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Syllabus

SASP002

Human Geography and Economic Geography: Specialisation course – Thesis Plan

(Kulturgeografi och ekonomisk geografi:
Specialiseringskurs – Avhandlings-PM)

A. Third cycle course 7,5 credits

The course was adopted and the syllabus approved by the Board of the Department of Human Geography, Lund University, 14 December 2022. This syllabus is valid from 1 January 2023.

B. Course Details

The course is offered as a single subject third-cycle course. The language of instruction is Swedish or English.

C. Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course, the student shall be able to:

- Situate their own thesis work in relation to relevant literature in the field of study
- Identify key theoretical concepts of relevance to the thesis
- Evaluate and justify the type of methodologies to be used in the thesis
- Assess the practical and ethical implications of the methodologies to be used

D. Course Content

The course offers insights into a specialized field of study within Human and Economic Geography, chosen to meet the particular research needs of the student. The course consists of planning the thesis work of the student.

E. Teaching and Assessment

Teaching is in the form of supervision, independent study and a seminar.

The student shall prepare a written plan for their thesis work. This shall include a description of the aim and research questions of the thesis, discussion of key concepts and theories of relevance to the thesis, a literature review of research within the field, a discussion and justification of the methodology to be used and a work plan.

The written plan shall include: (1) a data management plan and (2) either (a) a draft ethical review application or (b) considerations on whether, when and how an ethical review application will be made.

The written plan shall be discussed at a seminar. The seminar discussant is the examiner and shall be appointed by the main supervisor in collaboration with the director of research education. The student shall be involved in the appointment of the seminar discussant.

F. Grades

The grades awarded are Pass or Fail. To receive Pass, the student must fulfil the learning outcomes and participate actively in the course.

G. Admission Requirements.

Applicants must be doctoral students in the discipline and have completed the first year of the doctoral programme.

H. Literature

Literature is selected jointly by student and supervisors and should be approved by the examiner as part of the assessment of the written plan.