

Seminar and Thesis Work, 7.5 credits

Course introduction



The agenda

- Course introduction and presentation round
- The research community and culture
- The thesis format
- Thesis project planning:
 - Presentation of hand-in 1
 - Discussion contributing to the content of hand-in 2
- Thesis evaluation: Preparing for Class 3



Teachers on the course

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- Master of Science in Informatics, Jönköping International Business School, 2001
- PhD in Economic Information Systems, Linköping University, 2007
- Part-time post doc. researcher, Uppsala University and Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, 2008-2011
- Assistant Professor, Jönköping International Business School, 2008-2012
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Presentation round

- Who are you?
- What is your educational and professional background?
- What is your idea for your doctoral dissertation?



Scientific practice

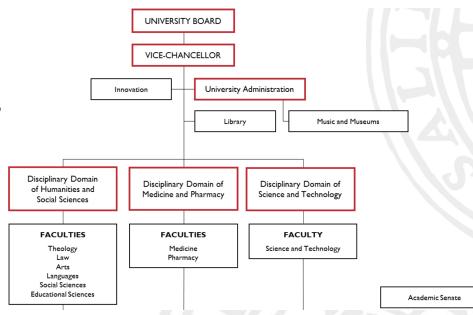
- Professional roles
- Paradigms
- Research, not consultancy
- Peer-review
- A seminar culture with advice on how to get better (cognitive conflict not affective conflict)
- Rethorics and politics
- Perseverance



Organisational culture

- Power structures
- Organisational structures
- Control systems
- Routines
- Rituals
- Myths
- Symbols

(Source: Johnson, 1989)



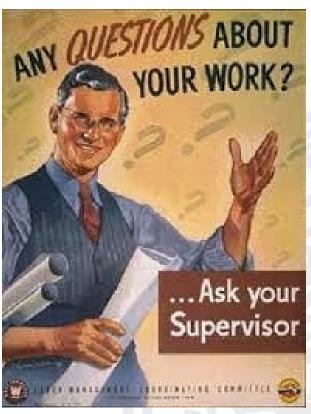






The supervisor







The supervisor

- Good at the academic handicraft
- An expert on your topic?
- A scaffold?
- A problem-solver?
- Should have time to guide you
- Should have reasonable expectations
- Supervisors can have different roles in a thesis project



The thesis format

- Monograph
- Compilation of articles with a cover story
- Essay format
- Different traditions in different disciplines and at different universities
- Pros and cons of different formats?



Presentation and discussion

HAND-IN 1: A PLAN OF YOUR THESIS STUDIES