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Syllabus

PNSo154 Dissertations in entrepreneurship - a critical review, 7.5 credits

Syllabus approved

2017-09-27

Subjects

Economy

Education cycle

Third cycle

Grading scale

Pass / Failed

The requirements for attaining different grades are described in the course assessment criteria which are contained in a supplement to the course syllabus. Current information on assessment criteria shall be made available at the start of the course.

Language

English

Prior knowledge

PhD candidate should be accepted for PhD studies in social sciences.

Objective, including learning outcomes

Increased understanding for different theoretical frames of reference. Increased understanding for current research topics. Increased understanding for implications

of methodological choices in the development of our understanding of entrepreneurship.

Content

The course is based on four PhD dissertations addressing issues of entrepreneurship. Participants will write critical reviews of the dissertations, which will be discussed in seminars with the dissertation authors. The course will conclude with a course paper, where participants discuss the state of entrepreneurship research, as reflected in the reviewed dissertations, including identifying areas where knowledge is being successfully developed, significant areas in need of further attention, and critical reflection over the frames-of-reference and research methods being employed.

Requirements for examination

The course is offered as integrated lectures and seminars. By way of introduction dissertation authors will present their work followed by a discussion where students' questions will be discussed. In preparation for the discussion the students' have prepared questions to discuss in a critical review of the dissertation submitted prior to the lecture. To conclude the course students' will present and discuss course papers at a final seminar.

Requirements for passing the course: active participation in seminars, written critical reviews of the dissertations and the writing of a course paper.

Additional information

Learning outcomes:

The learning objective of this course is related to providing theoretically grounded reflections on four contemporary dissertations written in the field of entrepreneurship. After the course the students should be able to:

- Explain the grounds for different theoretical frames of reference
- Present implications of methodological choices in the development of different understandings of entrepreneurship
- Demonstrate the ability to critically discuss the state of entrepreneurship research

Course organizers: The course is organized by Richard Ferguson and Johan Gaddefors from SLU and Ivo Zander from Uppsala University.

The course will be held in English if required.

Course meetings: 6

Responsible department

Department of Economics