

### Story 1. September 2017

“Hi, I am a student of this institution, I am a 32 years old well instructed female and **I am on the verge of a breakdown having to find an apartment, not having been chosen for a student apartment.** I am worried about this since before I even finished last semester. I am going to arrive in Malmö in less than 10 days from now and **I have no place to stay. I have a thesis to defend and I have boxes of personal belongings which I will need to unpack upon my arrival. I will have classes starting. I need a home.** A safe home with a minimum necessary to live a decent post-graduate student life. It just does not seem right at all to me, that after having sent God only know how many messages I have sent (50? 60?), without any success, to people who I do not know at all, some who I ended up accepting I would have to share a house with without ever having met before, just based on rental websites known for scams.

**Does the University not care at all?** Does it have no Plan B for **students who cross an ocean, alone, to study in Malmö, who do not find accommodation** (believe me I have tried so hard, I have put so much effort into it...I have spent hours awake because of time difference to make sure I was online when the absurd amount of around 30 (!) university apartments was scheduled to appear on Boplats for numerous students to apply for... not to mention the queue system... really, this almost seems like it is meant for people to give up on their studies).

**What am I supposed to do?** Am I expected to apply for basement rooms in other people's houses? Rooms that have one or two 20x30cm windows, set at a height above eyesight... is anyone in the university even keeping track of the things available on Boplats to have a clue of what students are starting to have to consider as their homes for months - enough stressful months - of their lives? **What kind of experience are we meant to have when coming to study in Malmö?** It is such a pity that this has gotten to a point where I have to write such a message, I truly am.

If no other students complain, I am so sorry for that too, and I can only imagine that it is because they do not believe they will get any help. They do not feel supported by their host university. We are not in Malmö on holidays - our professional lives are Students' lives and we are giving things that are very valuable to the university. Our time, our effort, our knowledge, our ideas, ... the time that we spend away from our families also (in the case of international students). Does this seem too little to consider? How does Malmö University, as a host, make sure that its students are safe, healthy, sane...able to focus on their studies? Simply appalling, I am tired. Please give me answers. I feel deeply disrespected.”