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Punkt 1: Approval of agenda and minutes from last meeting by Peter T

NOTES:

- Attendees:
 - Acting Head of Doctoral School: Peter Triantafillou
 - VIP members: Louise Wiuff Moe
 - PhD Fellow members: Bjørk Tørnqvist, Ingrid Soldal Eriksen, Kristian-Alexander Janisch, Signe Rønnow Mouritzen
 - PhD Admin + minutes-keeper: Hanne Vang Hansen
- Cancellations: Alexander Brugisser, Olivier Rubin, Kristoffer Kropp, Matias Thuen Jørgensen, Catharina Juul, Jette Ernst.

- Approval of minutes from last meeting (Nov 25): We did not approve the minutes, but will do so per email after this meeting (including attention to item 11, which required a follow-up)

Punkt 2: Update from the Head of the Doctoral School

- New deadline for VIPs interested in offering a new course the following semester: submit application form by mid-February (for courses to be offered the coming Fall) + mid-September (for courses to be offered the coming Spring)
 - **NOTES:**
 - The aim is to plan and set up courses earlier and make a more smooth planning process
 - PhD Fellows that are involved in setting up new courses in coordination with lecturers will need to follow the same deadline
- Minimum of 3 participants for a course to run
 - **NOTES:**
 - It doesn't make sense to offer courses and PDS for less than 3 participants. We will be more consistent with sticking to this minimum from here on.
 - Louise proposed that we consider the idea of having courses across institutes with a more interdisciplinary scope. Ideas for this are very welcome.

Punkt 3: Update from the PhD Administration

- **GAI form** - should now be included together with submission of PhD thesis, screening report etc. (as of Feb 1st)
- **Reorganization of the phd administration at RUC** - news on the division of employees/tasks before Easter
 - **NOTES:**
 - Some of the main arguments for this reorganization revolve around a professionalization of the PhD administration, securing staff at all times, more consistency with rules and guidelines etc. There will still be a go-to person / point of contact for the PhD Fellows.
- **Defenses since November 10th:**
 - Mathias Holst Nicolaisen (10/11)
 - Lukas Bogner (24/11)
 - Sergei Mozheiko (16/1)
- **New PhD Fellows:**
 - Ida Marie Mortensen (Public Admin & Politics)
 - Mette Larsen (Social)
- **Upcoming submissions/defenses:**
 - Wladimir S Fernandes
 - Karen Lønne Ring
 - Jordi Vegas
 - Emilia Lewartowska
 - Ivan Foberg
 - Kristian Haug (resubmission)
- **New PhD Fellows:**
 - 1/4: Christine Fast Lisby (Open call: Youth Movements, Climate Change and Development)
- **Upcoming events**
 - WIPs (March 3, April 7, May 12)
 - Phd Day May 18 - next planning meeting March 4th (we would like more phd fellows to join the planning!)
 - **NOTES / ACTION POINTS:**
 - PhD Fellows from the committee will talk to Liudmyla if they would like to join the planning group

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Declaration of the use of generative AI.pdf

Punkt 4: Update from sub-committee for dispensations

Lars/Emil:

How many dispensations have you handled since last meeting?

What were the subjects and decisions made?

NOTES:

- We didn't get an update on this from Lars or Emil ahead of the meeting. The main dispensations given over the last 3 months have been PhD Fellows asking to get ECTS for participation in conferences and similar.
- For the next meeting we'll be sure to get such an overview from the sub-committee.

Punkt 5: New sub-committees

Up until now / with Lars as Head of the Doctoral school:

Dispensations: Lars/Head of the Doctoral School (Vip) + Emil (Stud rep)

PhD Assessment Committee (BU) approval: Peter T (Vip) + Emil (Stud rep) – Lars/Head of the Doctoral School final approval

From now on:

Dispensations: Head of the Doctoral School (Vip) + X (Stud rep)

PhD Assessment Committee (BU) approval: X (Vip) + X (Stud rep) – Head of the Doctoral School final approval

NOTES:

- Ingrid asked for a brief on the tasks related to being a PhD Fellow member in the sub committee for PhD Assessment Committee (BU) approvals
 - A quick summary would be: to check if the members are relevant in terms of proficiency in the given subject as well as have the competence to act ("habile")
- Sub committee for dispensations: around 10/year
- For both sub committees: it's an informal process taken care of per email
- It was raised that we should have alternates for the sub committees, especially in the case that the PhD member is not competent to act (mainly if they themselves need a dispensation)
- **ACTION POINTS:**
 - Hanne will check if Olivier Rubin has indeed confirmed he wants to be the VIP-member in the sub committee approving of PhD Assessment Committees
 - PhD Fellow members of committee: will discuss who will be the reps for both of these committees and let PhD admin know within a week

