



UiO International Summer School

A Brief Introduction to ISS

ISS Board Meeting 14th April 2021



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Come to Norway – Experience the World! Summer School 28 June – 6 August 2021

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Operations as per 2021

Summer:



The Summer School

“Six Weeks of Academic
Achievement and International Good
Will”

Since 2012, also Spring and Fall:



Norwegian for Academics (NORA)
Norwegian for Researchers (NORIR)

Key figures

2019

Students:

NORA: 554

NORIR: 291

ISS: 509

Permanent staff:

Academic: 8,5

Admin.: 9 + 2 (USA)

Budget: ca 35 mnok

2020 (digital)

Students:

NORA: 606

NORIR: 245

ISS: 496

Permanent staff:

Academic: 8

Admin: 10 + 2 (USA)

Budget: ca 25 mnok

Organisation

ISS Oslo

10 admin staff

North-America Branch Office

2 admin staff

NORA/NORIR

8 permanent Norwegian
language teachers

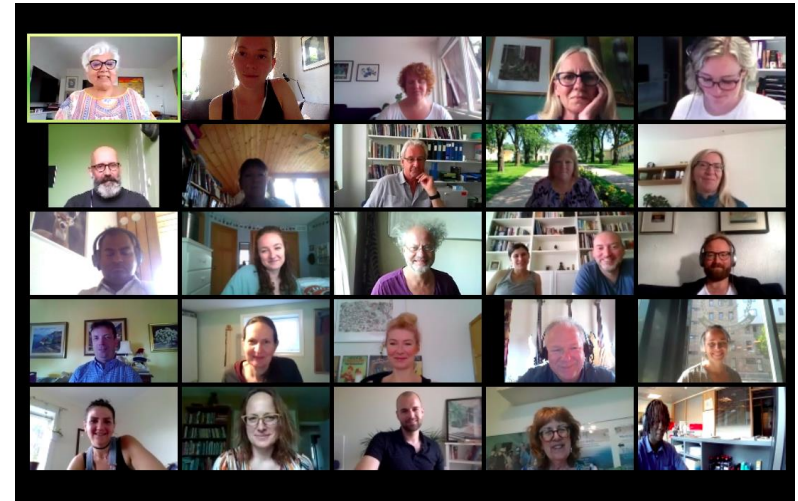
(per 2021: 5 due to retirement)

5-10 short term teachers

Summer staff

Approx 40-50 teachers, course leaders and
guest lecturers

Approx 25 team members for summer
administration



International Summer School at UiO



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- 1947: Summer School for American students
 - 1958: International Summer School
 - Six weeks from late June to early August
 - Open to qualified applicants worldwide
 - Approx 550 students from 80-90 countries
 - Scholarship opportunities
 - Has contributed towards the internationalization of UiO since 1947, incl “internationalization at home”
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- **2021: 75th session**

ISS: Mission statement

“Six Weeks of Academic Achievement and International Good Will”

The ISS:

- is a centre for learning in an international context
- seeks to promote understanding and good will among people around the world
- “Come to Norway – Meet the World”



Academic program (“normal” summers)

About all courses

- The relevance of place
- Emphasis on interactive teaching
- Field visits
- Instruction on various formats

Master Courses

- 7-8 graduate courses; topics include human rights, peace research, development & health
- Global topics
- In depth sessions
- Guest lecturers

Bachelor Courses

- 8-10 Bachelor courses, focusing on Norwegian language, culture and society
- Courses can be combined with other Bachelor courses

Norwegian Language

- 4 levels (Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced)

Beyond the Classroom (“normal summers”)

