

# SLUkurs

## Syllabus

**PNS0162 Theoretical topics in the literature, 7.5 credits**

## Syllabus approved

2018-02-05

## Subjects

Other Social Science

## 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

Accepted as a social science PhD student.

## Objective, including learning outcomes

With successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- demonstrate an ability to present a theoretical topic that is based on extant literature.

- demonstrate an ability to identify foundational literature forming a received view of a chosen theoretical topic, and discuss how understanding of the topic has or is developing.
- demonstrate an ability to critically analyze the state of current literature addressing the chosen topic, identifying relevant recent contributions and/or areas in need of further development.

## **Content**

The course will provide a structure for participants to critically study a selected topic in the literature, and develop a conceptual framework to support future research. The selected topics will relate to individual participant's research interest, but will be an established topic in their respective field, where conceptual development can be identified and discussed. While readings will be highly individualized, course seminars will provide the opportunity to train competence in critical reflection of the literature and ability to formulate a well-grounded conceptual framework of a theoretical topic.

## **Requirements for examination**

Examination will be based on a final individual paper and seminar presentation.

## **Additional information**

Application to the course should be sent to Richard Ferguson, Richard.ferguson@slu.se be written in English and include:

- name, affiliation, full address, e-mail and phone number
- name and affiliation of PhD supervisor
- short description of PhD project (0.5-1 page)

This course is part of the research school Social Science Perspectives on Sustainable Development, an umbrella organization between the Department of Economics and the Department of Urban and Rural Development.

## **Responsible department**

Department of Economics