

Feminist geographies, 7,5 ECTS credits

PhD course within the National program for research education in Human geography
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Host institutions: the human geography departments in the universities of Gothenburg, Karlstad, Umeå and Uppsala.

Course description:

This course will explore feminist theory and methods as specifically focused on past and present representations of race, class and gender and its material consequences. This includes disrupting conventional binaries by addressing mobilities and the personal and intimate in the political, economical and global. The course also addresses the persistent power relations embedded within conventions of academic knowledge production.

After first setting out the diverse aims of feminist geography, the course examines three central areas of concern — Feminist geography and global labour studies (Umeå), Gender, work and everyday life (Karlstad), and Intersectional feminism and “doing” feminist geography (Uppsala).

To engage with these ideas, the course combine lectures, readings, workshops/excursions and seminars with a range of extended material (films, art, policy documents).

Course deliverables:

The course requirements involve in-person presence at the three course modules, seminar discussions, submitting written papers, and a final paper. Specific guidelines for the deliverables will be distributed before the course begins.

The language of instruction is English.

Examination will occur by a final paper of approximately 5000 words, on a topic of the student's choosing, relating to the themes of one of the modules. Deadline for the paper will be by the end of January 2024.

List of instructors:

Aina Tollefsen, Umeå University
Irene Molina, Uppsala University
Kanchana Ruwanpura, Gothenburg University
Karin Fast, Karlstad University
Lena Grip, Karlstad University
Linda Sandberg, Umeå University
Madeleine Eriksson, Umeå University
Micheline van Riemsdijk, Uppsala University
Sofia Cele, Uppsala University
Susanne Stenbacka, Uppsala University
Ulrika Åkerlund, Karlstad University

International invited instructors will be announced later on.

Application:

Send your application for the course to lena.grip@kau.se. Include your name, institution and personal identity number.

The course is open to all PhD students in Human Geography in Sweden regardless of thesis subject. However, we encourage applicants to include an explanation of how the course might influence or be valuable to your scholarly interests and your thesis.

Applications will be accepted up until June 23, and the organizers will inform all applicants whether or not they are admitted to the course shortly after the deadline. Seats in the course are limited so we cannot guarantee everyone admission.

Modules:

Please note that this schedule is preliminary!

Umeå September 25-26, 2023

Feminist geography and global labour studies

Day 1:

9.30 - 10.00: Course introduction (Madeleine Eriksson)

10.00 – 12.00: Lecture/seminar: On Feminist geography: an introduction (Madeleine Eriksson, Aina Tollefsen)

13.00 – 15.00: Lecture/seminar: Feminist labor geographies (Madeleine Eriksson, Aina Tollefsen)

16.00 – 17.00: Kvinnohistoriska museet (Downtown, guided tour)

18.00 Optional dinner in town

Day 2:

10.00 – 12.00: Seminar/City walk: Urban redevelopment and equality (Linda Sandberg and Madeleine Eriksson)

13.15 – 14.30: Lecture invited instructor

15.00 – 16.30: Workshop: Your dissertation and feminist geography

Karlstad October 12-13, 2023

Gender, work and everyday life

Day 1:

10.00-10.30: Introduction (Lena Grip, Kanchana Ruwanpura and Karin Fast)

10.30 - 12.30: Lecture/seminar: Gender, labor and working life (Kanchana Ruwanpura, Lena Grip & Karin Fast)

13.30-17.00: Lecture/seminar: Gender, place and everyday life (Lena Grip & Ulrika Åkerlund)

18.00: Optional dinner in town

Day 2:

8.30-10.30: Lecture invited instructor

10.30-12.00: Seminar & discussion (Kanchana Ruwanpura, Lena Grip & Karin Fast)

Uppsala November 16-17, 2023

Intersectional feminism and “doing” feminist geography

Day 1:

10.15 – 11.00 Introduction (Sofia Cele, Irene Molina, Micheline van Riemsdijk and Susanne Stenbacka)

11.15 – 12.00: Lecture: Resistance, positions and oppositions (Sofia Cele, Irene Molina, Micheline van Riemsdijk and Susanna Stenbacka)
13.15 -15.00: Seminar: Geographies of postcolonial feminism and intersectionality (Irene Molina)
15.30 – 16.15: Challenging spatial gender norms (Susanne Stenbacka)
18.0 Optional dinner in town

Day 2:

9.15 – 10.30: Slow scholarship (Micheline van Riemsdijk)
11.00-12.00: Seminar/discussion: Subjectivity and positionality in your research (Sofia Cele)
13.15 - 16.00: Workshop: Feminist writing and methodologies (Sofia Cele)
16.00 – 16.30: Concluding discussion

Preliminary literature

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