The big international classroom
Getting to know Oslo and Norway



Afternoon lectures on
Norwegian Life and
Society
Debates on current issues



Student Council
Cultural Evenings
Student Performance
evenings
Sports



Weekend Excursions
Mountain hikes, trip to the
coast, highland, Bergen

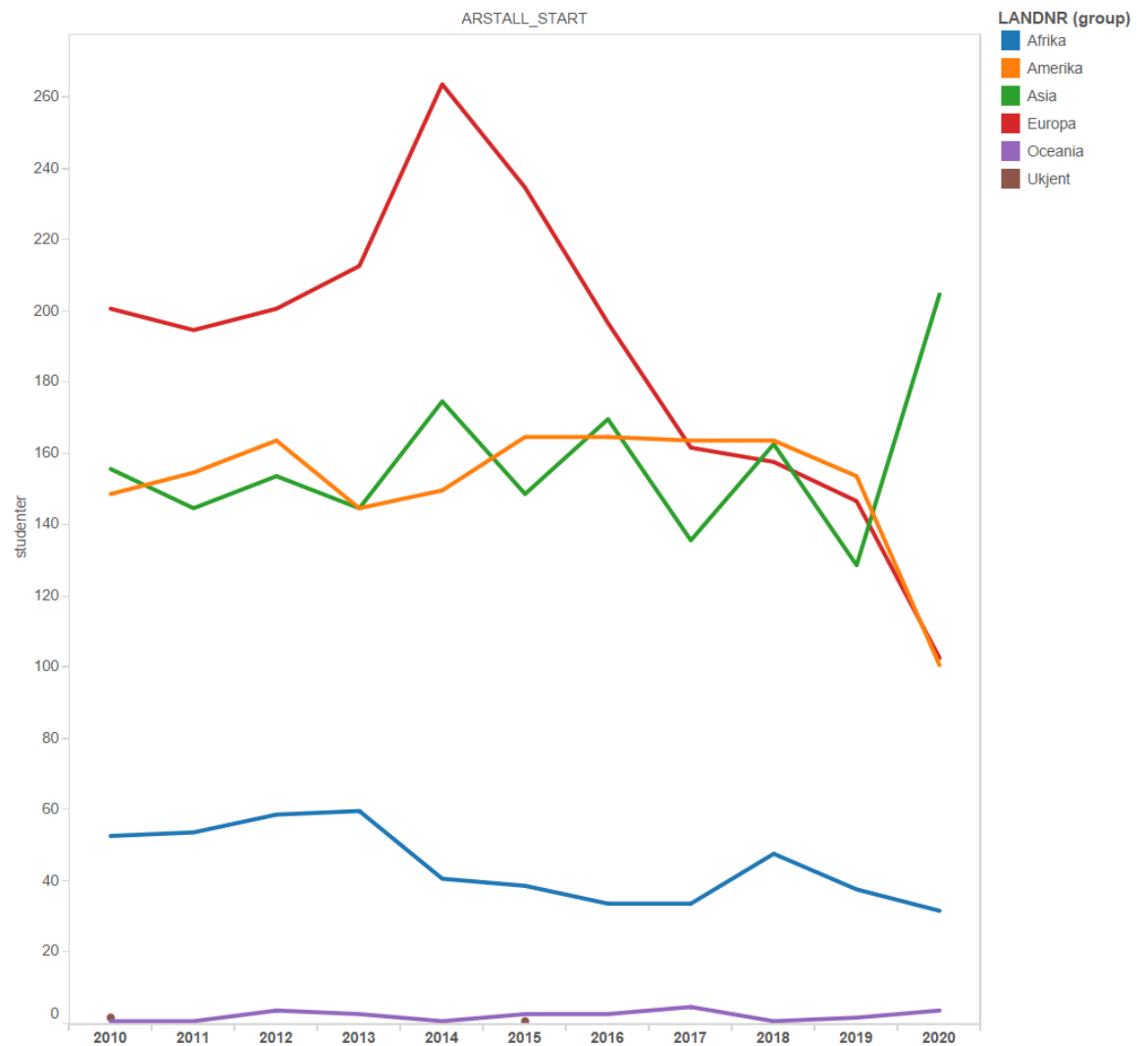
Guided tours in Oslo
Akershus Castle, Munch
Museum, National Gallery,
Vigeland Sculpture Park,
Walk along Aker River

ISS Scholarship policy and fund

- ISS normally offers full or partial scholarships to approx 150 students every summer
- New scholarship policy established 2018/19
- Less relevant for digital ISS (2020 and 2021), as all or most courses provided at no-cost.
- Further information at the Board meeting in June.

Diversity

Utvikling antall studenter pr verdensdel.



