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Dear conference participant,

We look forward to meeting you at the ESA RN 20 Qualitative Methods Midterm Conference at Lund University in about two weeks. Please take a few minutes to go through the information below.

Travel to Lund

If you arrive at Copenhagen Airport the easiest way to get to Lund is by train. There are three departures every hour and the journey takes about 35 minutes. The train takes you over the Öresund Bridge connecting Denmark to Sweden and via Malmö central station to Lund (normally there is no need to change trains in Malmö). Please note that you cannot purchase tickets on-board the train. You purchase your train ticket before boarding the train from the ticket counter or the ticket machines in the arrivals hall at Copenhagen Airport, near the escalators going down to the train platform. You can buy a ticket all the way to Lund and the ticket will be valid even if you change trains at Malmö central station. You can use a debit/credit card with a chip or pay in Euros, Swedish kronor or Danish kroner for your ticket at the airport.

If you arrive at Malmö Sturup Airport, there is a bus ('flygbussen') to the centre of Lund (approximately once or twice an hour, depending on time of day). The journey takes about 35 minutes.

Local transportation

Lund is a small town and most places are within walking distance. The conference venue is a five-ten minutes walk from the Central Railway station (see enclosed map). If you need to travel by bus or train you can purchase travel passes at the Central Railways station. Please note that buses and trains DO NOT accept cash money. If you have a Swedish cell phone subscription you can find instructions on how to buy SMS tickets with your phone at: www.skanetrafiken.se and use your phone as a ticket.

Conference venue

The conference venue will be Lundagård, the oldest parts of Lund University, just north of the Cathedral of Lund. The enclosed map shows all buildings used during the conference. Registration, welcome reception, lunches and coffee breaks take place in the Atrium in *Universitetshuset* (address: Paradisgatan 2). All keynote speeches and lunch sessions are held in *Palaestra*. We have five seminar rooms available for parallel sessions. Please note that there is no lift in room 104 (*Kungshuset*), you need to walk about ten steps up the stairs to access the room. If you need assistance, turn to the reception desk. All other buildings have a lift. The conference dinner will be at Tegnér's at 19.00 on Thursday. A ticket for the dinner is required.

Registration and welcome reception

Registration will take place in the Atrium in *Universitetshuset* from 18.00 to 21.00 on Wednesday September 19 and from 08.00 to 16.00 on Thursday September 20. There will also be a welcome reception sponsored by the City of Lund in the Atrium at 19.00 on Wednesday September 19.

Keynote speeches and lunch sessions

The programme includes five keynote speeches and two lunch sessions. The keynote speakers are Paul Atkinson, Barbara Czarniawska, Margarethe Kusenbach, Donileen Loseke, Thomas Luckmann and Malin Åkerström. A novel event during the conference is the lunch sessions: one with Jaber F. Gubrium and another with David Silverman. Listeners may simply pick up a lunch bag in the Atrium in *Universitetshuset* and bring it to *Paleastra* in order to enjoy the lunch and the speakers simultaneously. Please visit the conference website (www.esamidterm2012.se) to read more about the keynote speeches and lunch sessions.

Parallel sessions

More than 200 abstracts have been submitted from 38 countries, of which 15 are outside of Europe. As a result of the great interest in the conference, we have expanded the number of sessions from 15 to 25. There will be five parallel sessions on both Thursday and Friday. Please visit the conference website (www.esamidterm2012.se) to read more about the sessions.

Programme and abstract book

Upon registration you will get a conference programme including an overview of all sessions, session participants and paper titles. The Abstract Book is available in electronic format only and will be published on the conference website (www.esamidterm2012.se) in early September. For your convenience there will be free wireless Internet access in the conference buildings from September 19 to 21.

Welcome to Lund University and the ESA RN20 Midterm conference!

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