

# **REFERAT PhD Committee for the Doctoral School of Social Sciences and Business d. 23-01-2023**

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# **Punkt 1: Approval of agenda**

## **Beslutning**

Agenda approved via e-mail beforehand

Taking down the minutes: Ida Bull, PhD coordinator

Reported cancellations: Johan Fischer, Ida Kyvsgaard.

Oliver leaves at 14:05.

Ada går 14:07.

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- 9: Miscellaneous (5 minutes)

## **Punkt 2: Minutes from last meeting - approved**

### **Beslutning**

Approved

## **Punkt 3: Update from the Head of the Doctoral School - and news from RDS (10 min)**

### **Beslutning**

Update from the Doctoral School

Enrolled 47 PhD Fellows

8 new PhDs this cohort, predict 15 or more this year, larger intake.

On leave 7 (1 full time, 2 part time, 4 on sabbatical leave)

New process in planning PhD-defense: Because of a mishap, 2 students defended on the same day. The new process demands, the chairperson is responsible for finding 3 possible dates within 14 days, then mail to Ida, who then mail forwards to the PhD and supervisors, then set the date. Otherwise a second round of finding dates. If nothing works, the head of the doctoral school can extend the period for the potential defense.

GDPR: Regarding extension of enrollment contra extension of access to the systems. Fellows apply formally and a maximum of three months are given. Ida will let HR know.

RDS: text screening. There's a general discussion amongst the Danish Universities about how it should take place and what kind of process. There isn't a new process in place yet. The new process is believed to involve an a priori screening of the thesis before it's handed in officially.

A new process about the communication of PhD theses and defenses is initiated. ss. It was decided, that to make the projects more visible, the fellows should fill out a sheet with information by early enrollment and put the information into PURE. When the fellows hand in their dissertation, they fill out a new sheet about project and findings, put it into PURE and website and sent to the communications department. The communications department decide what kind of project would get communicated to the outside.

Concerning the strategy plan of Roskilde Doctoral School: The Doctoral School prioritizes the well-being for PhD student. Now PhD students are included in the APV (Arbejdsmiljøundersøgelser), and a bit more than half of the PhD's on RUC has answered. RU is dividing answers down to department and we can prioritize on how to move on further. There were definitively concerning issues.

## **Punkt 4: Course evaluations from fall 2022 (10 min)**

### **Beslutning**

Phd course on Qualitative research Interviews:

There were some issues with response rate, which is surprising at the PhD level. A reminder will be sent to the course responsible to remember that PhD students fill out the questionnaire in the end of the last lesson

No evaluation of the short Research Design in November could be found.

The committee has seen the evaluations for courses in fall 2022, at that there's nothing to comment on; the evaluations were overall positive.

PhD Workshops writing scientific articles (abstract, introduction, responding to reviews etc.):

Very few of our own ISE students take the workshops, which is a concern. There was a discussion about whether we should keep running them or not. We're mainly attracting people from the other universities who are very satisfied with the phd course/workshops.

The PhD students said that the workshops were good, but very specific and typically not what they themselves needed at the specific time. One phd student suggested that the workshops could be integrated two and two and run each semester. The Fellows were against the writing workshops being mandatory, because they have a lot of obligations already. They suggested spreading the word amongst themselves, encourage participation and maybe get the supervisors involved.

The head of the doctoral school responded that the workshops' format was based on wishes from the PhD fellows to begin with, and it wasn't a good suggestion to ask the coordinators to change the format again. The head of the doctoral school will discuss the matter with the course responsible Eva Sørensen.

Course coordinators should be better at advertising the workshops and our own student should sign up.

Phd course on writing a kappe/frame:

Comments on the number of PhD students taking the course, and most people from outside RUC. But the comments were positive considering it's only the second time it's running.

## **Punkt 5: Future courses (5 min)**

### **Beslutning**

We have been a bit behind in schedule in updating the course catalogue for spring 2023 and the plans for the fall 2023.

Related to Qualitative Research Methods: There was a conversation with coordinators, about splitting up the course. It was decided to run it over 2 days and split into 2 courses. It was decided that next time it's running it's split into 4 courses of one day.

Professional Development Seminars.

Perspective from the PhD fellows was, that it was a good idea with a PDS on The good Defense as a preparation for one's own defense.

The appendix on future courses were approved.

## **Punkt 6: PhD Day in 2023 (15 min)**

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It was argued that both May and August could work for the PhD Day. Maybe a lot of students are away on fieldwork in the spring, but maybe the spring is good, because we have a writing retreat in August.

It's initially decided on May. NB: The PhD day will take place in August.

Related to themes the following is discussed:

Maybe a presentation of the last three months of handing in the dissertation, the internal review, maybe a step-by-step guide on what needs to be done from an administrative perspective and how you could be active as a PhD.

They agree on Flow Writing as good theme but are more reluctant to think the Library lecture as relevant. The researchers all think it's a good idea to get the new PhD' students to learn about reference systems and note taking and offers from the library.

The PhD students suggest a theme about writing a monograph because there isn't a course on that as there is on writing articles. It could help students structure their time and give them inspiration.

## **Punkt 7: Future courses for PhD fellows (5 min)**

Need for other PhD courses for fall 2023 and spring 2024, suggestions, ideas.

### **Beslutning**

Postponed

**Punkt 8: Half yearly evaluations - continuing a discussion from last meeting  
(5 min)**

**Beslutning**

Postponed

## **Punkt 9: Misc (5 min)**

### **Beslutning**

New students members in the executive committee:

Sebastian Diemer Mørk

Sergei Mozheiko

Wladimir Santana Fernandes

Emilia Teresa Lewartowska

Mirel Tatomir

Alternates:

Jonas Videbæk Jørgensen

Lukas Bogner