NORA

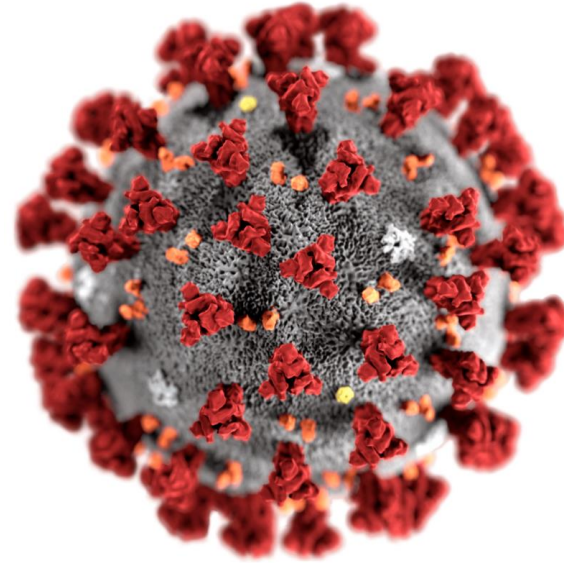


- NORA = Norwegian for Academics
- www.uio.no/nora
- Betalingskurs for eksterne søkere (“enkeltemner”)
- Vår- og høstsemester, 3(4) nivåer, dag og kveld
- Åpent for alle som er bosatt i Norge eller som har “skilled worker” visum

NORIR (Vår)

- NORIR = Norwegian for International Researchers
- www.uio.no/norir
- Betalingskurs for internasjonale forskere og vitenskapelige ansatte ved forskningsinstitusjoner i Oslo og omegn, og deres samboere/ektefeller, og andre med min. 5 års høyere utdanning
- Tre nivåer, 8 uker per nivå
- Ikke ECTS-akkrediterte kurs

Since March 2020...



- All NORA classes have been run online
- Digital redesign of teaching, and new exam format
- ISS have maintained the size of NORA student body in spite of pandemic
- High degree of student satisfaction

Highlights from Digital ISS 2020

- Complete turnaround in 3 months
- First ever digital summer school
- 12 Bachelor/Master level courses
- 496 students from 78 countries , 17 time zones, faculty in 6 countries
- Almost half of student body from the global South
- Very high student satisfaction (93 % recommend ISS courses to others)



Digital courses

Norwegian language courses

- ISSN0110 - Intensive Elementary Norwegian, Level I
- ISSN0120 - Intensive Intermediate Norwegian, Level II
- ISSN0130 - Intensivt mellomkurs i norsk, trinn III
- ISSN0140 - Intensivt kurs i norsk for viderekomne, trinn IV

Bachelor's courses

- ISSHF2060 - Gender Equality in the Nordic Countries
- ISSSV1753 - The Norwegian Welfare State

Master's courses

- ISSHF4060 - Gender Equality in the Nordic Countries
- ISSJF4712 - The Fundamentals of Human Rights
- ISSSV4756 - International Development Studies
- ISSSV4385 - How Democracies Emerge and Survive

Course offering for ISS 2021

Courses in 2021

Bachelor's courses

(digital courses)

- [ISSHF1143 – Art in Norway](#) 
- [ISSHF1530 – Norwegian History](#)
- [ISSHF2060 – Gender Equality in the Nordic Countries](#)
- [ISSHF2415 – Trends in Scandinavian Film and TV](#)
- [ISSN1320 – Norwegian Literature](#) 
- [ISSSV1753 – The Norwegian Welfare State](#)
- [ISSSV1855 – International Politics](#)
- [ISSN1115 – Nynorsk](#)
- [ISSN1110 – Norsk grammatikk i et fremmedspråksperspektiv](#)

Master's courses

(digital courses)

- [ISSHF4060 – Gender Equality in the Nordic Countries](#)
- [ISSJF4712 – The Fundamentals of Human Rights](#)
- [ISSMN4030 – A Changing Arctic](#)
- [ISSSUM4531 – Latin America in the New Global Resource Politics](#)
- [ISSSV4756 – International Development Studies](#)
- [ISSSV4854 – Peace Research](#)
- [ISSSV4385 – How Democracies Emerge and Survive](#)

Norwegian for academics summer courses

(digital and in-person courses)

- [NORA0110IN – Intensive Elementary Norwegian, Level I](#)
- [NORA0120IN – Intensive Intermediate Norwegian, Level II](#)
- [NORA0130IN – Intensivt mellomkurs i norsk, trinn III](#)
- [NORA0140IN – Intensivt kurs i norsk for viderekomne, trinn IV](#)



**From ISS 2021 (75th session)
until ISS 2022**

**Planned events affected by
Covid-19**

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75th Anniversary

People

75th Anniversary

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The ISS Blog



The International Summer School is proudly celebrating our 75th Anniversary!

