Course description, national PhD-course, 2020

Time-geography – theoretical approach, notation system and methods

Aim
Time-geography is of the most internationally recognized contributions of Swedish human geography during the last 50 years. There are time-geographically inspired researchers around the world and the interest in time-geography has grown during the last decade. The time-geographic approach, with its methods and special notation system is applied in many different problem areas, like studies of individuals’ and households’ everyday life, division of labor in households, activity patterns at individual and aggregate levels, health and disabilities, migration nationally and internationally, transportation systems, policy formation, energy use in buildings and transportation, communication (including ICT), urban and regional accessibility, resource use and environmental effects of human activities and work organization in industry and services.

The aim of the course is to make the PhD candidates familiar with the time-geographical approach, its development and methods and to give examples of how the approach has been used within various areas of application and in different disciplines. During the course the PhD candidates will have opportunities to explore and use time-geography in relation to their work on their thesis.

Goal for PhD candidates learning
After the course, the PhD candidates will be well oriented in time-geographical concepts and methods. They will have ability to reason time-geographically and use time-geographic tools in issues of interest for them.

Examination
The individual examination is based on a text that each PhD candidate writes and wherein a problem area of interest for the candidate is discussed and analyzed with time-geographical concepts and methods. We encourage the candidates to relate the examination task to the subject of their thesis.

The PhD candidates are expected to attend the seminars arranged during the course.

Course evaluation
A continuous course evaluation is performed (orally) and a written evaluation is performed after the course.

Location of the course in the time-space
The course will be offered during the autumn 2020 and is divided into two parts of three full days each. The first part (August 24-26) and the second part (September 28-30) will both be located in Gothenburg. Home work is expected from the PhD candidates between the two parts of the course (reading, an exercise and the examination task). The teachers responsible for the course will have continuous contact with the PhD candidates in the meantime. There will be lectures and seminars,
and there will be good opportunities for discussions with invited guests and the teachers responsible for the course. The examination task will be distributed during the first part of the course.

**Teachers responsible for the course**

*Eva Thulin*, Associate Professor, Department of Economy and Society, Gothenburg University (contact person)

*Kajsa Ellegård*, Professor, Department of Thematic Studies, Technology and social change, Linköping University

*Åsa Westermark*, PhD, Human geography, Jönköping University

Guests doing research in human geography and other disciplines will be invited. International guests will also contribute with lectures during the course.

**Participants**

Time-geography is interdisciplinary in its constitution and the approach is applied in several subjects. We welcome PhD candidates from various disciplines to attend the course.

**Application**

Deadline for applications: **25th of May 2020**

Send application to: Eva Thulin (eva.thulin@geography.gu.se). The application should include: name and contact information, number of years in PhD Program, name of supervisor(s), short description of thesis topic.

**Course Literature**


- Papers related to each of the lectures will also be included in the course literature (not yet specified)