power distance and preference for informality characteristic of the Nordic countries are affected by the international trend of increased formalization and auditing.

Qualitative methodological approaches and methods are particularly welcome and we encourage papers aiming at integrating, contrasting and complementing different approaches, views and type of analyses of trust in different contexts (private, public and not-for-profit, third sector organizations).

Topics for papers may include (but are not limited to):

- How does the institutional level influence trust on the personal level and vice versa?
- How do institutional trust processes differ from organizational or interindividual trust?
- How do processes of trust vary across different organizational fields, regions and countries?
- Is formalization primarily negative for trust, or may increased transparency positively influence sensemaking and mutual understanding?
- How do broader trends in management, control and formalization impact on trust within and between organizations?
- How does the increased formalization and the emergence of the audit society influence levels of institutional trust?
- Exploring trust in a Nordic context: what is 'Nordic' trust (if such a concept exists)? What are the elements and foundations? How has it evolved? How does it develop?

Papers do not need to 'strictly' focus on the seminar's or overall network's themes but trust should be involved somehow. It is useful to indicate how the paper links with the theme of the seminar and the overall theme of the Trust Research Network.

Submission guidelines, instructions and deadlines

Papers can be different types and at different stages of development. Dependent on the circumstances papers can be “work in progress”, “short papers”, “full paper” or a “finalised article” which has already been submitted to a journal. The main objective of work in progress and short papers is to develop and discuss ongoing research or create new opportunities for co-authorship. The main objective of full papers or submitted articles is to discuss recent research findings and methods, and inspire new research. Therefore, elaboration and further development of the papers in the seminars will be encouraged as well as submitting them to the international publication forums.

As to papers and seminar, please contact the group leader in your country (see contact information on the web site). As to practicalities of the seminar please follow the additional information available on the Nordic Research Network on Trust web site (seminars) and contact information here: <http://trust.ruc.dk/>

Deadline for registration: September 23, 2012.

Deadline for submission of papers: October 20, 2012

Please register and submit as a pdf on the web site <http://trust.ruc.dk/the-fourth-seminar-at-chalmers>

For uploading the final paper you will need a password for the website. If you do not already have a password, please contact Lars Fuglsang after registration: E-mail: fuglsang@ruc.dk

Cover page should include title of the paper, author's name, affiliation, address, e-mail, and telephone.

Language: The language is English.

Abstract: Please provide a 150-250 words abstract immediately following the names of the authors.

Keywords: Select three to five keywords that capture the essence of your paper.

Venue and schedule

The seminar will take place at Chalmerska Huset, a conference facility in the early 19th century building where William Chalmers, the founder of Chalmers University of Technology, once lived.

See <http://www.chalmers.se/sv/om-chalmers/chalmersska-huset/Sidor/Historik.aspx>. Address:

Södra Hamngatan 11, see map:

<http://www.hitta.se/karta#center=6404367:1271050&zl=9&bounds=6404178:1270796,6404557:1271304&sm=6&var=s%C3%B6dra%20hamngatan%2011%2C%20g%C3%B6teborg&type=map&from=1&pageCount=20&level=1>

The seminar **will start around 10.00 on the 6th of November and end around lunch the 7th.**

More detailed information about the program will be communicated later.

Accommodation

Arrangements have been made with two hotels:

- Hotel Poseidon, a family hotel in an older part of the central city of Göteborg, see www.hotelposeidon.se. A short (appr. 600m) walk to the conference venue. Phone +46 (0) 31-10 05 50 or mail info@hotelposeidon.com.
- Best Western Hotell Göteborg, located just by the river and very close to the conference venue, see www.hotellgoteborg.se. Phone +46 (0) 31-752 28 00, mail info@hotellgoteborg.se

Important: Indicate **Chalmers-Nordforsk** when booking, to get the Chalmers rates (around 750 SEK). Please **book rooms early**, if you change plans cancellation it is always possible!

Welcoming you to Göteborg in November 2012!

Anna Kadefors, Lovisa Näslund and Nataliya Berbyuk Lindström
Chairs of the seminar