Tell us your ISS story

Do you have a story from your ISS experience that you want to share? Send us an email at iss@stolarf.edu for how to share.

Student Stories



Elements ISS 75

- Webpage on the ISS website, continuously updated with stories and videos
- Facebook group for alumni
- Advertising in Norwegian-American publications
- Digital activities during ISS 2021
- Possible events (at partner schools etc, dependant on pandemic); main events during 2022.

Strategic challenges ahead for ISS

- Long term consequences of the pandemic, and (especially) for the summer of 2022
- Future course development and renewal, including integration of digital/blended courses
- Strengthened integration and collaboration with faculties at UiO
- Structural issues and organisational vulnerability (size, structure, infrastructure)
- Financial model and economy



Dagsorden

Kl 14:00-14:30: Kort introduksjon til ISS' virksomhet for nye styremedlemmer (ref sak C2)

A. Ordinære saker (fra kl 14:30)

- Sak 1/21** **Presentasjonsrunde.
Konstituering og valg av styreleder/nestleder i henhold til reglement (Vedlegg 1)**
- Sak 2/21** **a) Godkjenning av sakliste og sakspapirer.
b) Tilføyning til saklisten under EVENTUELT.**
- Sak 3/21** **Protokoll fra møte 04.06.2020. (Vedlegg 2)**
- Sak 4/21** **Orientering om NORA vår 2021 og utsikter for høsten (Muntlig i møtet)**
- Sak 5/21** **Orientering om ISS 2021 (Muntlig i møtet)**
- Sak 6/21** **Utllysning av lærerstillinger (Vedlegg 3)**
- Sak 7/21** **Møteplan og tentative styresaker 2021 (Vedlegg 4)**

B. Diskusjonssaker

C. Orienteringssaker

- C1** **T3 2020 - ledelsesvurdering og økonomirapport (Vedlegg 5, 6 og 7)**
- C2** **Kort introduksjon til ISS' virksomhet for nye styremedlemmer kl 14:00-14:30
(Vedlegg 8)**

