This module intends to combine previous course content with individual work. Students are expected to learn how to set boundaries to their research projects, select relevant theories and suitable research methods, to collect and analyze research materials, and finally put these processes together in a form of an academic essay. Arguments in the essay should be supported by a relevant list of literature. The essay is presented at a seminar, and the students discuss one another's essays.

The course covers the period between April 25th and June 3rd. However, students are expected to do some preparatory work before the course starts. The scheme below provides the structuring of the course work.

Until April 12th
Finding an essay topic
- Look through the course literature for Modules 1-3 of SGEA23
- Find the part of the literature you are particularly interested in
- Brainstorm and look for a suitable research topic that is feasible to investigate within one month

April 12th
Deciding on an essay topic
- Decide on an essay topic, research question(s), research methods
- Fill in the document titled 'Application for a supervisor' on the course page on Live@Lund
- Send the completed document to kadri.kuusk@keg.lu.se
- Include the course title and your name as the e-mail subject

April 19-24th
Contact your supervisor
- Your supervisor will be assigned latest on April 19th
- It is your responsibility to contact your assigned supervisor to book the first meeting
- Discuss with your supervisor what you are expected to prepare for the first meeting
April 25th-May 28th
Course period

- In this period you are expected to work full-time on your essay
- You will have several meetings with your supervisor (upon agreement)
- For practical information and essay requirements, check the document 'How to write a dissertation' on the course page at Live@Lund

May 28th
Submission

- You are supposed to submit your essay latest on **May 28th at 13.00**
- Late submission will result in postponing the examination till August, meaning that you will not be able to get a grade before then
- You should send your essay to (1) your supervisor, (2) the course coordinator: kadri.kuusk@keg.lu.se, and (3) Urkund account: kadri.kuusk.lu@analys.urkund.se

May 31st and June 1st
Final seminar

- After you have submitted your essay, you will be assigned an examiner
- The final seminar will take place on May 31st and June 1st
- The schedule of the seminar will be announced when all essays will have been submitted (latest May 29th)
- More information about the final seminar will be posted at Live@Lund in May

Examination and grading

The grade for your essay is decided by the examiner, who will take into the account the quality of the written work and your performance at the final seminar. The grade is reported to LADOK in A-F scale. Evaluation criteria for essays will be published later in a separate document on the course page at Live@Lund.

Course information and further questions

Information regarding the course is available on the course page at Live@Lund. Further questions can be addressed to the course coordinator at kadri.kuusk@keg.lu.se.

Welcome to the course!