Punkt 6: New planning process for courses

- Deadline for signup:
 - Bodil proposed April 1st for the Fall semester and October 1st for Spring semester - is this feasible long-term? (For the sake of aligning with allocation deadlines)
 - PhD school/admin proposes: September 7th (deadline for signup to Fall courses) + February 7th (deadline for signup to Spring courses)
 - Drawbacks with early deadlines: not enough signups, or many signups followed by many withdrawals later on, not possible for new PhD Fellows to sign up for courses on their 1st semester
- Early announcement of courses to PhD fellows necessary

NOTES:

- It is complicated to accommodate both allocation challenges and PhD Fellows' planning preferences as well as first semester/year students
- It is critical to provide more clear information on mandatory courses, course options in general and signup deadlines etc. during onboarding of new PhD Fellows
- It is likewise critical to have a continued flow of information/reminders about the course and PDS offerings - especially if we set up earlier deadlines for signup
- We should explore working with a first and a second deadline, which would allow for smoother planning and allocation, but at the same time it would also allow for later signups and thus filling the courses as much as possible.
 - First deadline: the number of signups by this deadline will determine whether the course will run or not (if less than 3 signups by this time, the course will not run)
 - Second deadline: the very latest date to sign up for a course
- Issues with the flow of information regarding courses. Professors are very frustrated with not knowing whether their course is running until just before the date of the course.
- It was suggested to look into whether we could have some sort of platform to connect PhD Fellows with VIP's offering courses/PDS to better match demand and supply - what topics are the fellows interested in? What areas of teaching can be offered?

• **DECISION / ACTION POINTS:**

- Soft launch of new deadlines:
 - For courses offered in Fall 2026: First deadline is September 9th, second deadline is two weeks before the course begins (if possible system/admin-wise).
 - For courses offered in Spring 2027: First deadline is October 1 (2026), second deadline is two weeks before the course begins (if possible system/admin-wise).
 - After Spring 2027, the fixed first deadlines will be October 1st for Spring courses and April 1st for Fall courses.
 - NB: 1st semester students may sign up later as they cannot sign up before they start and will only be informed about the courses when onboarding in the beginning of the semester.
- PhD admin should urge course coordinators to promote their courses as much as possible
- Hanne will inform Bodil of the new deadlines and that we will follow up on how it works when implemented.

Punkt 7: Proposals for new courses

- Fall 2026: Co-creation of public value outcomes and the role of institutional design and leadership (Eva Sørensen)
 - **NOTES:** not many inputs to this as it is off-topic for the represented PhD Fellows at the meeting, but they believe it would indeed be relevant to other fellows. Green light to run it.
- Fall 2026: Addressing the challenges of emotionally charged data in field research (Eric)
 - **NOTES:**
 - Big interest in this course and it was deemed very relevant to many fellows.
 - The title and description should be adjusted some: A further broadening of the scope (beyond field anthropology and high-risk contexts). Ethical and methodological considerations should be added.
 - Otherwise green light to run it.
- (Laura would like to offer Qualitative Research Interviews in the Fall as well)
 - **NOTES:** Green light to also offer this in the Fall.
- **ACTION POINTS:**
 - Hanne will inform Eva, Eric and Laura that their courses have been approved to run. Eric will be informed about the necessary adjustments: the PhD fellows are requesting a focus on the topic of emotionally charged data in general and not only in connection with fieldwork in conflict zones.

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Eva_Application phd-course in co-creation.docx

Eric_Application Form_PhD courses and workshops Addressing researcher well-being Fall 2026.docx

External lecturer (Eric's course)_cv-nns.pdf

External lecturer (Eric's course)_JESSICA E LAMBERT CV FEB 2026.pdf

Punkt 8: Planning of existing PDS and courses Fall 2026

- PDS: Doing a PhD while the house is on fire? (online): Only 1 signup Spring 2025. Not on the course programme for Spring 2026 (was it decided previously to not continue with this?)
- PDS: Teaching - tips and tricks of the trade: Has been canceled the last 3 semesters due to 0 signups. I suppose this is off the table?
- PDS: Fieldwork – Dealing with the challenges of the Fieldwork: 2 signups in Spring 2025, 1 so far in Spring 2026. Do we cancel it from here on?
- Qualitative Research Interviews: very popular. 23 signups Spring 2025, 26 signups (+15 on waitlist) Spring 2026. Should it be offered it in the Fall as well?
- PDS: Weird and wonderful work in progress: only 1 signup Fall 2025
- PDS: How to publish your PhD thesis as a book: only 1 signup Fall 2025
- Doing Organizational Ethnography: se feedback.
- Other points regarding PDS:
 - No ECTS for PDS from here on: Minimize the administrative burden with certificates, signatures, coordination - Alberte spends a LOT of time on this (is it worthwhile considering the low numbers of signups?)

