

## **SWEDISH NETWORK FOR FAMILY AND KINSHIP STUDIES**

### **MINUTES NETWORK MEETING in UMEÅ MAY 2-3 2017**

#### Participants:

Elizabeth Perry, Magdalena Sjöberg, Berit Åström, Kalle Grill, Lennart Nygren, Helena Wahlström Henriksson, Jenny Bonnevier, Karina Nygren, Ulrika Dahl, Anna Smajdor, Ulla Björnberg, Ulrika Widding, Gabriele Griffin, Jenny Björklund, Zlatana Knezevic, Jessica Påfs, Daniela Cutas, Anna-Lena Almqvist, Elin Jonsson, Jenny Ask.

20 people participated in the meeting, which began with a social dinner May 2nd at Stora Hotellet. May 3rd, we convened at Umeå University, Humanisthuset, between 09.00-15.30.

There was a round of 3-minute presentations of all participants; followed by information about important dates, future Network events etc:

- **Fall Network meeting in Göteborg October 19-20 2017**
- **International conference Oct 24-26 2018 In Uppsala**
- **Deadline for applying for seed money: June 7 2017 – see more info below!**

Groups discussed workshop themes in the am and in the pm sessions:

- Critical methodology in FamKin Studies
- Policy and ethics + New child/children + care and carers
- Parenthood and cultural representations of FamKin
- Migration/Transnational FamKin

In the pm session, a large group also brainstormed and discussed plans for the conference in 2018: themes/areas and possible plenary speakers, as well as the basic framing of the conference. The meeting ended with a brief summary of outcomes.

#### OUTCOMES – PLANNED ACTIVITIES (initiating network members in parentheses)

- Collaboration around a volume: “Researching family and kinship”  
(Gabriele G, Zlatana K, Ulrika D)
- Collaboration around relationship between The Child, the Parent, and the State  
(Ulla B, Lennart N, Kalle G, Daniela C, Anna S, Elizabeth P, Jenny A, Anna-Lena A)
- Collaboration around single/lone parents  
(Helena WH Berit Å, Magdalena S, Elin J, Jenny Bonnevier, Ulrika W)
- Collaboration around abortion  
(Helena WH Jessica P)

#### OUTCOMES – plans for the conference October 24-26 2018

Discussion about meaning of CRITICAL famkin studies and how to frame the conference in CFP and elsewhere as 1) international, 2) multi-and interdisciplinary, 3) inclusive etc.

- The organizing committee will work to plan and arrange the event, beginning in June 2017.
- The organizing committee consists of the steering group + Ulrika Dahl, more members are welcome to join!
- Themes/areas were discussed and defined. Plenaries were suggested.

The CFP will invite contributions on areas including, but not limited to:

- Conceptualizing Fam Kin
- The relationship between the Child, the Parent, the State
- ARTs
- Institutions and regulation of Fam Kin
- Kin/NonKin, Care, Intimacy
- Kinship beyond the human
- Place/Space/Home and FamKin --- where families happen
- Families and temporalities
- OR Time and Place – the wheres and whens of families and kin
- Queer(y)ing kinship
- Researching family and kinship: critical methodologies
- Family/Kinship and sex
- Motherhood, fatherhood, parenthood
- Migration/Transnational family

More information will follow, a first call will go out after the summer.

### SEED MONEY

Groups can apply for seed money to develop ideas that took form at this meeting/other ideas leading to collaboration between network members across universities. The meeting agreed that steering group members can also be participants in the thematic groups that apply.

Criteria for apps:

- Network members only
- At least two universities must be represented in the app
- Moneys to be used in 2017
- Emailed to Julia B at julia.benjaminson@gender.uu.se by JUNE 7. Subject line must state: FAMKIN SEED MONEYS
- Purpose of meeting must be clearly described
- Budget posts/specification of costs must be clear and realistic
- The app should be no more than 1 page in length
- Groups that receive seed moneys will be expected to report back to the Network in the following meeting

TIPS 1: Since we have only 90 000 + to distribute, in total, be realistic and modest re costs.

TIPS 2: one idea from a thematic group is to add 1 day on to the Gbg meeting in fall 2017, Apps will be reviewed by the steering group and applicants will be notified abt decisions by the end of June. The meeting agreed that steering group members can be part of the groups that apply for moneys.

Thanks to all who came to the meeting, and a big thanks to Daniela Cutas who made arrangements in Umeå!

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