

Smart shrinking as a development approach for de- populating regions around the Baltic Sea

2022 NORDPLUS intensive course (5 ECTS)

Today's Programme

- 14:15 – 14:45 *Introduction to the course (Moritz Albrecht, University of Eastern Finland)*
- 14:45 – 15:45 *“Smart shrinkage, adaptation policy and degrowth - a conceptual approach” (Josefina Syssner, Linköping University)*
- 15:50 – 16:45 *“Back to the small-town” (Garri Raagmaa, University of Tartu)*
- 16:45 – 17:00 *Pre-task for partner institution student groups*

What is this about...

- GEONORDBALT network (Human Geography)
 - University of Eastern Finland (FI)
 - University of Tartu (EE)
 - University of Latvia (LV)
 - Vilnius University (LT)
 - Linköping University (SE)
 - *University Center of the Westfjords (IS)*

- Funding from Nordplus

The course in a nutshell...

- 2.-15.5. Finland & Estonia
- Mix of lectures, excursions and fieldwork
- Work in 5 small groups of mixed origin
- 5 Case studies in each country
- 5 final reports
- Lot's of work & lot's of fun...

The programme (FI)

Date	Activities
21.4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint online introduction seminar (14-17 o'clock)
02.05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18:00: Arrival in Joensuu 19:00-21:00: Welcoming at UEF, student homework presentations, Dinner & student group formation (Metria, UEF)
03.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-11:00: lectures at Regional Council (Linna, Joensuu) 11:00-11:45: guided city walk/excursion 11:45: & pick up rental cars (Aura) 12 – 13:00: Lunch 13:15 – 18:30: Afternoon interactive excursion Joensuu-Savonlinna (De-population processes in Eastern Finland: examples & solutions) 18:30 – 21:00: Dinner & Smoke Sauna experience Accommodation Savonlinna: Wanha Pappila
04.05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast meeting with Savonlinna Village Association 9:15 – 16:45: Interactive excursion & meetings 17:30 -18:30: lectures 18:45-19:45 Dinner 19:45 – 21:00: Research Plan preparation session Accommodation Savonlinna: Wanha Pappila
05.05.	<p>Fieldwork I (Finland): Place/leader/local contacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group 1: Punkaharju Group 2: Kerimäki Group 3: Savonranta; Group 4: Enonkoski & Oravi, Group 5: Kitee,
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fieldwork I (Finland) continues 15-16:00 Departure to Joensuu
06.05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17:30 – 21.00 Evening session: lecture, group work & dinner (UEF)

The programme (EE)

07.05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5:58 Departure from Joensuu – 10:40 Helsinki• 11- 12:30: Lunch• 13:30: departure from Helsinki• 15:30: Arrival in Estonia• 16:30-18:15: Lahemaa National Park Center: lectures, presentations, walk• 19:30: free evening Rakvere
08.05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 09:00- 18:00 Interactive excursion (De-population processes in Eastern Estonia: examples & solutions)• 14:00 Lunch in Toila• 18:00 Arrival to Tartu• 19:00 Dinner in Gunpowder cellar
09.05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00 Morning: lectures Dep of Geography Tartu• 10:00- 18:00: Interactive excursion (Coping with shrinkage in South-Estonia) & meetings with regional administration and other organizations:• 18:00 Arrival Pärnu• 20:00 Dinner & Research plan preparation
10.05.	Fieldwork II (Estonia) → Place <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 09:00 Research Plan preparation session• 11:00 departure to fieldwork• Group 1: Jõhvi,• Group 2: Palmse• Group 3: Valga,• Group 4: Leie,• Group 5: Mõisaküla – Kamara
11.05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fieldwork II (Estonia) continues
12.05.	Fieldwork II (Estonia) continues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20:00 Return to Pärnu• evening report Writing
13.05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report writing• 17:00 Excursion around Pärnu• 18:30 Dinner
14.05.	Report writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13:30 Afternoon: presentation of final reports• 19:00 Final formal Dinner & certificates
15.05.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Return to Home country

Homework/pre-task...

- Pre-course group work by participants from each University

Topic: *De-population trends and smart shrinking approaches in your country*

- *Prepare 15-20 minute presentation including:*
 - *General trends and current situation in your country*
 - *Potential smart shrinking policies/strategies*
 - *1 exemplifying example (not from case study sites)*
 - *Present in first evening session (2.5.)*