NOTES:

- PhD's are requesting more communication about the PDS. Perhaps email reminders 1-2 times per semester.
- It's an issue that WIP sometimes overlap with PDS, which increases the lack of incentive to sign up
- There's generally a lack of incentive: the topics are not relevant enough (Peter added: The PDS are bottom-up-driven, proposed by PHD's, so a bit contradictory)
- Perhaps we need to reevaluate the interest as well as improve communication/announcement of the PDS
- It was discussed that the mandatory course "XXX" is not relevant enough and way too long. Why is this mandatory? Peter will bring it up at next RDS meeting.

• **DECISION / ACTION POINTS:**

- We will create a survey to all PhD fellows where we ask them about their interest in the different courses as well as PDS, so we can gauge the current interest and get more data to substantiate decisions on the future course offerings
- PhD members of the committee will also discuss which PDS are relevant in their respective research groups
- At the next committee meeting we will discuss and decide which courses/PDS to continue and which should be taken off the list.

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Oversigt over kurser og PDS'er 2025-2026.docx

Punkt 9: Upgrading of the mentoring scheme - proposed by Alexander Brugisser

New proposal/materials from Alexander?

NOTES:

- Alexander has suggested to work on an upgrading of the mentoring scheme as the objectives as well as format seem unclear as it is right now. He sees a big potential in upgrading it as it can function as a means to avoid isolation, stress and insecurities for the new fellows and in this way also a tool for more well-being and thus retention. In addition to good supervision (the formal part) from the supervisor, the mentor can contribute with knowhow and best practice in regards to all the informal aspects of the work/study and research culture at ISE and RUC. He wants to create more structure, a better framework and guidance to the mentors. Do we want Alexander to work on a proposal for a framework? Something that can be institutionalised and live on after he has finished?
- On another, but related, note, it was discussed that there's a huge gap in the onboarding process. It's important to address this with supervisors as well as admin and mentors. It was suggested to consider if we could gather all information in one place with all the important info. We discussed whether the intra page wasn't covering this, but it seems many find it hard to navigate and not all information is to be found there.
- **DECISION / ACTION POINTS:**
 - We will ask Alexander to make a more formal / concrete proposal for a framework to present at the next meeting. Alexander should make sure to consider the boundary between the supervisors role and the mentors role in his proposal.

Punkt 10: PhD Association of Roskilde University (PARU) - short intro at 11.30

The PhD Association of Roskilde University (PARU) are looking for a new board member from ISE to replace Seline Van De Wouw.

NOTES:

- Magnus and Elizabetta introduced us to PARU: the PhD association across all of RUC
- They do lunch meetings, social events, interdisciplinary discussions and they discuss topics such as discrepancies in procedures for PhD Fellows across RUC (i.e. different numbers of obligatory teaching hours etc.)
- They also have a representative in the organization for all PhDs in Denmark (PAND)
- They are looking for a new board member from ISE (amongst our PhD committee members)
- This could be a great entry point to discuss the option of offering courses across the institutes
- **ACTION POINTS:**
 - PhD fellow members of committee are encouraged to appoint a rep from ISE. They will discuss and decide who will represent ISE and email paru@ruc.dk (please put PhD admin at ISE in cc, so we know who's our new rep)

Punkt 11: New PhD Fellow representative for FoU

We need to find a new representative amongst our PhD Fellow committee members to represent ISE in FoU.

NOTES:

- Peter introduced the function of FoU at RUC: the central research committee. Very relevant for permanent staff, but also has implications for phd's that have an interest in what's happening at research level at RUC, research integrity in general as well as research freedom
- They meet twice per semester (a bit of preparation is needed)
- The PhD fellow members of the committee are welcome to contact Peter if they have further questions.
- **ACTION POINTS:**
 - PhD fellow members of the committee are encouraged to appoint a rep from ISE. They will discuss and decide who will represent ISE at FoU and email Hanne.

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Punkt 12: Misc.