**The Role of Universities in Small Scale Societies**

**The University of the Faroe Islands would like to welcome abstracts for panel sessions and/or papers for the *NUSCT Historical Conference* which will be held in Tórshavn, Faroe Islands, 2-3 June 2025.**

The universities in the NUSCT co-operation are all part of small-scale societies, and the theme of the conference is which role universities have in such societies.

Universities in small scale societies have a different role to play in their communities, whether it is local or national, compared to universities in large countries. Many universities in these societies are established with a certain purpose, e.g. to stop out-migration or to preserve local culture and language. Universities can also play a vital role in modernising local communities, and in this effort, universities often have a close connection to political institutions. These purposes can give universities in small scale societies certain challenges. A consequence can be, that there is more focus on education and applied science than in universities in larger societies.

In line with this theme, we welcome presentations on the following topics:

1. The prioritisation of research fields in small scale societies – e.g. society, culture, language, health, basic research or applied research
2. Demographic challenges – societal role of universities in terms of migration and gender
3. Universities as identity bearers – local, national, and regional
4. Transformation of societies – and the universities role in it
5. The role of the university in democracy and political institutions

We welcome abstracts for papers of max. 300 words, and a short biography of no more than 100 words, with your name and current affiliation, no later than **1 November 2024.** All proposals should be emailed to [erlingi@setur.fo](mailto:erlingi@setur.fo)

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