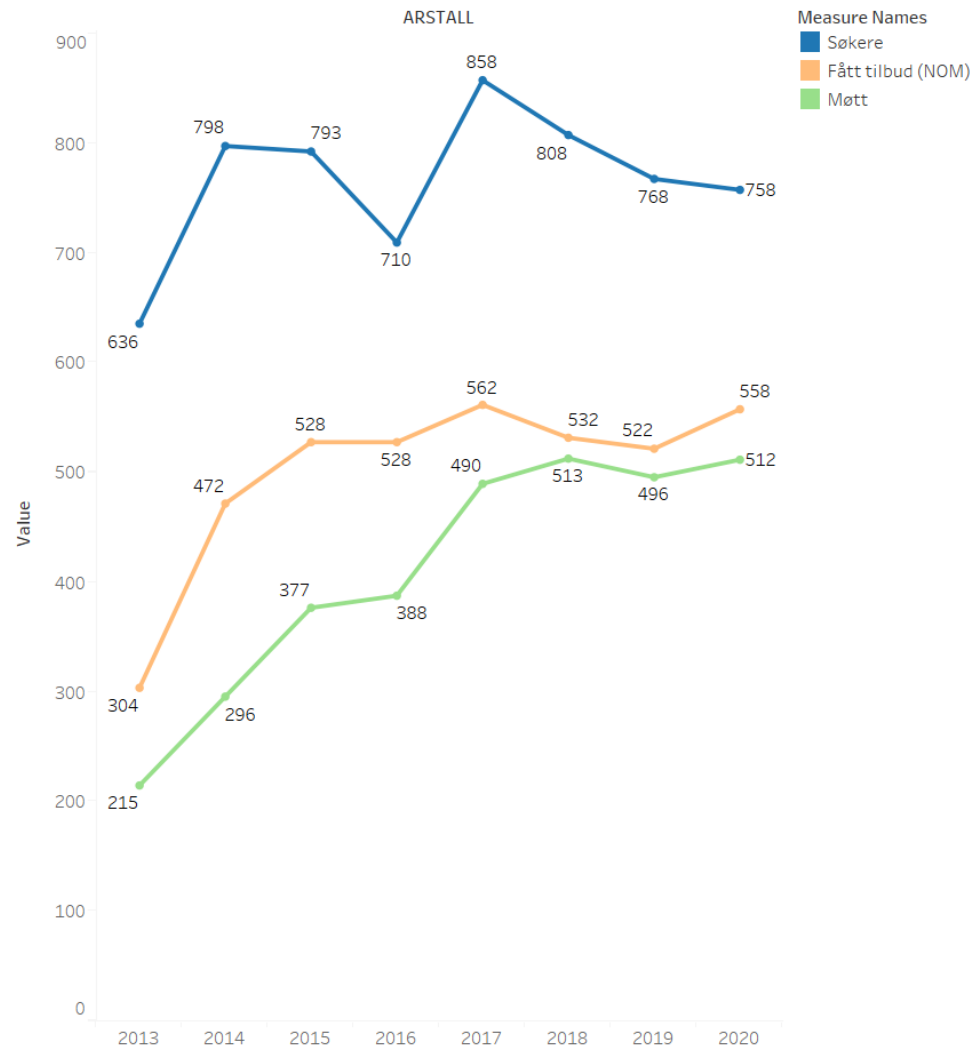
D. Eventuelt

Sak 4/21 Orientering om NORA vår 2021 og utsikter for høsten

- Ca 350 studenter trinn 1, 2 og 3
- Digital undervisning hele våren
- Digital hjemmeksamen skriftlig og muntlig
- Det planlegges for opptak til digital undervisning for høsten, med mulighet for fysiske klasser etter semesterstart

