



## **Visiting the Advanced Cultural Studies Institute of Sweden (ACSIS)**

ACSIS is Linköping University's national centre for interdisciplinary cultural studies. It is located at Campus Norrköping and affiliated with the Department for Studies of Social Change and Culture (ISAK). ACSIS activities include visiting scholars, courses, seminars, research, information and networking, in co-operation with thematically relevant departments in Norrköping, Linköping and at other Swedish universities. See web site <http://www.acsis.liu.se>

Through funding from Linköping University, we are sometimes able to offer support for research exchange and postdoctoral education grants for PhD scholars with an orientation towards interdisciplinary cultural studies who want to visit ACSIS for study purposes, for a period of one or two months. However, it is always possible to apply for various external grants, for instance from the Swedish Institute (<http://www.si.se>), in order to fund such a visit. Postdoctoral scholars with a relevant profile who have their own funding can apply for getting access to free and fully equipped office space at ACSIS. We mainly welcome senior researchers and younger scholars who with a PhD degree want to pursue advanced studies in a Swedish context.

For each visitor, at least one higher seminar is co-organised by ACSIS and some other relevant Linköping University department, to present his or her own research. We also co-organise one similar presentation at some other Swedish university, with domestic travel and other side costs paid for by the respective hosting university department. There is no other specific obligation involved, except being present in the ACSIS environment and open for communication with surrounding scholars and with relevant researchers all over Sweden.

The ACSIS itself has no permanent staff, so visitors will have to actively search and develop relations to other scholars, including simultaneous visiting fellows as well as researchers at adjacent university programmes. Most local activities tend to be in Swedish language, but visitors are welcome to visit any surrounding seminar that might be accessible. Most such activities are concentrated to Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, making the rest of the week splendidly calm for individual activities.

At Campus Norrköping, there is for instance a Department of Culture Studies (Tema Q), with seven full professors, a handful of senior researchers and some 10-25 PhD students (see <http://www.liu.se/temaq>). There is also a similar PhD education and research department for Ethnic Studies (REMESO) and Masters programmes for culture, arts and media (KSM) and for social and cultural studies (SKA), as well as various programmes for education, an advanced visualisation study (NVIS), and much else. At the university's older and larger Linköping campus, some 40 minutes bus ride away, there are other interdisciplinary departments, for instance for Gender Studies (Tema G), Children Studies (Tema B) and Technology and Social Change (Tema T).

ACSIS is beautifully located centrally in Norrköping city, some ten minutes walk from the central station, where there are regular trains to Stockholm (1 hour 15 minutes), Göteborg and Lund/Malmö (c. 3 hours each). Norrköping is a pleasant post-industrial town with refashioned industry buildings around running streams – it is sometimes called “Sweden’s Manchester”, with 125.000 inhabitants and some 6.000 at its campus. Housing is comparably easy to find and relatively inexpensive. It should be noted that many faculty members and PhD students commute to Stockholm or other places on a daily or weekly basis. Most activities are held in Swedish, but when there are other visitors around, things also happen in English. We have wide networks, locally, nationally and internationally. The site is a fine base for concentrated work, and for developing contacts with scholars around Sweden. Potential visitors should check the general websites of the university (<http://www.liu.se/en>) and of Norrköping city (only in Swedish: <http://www.norrkoping.se/>), to get an overall picture of the site.

Applications should contain the following items, combined into one single electronic file sent in as an e-mail attachment:

1. A **declaration of intent**, briefly stating the motives for visiting ACSIS, Linköping University and Sweden.
2. An outline of a **plan** specifying for which activities the visit will be used: preferred time period of visit, suggested contacts with departments and exchanges with specific researchers at Linköping Universities and elsewhere in Sweden, possible participation in courses and seminars, research fieldwork, writing etc.
3. A **CV** (where it must be clear if the applicant is employed or has received any other grants by Linköping University) with list of publications.

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