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NNPL's Summer School in Oslo 2015

It is with great pleasure that we now announce the PhD candidates that have been admitted to this year's Summer School in Oslo, which takes place between June 15th and June 19th.

The applicants have been selected and prioritized after these criteria's:

- PhD candidate.
- Nordic candidates or candidates with Nordic supervisors.
- Priority to PhD candidates who has been in their programme for a longer period of time (closer to completion), as well as for thematically more relevant projects.

The selected PhD candidates and a few words on their projects:

- **Kerstin Adolfsson**
"Victim blaming in rape cases: Empirical studies of understudied situations. The project examines victim blaming in cases of rape". In four studies we are investigating blaming attitudes in different scenarios, between different groups of participants and using different methods.
- **Emelie Ernberg**
"Sexual abuse of preschoolers: Prosecutors' knowledge and willingness to prosecute". The project aim to investigate prosecutors' knowledge on how young children react to, and talk about, sexual abuse. Moreover, the project aim to investigate when and why a prosecutor decides to prosecute in CSA cases and how these cases are handled in court.
- **Linda Karlsson**
"Familiicide and risk assessment". The aim of the project is to evaluate the usability of existing risk assessment methods for partner homicide, filicide, and suicide when assessing risk of familicide.
- **Moa Lidén**
The aim of the project is to investigate the occurrence and effects of confirmation bias in legal decision making within Swedish criminal case procedures. The PhD thesis will consist of four studies concerning the effect that police officers', prosecutors', and judges' decisions to use coercive measures against a suspect (apprehensions,

arrests, detentions) have on their subsequent search for and processing of crime-relevant information.

- **Francesco Pompemma**

In a typical suspected CSA case, there is only a suspicion of abuse and the task of the investigation is to find out if and what has happened. The aim of the project is to develop new software in order to improve the quality of investigative interviews in alleged CSA cases, using simulated interviews with avatars.

- **Alessandro Tadei**

Creating, Testing, and Sharing a Decision-Support Tool Based on Bayesian Logic for Child Sexual Abuse Investigations. The aim of the project is to create a decision-support tool for use in CSA investigations based on Bayesian Network Analyses, test its efficacy in actual decision making situations, and find the best way to increase the comprehensibility of Bayesian reasoning and results inside the courts.

- **Tanja Susan van Veldhuizen**

“Interviewing practice in the European asylum procedure: assessing credibility of claims about origins and past experiences”. The main research question is how immigration authorities can assess in the best possible way whether asylum seekers’ claims are veracious.