NORA 2013-2020

Utvikling søkertall 5 år

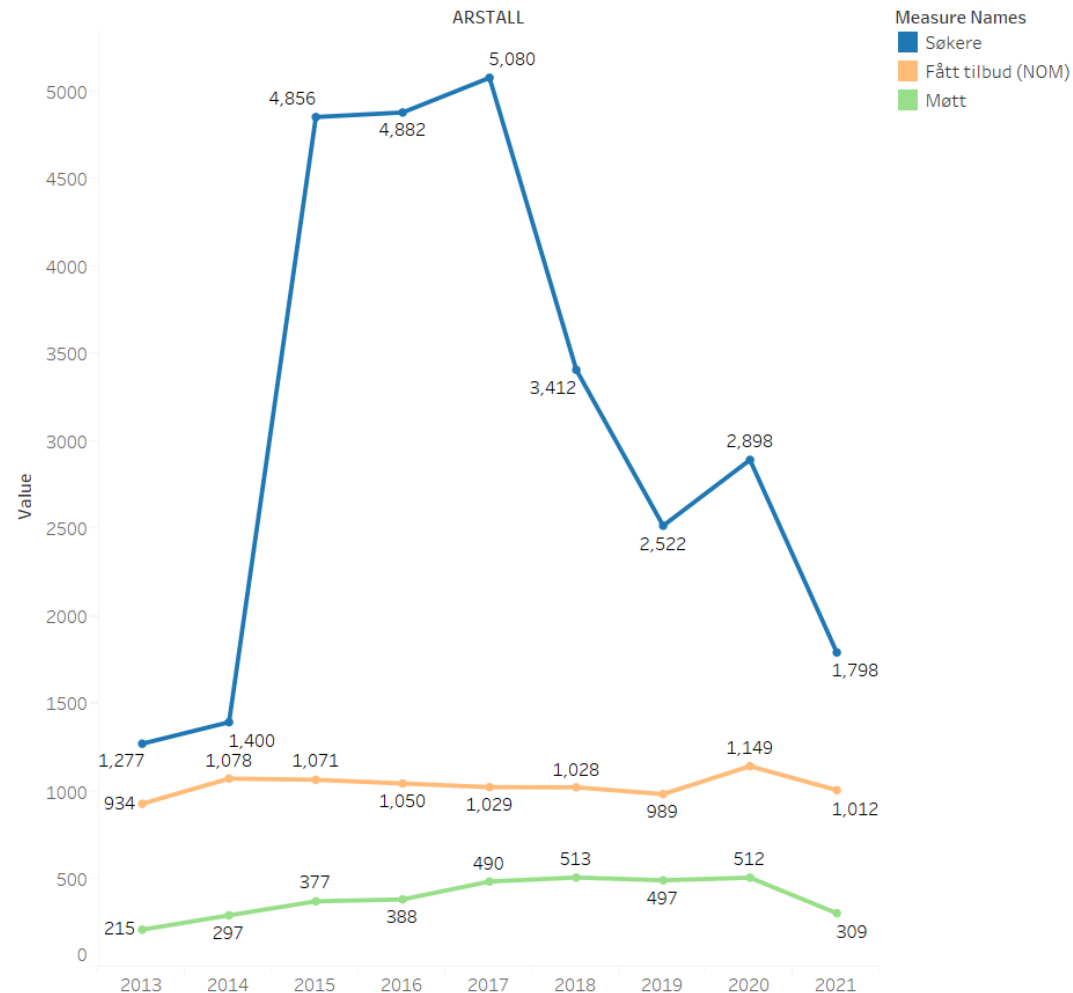


Sak 5/21 Orientering om ISS 2021

- Heldigital sommer
- Opptaket ikke slutført
- Alle Bachelor- og Masteremner tilbys vederlagsfritt
- UiO skjerpet engelskkrav til Master f.o.m. 2021
- Sommerens norskkurs gjort om til NORA («NORAIN»), i form av betalingskurs på linje med vår og høst
- Færre søkere, men mer motiverte og kvalifiserte

ISS 2013-2021

Utvikling søkertall 5 år



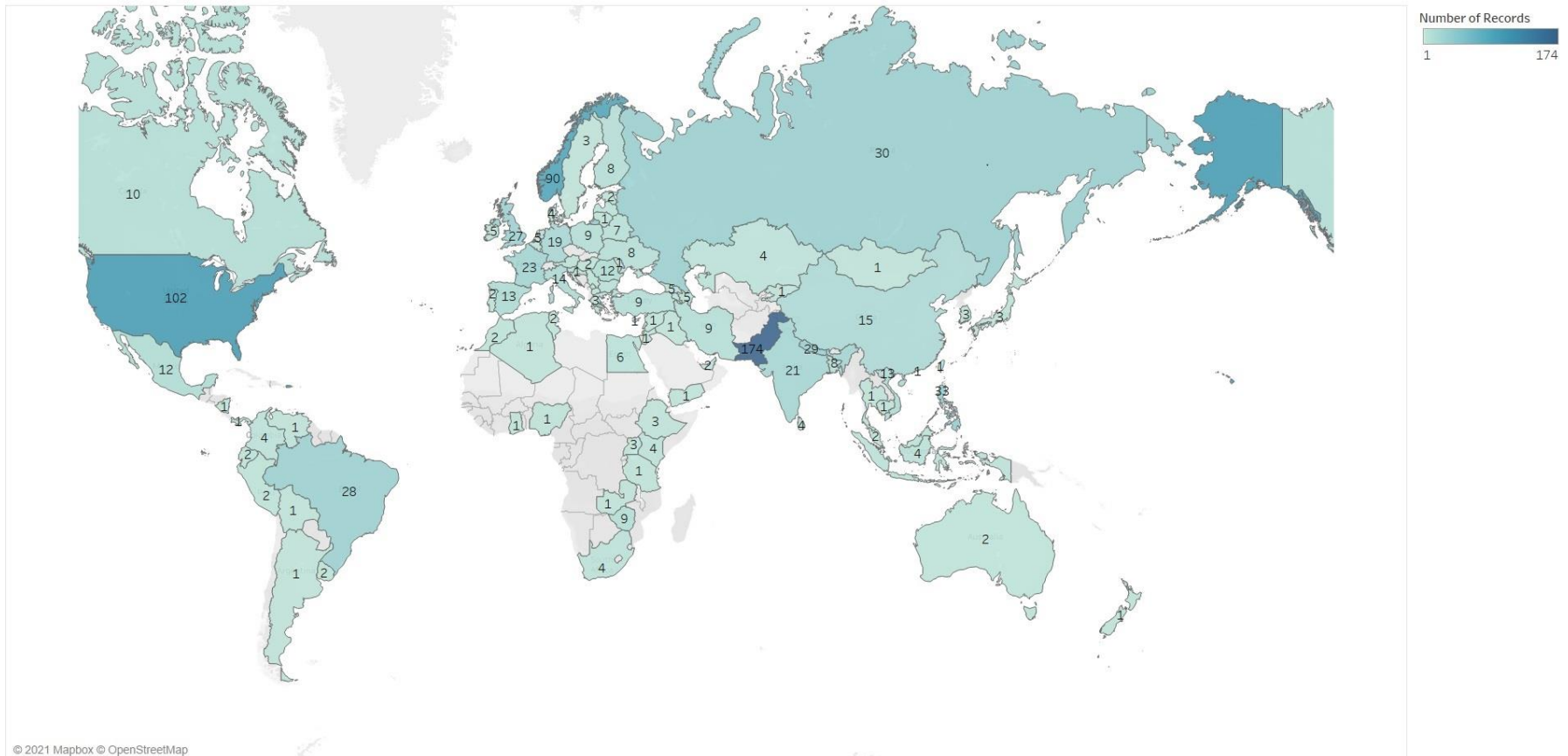
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OPPTAKSSTATISTIKK ISS 2018-2021

