

Invitation

Following our successful first meeting last year, we would like to cordially invite you to our

**2nd Online Meeting of the
International Network for Personal Names Research on
June 12, 2026, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (UTC+2).**



This meeting is intended to be a networking event and forum where you can connect with others, share your current research on personal names from around the world, promote new research projects, and generate ideas for future collaborative research. The program will therefore include lectures, research pitches, and social gatherings for small-group academic exchange.

As an international network with members from 27 different countries, we particularly encourage cross-border names research and would like to focus on names research in various countries. Therefore, the theme of the meeting is:

New Research on Personal Names in Different Countries

We have deliberately chosen a broad theme again to appeal to as many members of our international network as possible. Presentations may cover new findings on **first and last names** from various fields, e.g.,

- current or historical developments,
- developments and phenomena across national borders, in specific regions or in individual countries,
- under the influence of certain extra-linguistic factors such as politics, religion, culture, migration, gender, social diversification, current events, and trends
- or on onomastic research methods.

We invite you to present your new research findings in a lecture or to give a short research pitch, whether it is a project you plan to work on soon, one for which you are still seeking collaborators, or one for which you simply wish to gather feedback. The conference language is English.

We offer all presenters the opportunity to publish in **the Nordic Journal of Socio-Onomastics (NoSo)**. NoSo is a peer-reviewed scientific journal published by the Royal Gustavus Adolphus Academy for Swedish Folk Culture. It is available online with full open access. Submission deadline: August 15, 2026.

Conference formats:

- Short presentations: 20-minute presentation and 10-minute Q&A,
- Project presentations for (new) projects: 5-minute presentation and 5-minute Q&A,
- Networking and socializing: 15-minute small group meetings (Zoom breakout rooms).

Abstract submission and registration for the meeting:

Send a short abstract of your presentation proposal (20 minutes) or research pitch (5 minutes)

by May 16, 2026, to Anna.Balbach@tu-dortmund.de.

Register for the meeting by May 16, 2026, via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-research-on-personal-names-in-different-countries-tickets-1986517554481?aff=oddtcreator>

We invite members of the network and anyone who works with personal names or is interested in onomastics. Students are also welcome!

We look forward to your ideas!

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(Chair of the Network, TU Dortmund, Germany)

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Emilia Aldrin
(Co-Organizer of the Conference, Halmstad University, Sweden)