Maritime and Coastal Spatial Planning (5 ECTS)

Sea area planning is important to be able to use the sea effectively, avoid conflicts, and protect the nature. This course is built up with a theoretical background and followed by a more practical approach (learning-by-doing case studies). Lecturers from important fields of research, management and planning institutes will share their knowledge on maritime and coastal spatial planning. We will focus on the Gulf of Finland where research and planning are in an active phase. The course includes visit to stakeholders in Helsinki and in Tallinn, who are relevant for the planning process in the Gulf of Finland.

This is your chance to:
- Learn how pressures conflict the management in the Baltic Sea (using GoF as an example)
- Experience the multidisciplinary and international dimension of MSP
- Practice real life puzzling (work on a spatial plan, evaluate and utilize available information)
- Network with national and international specialists and students from different subjects
- Participate in European Maritime Day and Baltic Sea Forum in Turku 18-20.5.2016

When: During weeks 13-19 (presence required), final seminar 9.5.2016, reporting within May 2016 (https://www.abo.fi/fakultet/media/35344/mcsp2016_program52f0776rhe Msidan.pdf)

Where: Turku (University of Turku, UTU Natura/Åbo Akademi University, ÅAU, Biocity). Excursion to Helsinki and Tallinn by ferry (Tue 19.4 - We 20.4), own costs include meals and travel.

Level: Masters and PhD-student course. The exercises require commitment and the course language is English.

Target group: BSc or MSc in geography, biology, environmental, social, political or legal sciences, with living interest in the management of coastal and sea areas. Knowledge of GIS is an advantage.

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How to apply: Send a letter of intent describing your thematic interest and commitment, and your transcript of study records to Sonja sonja.salovius@abo.fi (contact person) at latest on 26.2.2016. Selected students will be contacted during week 9. Student intake is restricted to 14 students (not enrolled at hosting universities can be included).