

**National PhD Course**  
**Topics in Political Geography**  
**Fall 2019, 7.5 ECTS**

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**Course description:**

Political geography is one of the most vibrant subdisciplines within human geography, and it has come a long way since the days when it was considered the black sheep of the discipline, after its association (through the concept of geopolitics) with Nazi Germany. Since the beginning of the revival of political geography in the 1980s, scholars have embraced the study of the spatiality of politics by reconceptualizing both “spatiality” and “politics”. Power and politics are no longer understood as solely exercised by states but are now also studied in their everyday forms, from the scale of the body to the global scale. Topics in Political Geography cannot seek to provide a comprehensive overview of political geography research, but will instead focus on a few areas of study that give course participants a taste of the breadth of the contemporary work in the field.

The course will consist of three two-day meetings (or modules), where each module will consist of three seminars and a lecture. Typically, the first day will consist of a morning and an afternoon seminar, and the second day will have a morning seminar and afternoon lecture. The language of instruction is English.

**Dissertation workshop:**

Each module features a “dissertation workshop,” which provides students an opportunity to get feedback on specific questions or problems related to the students’ dissertation work. Each student will have up to 20 minutes to discuss any relevant issues that the student wishes to bring up. All students participate during each dissertation workshop, and those students presenting at that particular workshop should distribute a short text to everyone beforehand that introduces the project. During the workshop the student may then focus on a particular aspect(s) that the student would like to receive feedback on.

**EXAMINATION:**

Examination will occur by way of a final paper of approximately 5000 words. The deadline for the final paper is 16 December 2019.

**TO APPLY:**

Send an email describing your background and research project to David Jansson  
([david.jansson@kultgeog.uu.se](mailto:david.jansson@kultgeog.uu.se)) by 9 September 2019.

**List of instructors (subject to change):**

David Jansson, Uppsala University

Madeleine Eriksson, Umeå University

Henrik Gutzon Larsen, Lund University

Natalie Koch, Syracuse University

Additional teachers to be announced later.

## **PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (schedule subject to change)**

### **Module 1: 26-27 September 2019, Umeå University**

Theme: Political geographies of internal colonialism, natural resources and the nation

Thursday, 26 September:

9.45: Introduction

10.00 – 12.30: Seminar 1: Northern rural Sweden in a colonial context

14.00 – 16.30: Seminar 2: Natural resources and resistance

Friday, 27 September:

9.30 – 12.00: Seminar 3: “Follow the thing”: Global production networks and the nation

13.15 – 14.30: Public lecture: Linda Sandberg and Malin Rönnblom: Kiruna and the mine

15.00 – 16.30: Dissertation workshop

### **Module 2, 24-25 October 2019, Uppsala University**

Theme: Nationalism and geopolitics

Thursday, 24 October:

10.00 – 12.30: Seminar 4: Exceptionalism, geopolitics, and national identity (DJ)

14.00 – 16.30: Seminar 5: (NK)

Friday, 25 October:

9.30 – 12.00: Seminar 6: Psycho-geographies of nationalism (DJ)

13.15 – 14.30: Public lecture: Natalie Koch

15.00 – 16.30: Dissertation workshop

### **Module 3: 28-29 November 2019, Uppsala University**

Theme: Geography, power and the state

Thursday, 28 November:

10.00 – 12.30: Seminar 7

14.00 – 16.30: Seminar 8 (HGL)

Friday, 29 November:

9.30 – 12.00: Seminar 9

13.15 – 14.30: Public lecture: Henrik Gutzon Larsen

15.00 – 16.30: Dissertation workshop

**READINGS:**

Specific readings for each seminar will be announced shortly.