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The 16th IGEL Conference in Stavanger, Norway July 25th–28th 2018



The International Society for the Empirical Study of Literature and Media – IGEL – is a highly interdisciplinary society of scholars and researchers involved in empirical studies of the nature, effects, and implications of literature and literary reading.

For two decades, IGEL has conducted biennial conferences in North-America and Europe. IGEL and the Norwegian Centre for Reading Education and Research, University of Stavanger, are proud to welcome you to the 16th biennial IGEL Conference in Stavanger, Norway.

The conference is open for everybody with an interest in our research areas.

Time

July 25th–28th 2018

Place

[The Reading Centre](#)

University of Stavanger

Norway

Confirmed keynote Speakers

Professor Lydia Kokkola,

Luleå University of Technology, Sweden

Frank Hakemulder,

Utrecht University, the Netherlands

Phil Davis,

University of Liverpool, UK

Jane Davis

The Reader Organization, UK

Karina van Dalen-Oskam

University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Program

The full program will be made available at igel2018.no.

Call for papers

Call for papers will open mid-September 2017.

About Stavanger

Stavanger is a charming university town situated in beautiful natural surroundings on the south-west coast of Norway. Home to a number of education and research institutions, and known as the oil and energy capital of Europe, Stavanger is known for its international population, vibrant atmosphere and active cultural life.

In the summer months, a number of music, food and sports festivals and events attract Norwegian and international tourists to Stavanger. Others come to Stavanger to visit the region's famous scenic attractions.

[Read more about the Stavanger region and its attractions.](#)

IGEL and the Reading Centre

Founded in 1987, IGEL supports empirical literary research through international and interdisciplinary cooperation. We bring together investigators from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. IGEL membership is open to everyone with an interest in our research topics. Read more about the society and how to become a member [on the IGEL website.](#)

The Norwegian Centre for Reading Education and Research is a research center within the Faculty of Arts and Education at the University of Stavanger, and a Norwegian National Centre in Education under the Ministry of Education and Research. The Centre's research has direct impact on Norwegian policy and practices related to language and literacy in Norwegian education. [Read more about the Reading Centre.](#)

Getting to Stavanger:

Stavanger is located on the south-west coast of Norway and can be reached by air or by train.

By air:

The closest airport is Stavanger airport Sola.

Stavanger airport is reached by direct transfers from a number of European capitals.

The airport is 10 minutes by taxi from the University, and 15 minutes by taxi from central Stavanger.

The airport express coach departs to and from the airport and hotels in Stavanger every 15 minutes.

By train:

Stavanger train station is located in midtown Stavanger, 10 minutes by taxi from the University.

See www.nsb.no for information and tickets.

Accommodation:

Recommended hotels within close proximity to the University:

[Hotel Alstor](#)

[Hotel Clarion Energy](#)

Other accommodation:

[Stavanger camping](#)

UiS Campus hotel Ydalir (opens in February 2018)

An extensive list of accommodation in Stavanger can be found at

<https://www.visitnorway.com/places-to-go/fjord-norway/the-stavanger-region/where-to-stay/>