



BUP SAIL for Teachers 2020

Sustainability Applied in International Teaching and Learning

SAIL to the BUP Symposium 2020 in Visby!

Are you active and open minded, inspired for a new experience and adventure? SAIL combines teaching and learning in an unconventional way with a social challenge in the middle of the Baltic Sea.

NB: We follow up the corona Covid-19 situation in the region, and are in contact with you if there are changes due to the current situation.

Aims

SAIL for Teachers is an annual course conducted on board a sailing vessel. This time, the course connects to the BUP Symposium 2020 in Visby. The sailing vessel, the galeas Albanus from Mariehamn, is a two-masted schooner, built in 1988 and registered in Finland.

The overall focus of the course is Education for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2030. The Sustainable Development Goal no 4.7 has a key role: sharing knowledge and experiences, critical thinking, problem solving, personal competence, and especially cooperation and collaboration. You are an important part of the content of the course and your participation demand an active involvement: both in the scientific and educational programme, but also in the practical work on board.

Date

- The course starts in Mariehamn, at the Åland Islands, Finland on Tuesday 18 August
- Arrival in Visby on the island Gotland, Sweden on Sunday 23 August, on time for the BUP Symposium 2020

Target group

University teachers, researchers and PhD candidates with a strong background within the field of sustainable development (see the themes below). Those who will participate in the BUP Symposium part 2 (25-26.8.2020) in Visby and have an accepted oral presentation or a poster will be first prioritized. Secondly, participants from the BUP member universities are in favor. Applicants from universities and polytechnics outside the BUP are also welcome in case of availability.



English is the spoken language on board and hence, fluent English is required. We are aiming for a broad international diversity with as many countries and universities represented as possible. The total number of participants is limited to 17.

Content

On board *Albanus*, the participants take part in group work, oral presentations, and discussions. The programme on *Albanus* will follow broadly the session structure of the Visby symposium (see further below). The exact programme will be co-designed as a group work on board based on the expertise of the participants and the submitted abstracts.

Each applicant will be required to *submit an abstract to one of the sessions* as part of the application. For the already accepted BUP Symposium 2020 participants, the submitted symposium abstract will suffice (no need to prepare a new one).

All SAIL participants will give an oral presentation on board. For those attending the Visby symposium, this gives an opportunity to practice and adjust the presentation prepared for the conference. Furthermore, this allows the presenter to receive comments from other participants with different view angles and disciplinary backgrounds. We look forward to fruitful multi-disciplinary discussions.

All teachers should bring their own materials necessary for the on-board presentations. Data projector and screen will be available. Notice that due to the electrical constraints on *Albanus* (mostly 12 V DC), the use of computer and projector is somewhat limited.

Session themes

● Climate Change and Renewable energy ● Sustainable Societies ● Sustainable Water Resources ● Urban-Rural Development ● Sustainable Mobility ● Circular Economy ● Sustainable Tourism ● Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) ● Sustainable Food Systems

Important to notice

On board *Albanus*, all participants will act as working crew besides the academic content. This involves helping with cooking meals, washing dishes, cleaning, sailing, pulling lines, setting and hauling sails (on *Albanus*, no climbing masts is needed to set/haul in sails). Participants will be divided into watches with rotating duties (navigation, deck, kitchen). The sleeping bunks are located on the sides of a common cabin. Each bunk has a mattress, blanket, pillow, pillowcase and bedlinen. Shower and warm water will be available only during harbour visits.

The course is a physical and social challenge, and is expected to develop a strong feeling of cooperation, trust, and friendship. In addition, it will be a practical and intensive way of learning intercultural communication, the marine environment, and sustainable development.



More information about the vessel Albanus:

<https://sailtraininginternational.org/vessel/albanus/>

<http://www.albanus.ax/>

Costs

The course is free of charge for participants from BUP member universities, and includes the costs for accommodation and food on board Albanus. For participants from non-member universities, the course fee is EUR 800 per person. Please note that all participants cover the travel costs to Åland and from Gotland themselves. Mariehamn on Åland is easy to reach by ferries from Stockholm, Turku and Helsinki, several times a day.

We encourage you to investigate the possibilities at your own universities to get ERASMUS staff European exchange funding to cover the participation and travel costs.

Application

For your application, you need to prepare the following:

- A motivation letter (1 page)
- A short biography from a teachers/specialist perspective (1 page)
- An abstract of your presentation in one of the listed sessions, innovative ideas on course content, teaching methods, interactive workshops or other activities are welcome (max 1 page).
- A filled in Health Statement

Please save all the documents with your name combined with the kind of document (motivation, biography, abstract, health statement) and submit them with the online Application Form.

Please see the updated list of BUP Member Universities on the BUP web site <https://www.balticuniv.uu.se/about-us/member-universities/>

Application Form

<https://survey.abo.fi/lomakkeet/12535/lomake.html>

Application deadline

The deadline for the application is 4 May 2020.

Course leaders

Prof. **Jukka Käyhkö**, Department of Geography and Geology, University of Turku, Finland. Research focus in climate change, global change and sustainable development. Member of the Finnish Climate Change Panel and the Finnish IPCC Working Group.



MSc **Sinikka Suomalainen**, Centre for Lifelong Learning at Åbo Akademi University, Finland. Planning officer in education, mainly environmental and sustainability related e-learning courses. Working in the team at the BUP Associate Secretariat in Finland.

Course organizer

The BUP Associate Secretariat at Åbo Akademi University, Finland in cooperation with the Baltic University Programme secretariat at Uppsala University

Contact

If you have questions about the course, do not hesitate to contact bup-finland@abo.fi