

Graduate School

Graduate School Board, 2023-04-17

In attendance

Board members

Lena Karlsson	Director of Studies, Graduate School
Leysan Storie	Program Director, Middle Eastern Studies
Catia Gregoratti	Program Director, Global Studies
Marta Kolankiewicz	Program Director, Social Studies of Gender
Anne Jerneck	Program Director, Development Studies
Christopher Swader	Program Director, Social Scientific Data Analysis
Terese Anving	Gender Studies
Mimmi Barmark	Sociology
Rikard Gustavsson	Political Science
Anna Sonander	Sociology of Law
Elsa Hilltorp	Student representative, Global Studies
Mason Hay	Student representative, Global Studies
Angela Kinyanjui	Student representative, Development Studies

Övriga

Lucie Larssonova	Graduate School, Secretary in the Board
Helen Wiman	Graduate School, Administrative team leader
Bulëza Emerllahu	Graduate School

Frånvarande

Nils Holmberg	Methods Director, Graduate School
Mikhail Martynovich	Human Geography
Leili Laanemets	School of Social Work
Patrycja Natołoczna	Student representative, Social Studies of Gender
Vitus Mayr	Student representative, Global Studies

§ Decision item

1. Meeting opens

Meeting opens at 13.15 and begins with a short presentation round.

2. Election of a Board member to check the minutes

The Board decides to elect Marta Kolankiewicz to, together with the Chair, check the minutes.

3. Confirmation of the agenda

The Board decides to confirm the agenda without changes.

4. Minutes from the Graduate School Board meeting February 22, 2023

Minutes from the meeting 22 February 2023 are confirmed.

5. Information from the student representatives

- Mason Hay has nothing new to report from previous student council discussions, they haven't had the chance to personally meet the newest student representative Angela yet.
- Most things are going well, but there are ongoing discussions regarding supervision of the students' theses, especially from the students majoring in Political Science. The students feel that there are big differences between the type of supervision offered by the various majors/departments, for example how many hours and what type (group/individual) of supervision the students receive.

6. Information from Graduate School

- *Program admissions 2023:* A few weeks ago we finished the admissions process, this was the first year that all program directors were involved in reading the motivation letters. We aim for around 35 admitted students per program; it is always difficult to land on the perfect number but this year we have offered places to more as we have received signals from the Swedish Migration Agency that the residence permit process will take longer than usual. Therefore, we have aimed to admit approximately 100–120 students per program, and hopefully we will land on a good number of registered students when the programs start. Frank Schreier, together with program directors, holds webinars for the admitted students so that they can already get information and ask questions.
- *SIMM51 restructuring:* The restructuring of the course SIMM51 to SIMM52+SIMM53/54/57/58/58 is well underway. The course literature lists will be presented to the Board at the next meeting in June.
- *GS Budget:* Considering our minus, Lena is actively working on trying to reach a balance, that balance will most likely be reached in 2024. We will have to make some adjustments and cuts to the course budgets. We will inform the Board about this in good time. Achieving budget balance is a

two-year project because the ‘myndighetskapital’ is used up. More information to come.

- *Course admissions, autumn 2023*: Bulëza says that the application on antagning.se closes today. We have received about 400 applications for our various courses, where the numbers of applicants look very different from course to course.
- *Course evaluations*: In the past, we used to publish the teacher's summary of the course (course epitaph), the course evaluation and the report with the students' answers/comments on all Canvas course pages. Nowadays, we only publish the teacher's summary (course epitaph) on the Canvas course pages. The student representatives and the Board will continue to have access to the entire course evaluation, report, etc.

7. **Information from Graduate School’s Equality and Diversity Group**

- The last meeting was canceled so there are no updates to report, however we currently have no student representation. We are also thinking about how Graduate School will work with equality, equal opportunity and diversity in the future, the equality & diversity group meeting format may not be the best for us. More updates to come.

8. **Course dossiers**

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- Dossiers for the following courses are confirmed:
 - SIMR45 *Social Sciences: Internship, 30 credits*, autumn 2022
 - SIMR46 *Social Sciences: Internship, 15 credits*, autumn 2022
 - SIMM51 *The Social Scientific Research Design and Process*, autumn 2022
 - SIMM61 *Quantitative Data Analysis in R*, autumn 2022
 - SIMM71 *Computational Content Analysis for the Social Sciences*, autumn 2022
 - SIMS39 *Gender, Global Development and Post-Colonialism*, autumn 2022
 - SIMS49 *Middle Eastern Studies: Continuity and Change in the Study of the Middle East*, autumn 2022
 - SIMS58 *Social Media and Democracy*, autumn 2022

9. **Graduate School delegation order**

Appendix §9

- The suggested Graduate School delegation order is approved.

10. **New course literature: SIMS59 *Social Media and Democracy*, 15 credits, autumn 2023**

Appendix §10

- The suggested course literature is approved.

- 11. Change in course literature:** SIMP01 *Introduction to Global Studies*, 15 credits, autumn 2023
Appendix §11

- The suggested course literature change is approved.

14. Next meeting

- 09 June 2023
- Future meetings will be hybridized

15. Meeting closes

Meeting closes at 14.05