2018	Stipend	Selvfinansierte	Totalt	Reelt
Antall søkere	1936	868	2804	
Antall studenter	168	373	541	534
Antall gjennomført eksamen			671	
Landfordeling			87 forskjellige land	
2019	Stipend	Selvfinansierte	Totalt	Reelt
Antall søkere	1121	866	1987	
Antall studenter	135	374	509	508
Antall gjennomført eksamen			631	
Landfordeling			87 forskjellige land	
2020	Stipend	Selvfinansierte	Totalt	Reelt
Antall søkere	1360	956	2316	
Antall studenter	94	402	496	454
Antall gjennomført eksamen				
Landfordeling			77 forskjellige land	
2021	Bach/ Master	NORA	Totalt	Reelt
Antall søkere	849	504	1353	
Antall kvalif studenter	372	410		
Antall studenter				
Antall gjennomført eksamen				
Landfordeling			Ikke klart	

Tilbud om studieplass ISS 2021

Kart



Sak 7/21 Møteplan og tentative styresaker 2021 *(Vedlegg 4)*

Tirsdag 1. juni 2021

Kl 14:15 – 16:00

- Status opptaket sommersesongen
- NORA høst 2021
- Orientering om ISS' stipendfond/Unifor og diskusjon om vår stipendpolicy
- Diskusjon om ISS' strategiske utfordringer, kursutvikling m.v.
- Øvrige faste- og dagsaktuelle saker

Ultimo august (ekstraordinært)

- Foreløpige resultater sommer 2021
- Risikovurdering vedr sommer 2022, valg av undervisningsformat
- Kontrakt med Blindern Studenterhjem for 2022
- Eventuelt

Oktober

- Godkjenning av kursplan for sommer 2022
- Vurdering av ISS' stipendpolicy for sommer 2022
- NORA vår 2022
- Øvrige faste- og dagsaktuelle saker

8. eller 9. desember (med forbehold)

- Årsplan 2022-2024
- Budsjettprognoose 2022
- Anslag stipendramme for 2022
- Øvrige faste- og dagsaktuelle saker

Tentativt:

- Fredag 10. desember: ISS' julebord (for ISS sin faste stab, ordinære styremedlemmer og varamedlemmer – dersom mulig, i Musikksalongen på Blindern Studenthjem)
- Styreseminar mars 2022?