READING INSTRUCTIONS 2017

Introduction to theory of science and legal scholarship, 7,5 higher education credits
Third Cycle

Introduktionskurs i vetenskapsteori och rättsvetenskap, 7,5 högskolepoäng forskarnivå

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Introduction

This course gives an introduction of different academic traditions, with focus on humanities, social sciences and legal scholarship. A two-folded perspective will be used, sociology of knowledge and epistemology or the inner logic of an academic discipline, covered in the discipline theory of science.

The purpose is to give an over-view, a broad knowledge of and a deepened understanding of academic activity and familiarity with academic theory and methodology in general. More specifically, legal scholarship as an academic discipline will be discussed in relation to the other academic traditions.

The literature forms the starting-point for discussions on legal scholarship and the PhD student’s project. The PhD students are expected to write a short essay in which the students are expected to reflect on their individual project in relation to the literature and the discussions. The essay will be presented and discussed the fourth day.

Instructions

The course is scheduled to 4 days (24 April, 2 May, 16 May and 24 May, 2017). (Note that the essay should be submitted May 19, see below). The participants are expected to read the literature in advance. More literature will be announced later, max. 500 pages. Please be prepared to read also this literature.

Moreover, during the days between May 17 and May 19 the participants are expected to write a short essay (2 500 – 3 000 words). The first three days will concentrate on discussions about the literature and the fourth day will be reserved for discussion of the essays.

The participants are expected to be active in the discussions.
Day 1 – 24 April, 2017, 9-16

*Academic traditions with focus on humanities and social sciences*

You can choose the Swedish or the English alternative.

**Svenska alternativ:**

- Ingemann, Jan Holm, *Vetenskapsteori för samhällsvetare*, gleerups, 2016.

**English alternativ:**


Day 2, May 2, 2017, 9-16

*Legal scholarship in the academic field*

Everyone reads the first text (Svensson). When it comes to the second text, you can choose either the Swedish or the English.


**Svenskt alternativ:**

**English alternative:**

Day 3 – May 16, 2017, 9-16

*Legal scholarship – deepening*

The discussion on legal scholarship will continue with reference to the literature mentioned above and with an addition of:


*May 19, 2017*

Send your essay to the course leader, (at the latest 4 pm Sunday May 21). The PM will be sent to the other participants. Everyone is expected to read the other essays and also, to be prepared to ask some questions to each one.
Day 4 – May 24, 2017, 9-16
The PhD students will present their essays and we will discuss them out of the content of the course.

I look forward to inspiring discussions! Welcome!

Eva-Maria Svensson

Literature


Ingemann, Jan Holm, *Vetenskapsteori för samhällsvetare*, Gleerups 2016.


