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Joint meeting for the PhD Committee and the Graduate School management, Faculty of Arts: Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 11.30 am till 17.00 pm

Physical meeting: ACA, Tåsingegade 3, **building 1443, room 340**, 8000 Aarhus C.

Members of the PhD committee attending:
PhD representatives: Catrine Sundorf Kristensen, Rithma Kreie Engelbreth Larsen, Maiken Norup, Hatice Nuriler, Kalle Kusk Gjetting (vice chair).
Academic representatives: Kirsten Elisa Petersen, Katja Brøgger, Christian Ulrik Andersen, Jacob Lund, Charlotte Appel, Anders-Christian Jacobsen (chair).

Members of the Graduate School Management:
Head of Graduate School Anne Marie Pahuus. PhD Programme Directors: Stefan Iversen, Mikkel Wallentin, Iben Have (from 12.15), Jakob Bek-Thomsen, Lisanne Wilken, Karen Valentin, Lars Emmerik.

Guest:
Professor Lotte Meinert, Department of Anthropology and PI of ANTHUSIA:
https://anthusia.eu/

Observers from the PhD admin team:
Anders Gade Jensen (minutes – if any decisions are made). Anna Louise Plaskett will join the meeting after 12.00.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and presentation of the agenda and lunch (Anders-Christian) (11:30 – 12:15)

2. Internationalisation (Anders-Christian) (12:15 – 13:30)
Background: To obtain an overview of numbers of international PhD students and how they are integrated in the GSA. To discuss measures to be taken, to improve the conditions for and perhaps the numbers of international students at GSA. As always, the focus of the PhD Committee should be to ensure and improve the quality of the PhD programme/education. See the attached appendix.

- Three types of international PhD students: a) Full employment at Aarhus University. b) Double degree PhD students. c) Visiting PhD students.

- International PhD students in the PhD programmes – an overview. Input from the PhD programme directors/PhD administration: How many international PhD students? Which categories? Special measures or initiatives taken? (PhD programme directors)

- PhD students with full employment at Aarhus University: Recruitment (advertising open positions, templates for application forms); integration.

- Double degree PhD students: Experiences from Lotte Meinert (ATHUSIA); recruitment, integration, assessment: https://anthusia.eu/

- Possibilities for attracting international PhD students via external funding: for example MSCA doctoral network (https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/doctoral-networks).

  Short introduction Lotte Meinert and Anders-Christian Jacobsen.

Break (13:30 – 13:45)

3. Assessment of PhD dissertations (Anders-Christian) (13:45 – 14:40)
Background: To make sure that there are clear rules of the role of the principal supervisors in the assessment process, and to obtain a common understanding of these rules.

- The role of the principal supervisors in the assessment process (Anne Marie/Anna)

- Praxis when forming assessment committees (PhD programme directors).

Break (14:40 – 14:50)

4. Assessment of applications (Anders-Christian) (14:50 – 15:45)
Background: To ensure that the assessment of applications for the 4+4- and 5+3-schemes are consistent across all PhD programmes

- Praxis in individual PhD programmes (PhD programme directors).
- Praxis at the Graduate School level (Anne Marie/Anna).
- Are templates for application desirable?

The discussion will be based on the existing guidelines (attached).

Coffee break (15:45 – 16:15)

5. PhD students communication with the public (Rithma/Anders-Christian) (group discussions) (16:15 – 17:00)
Background: To clarify expectations of PhD students' public communication, and to increase their qualifications to communicate efficiently (cf. attachment).

These rooms are booked for group discussions, if required: 1443-413 and 1443-440 (upstairs).

Kind regards from the planning committee,

Katja Brøgger, Stefan Iversen, Rithma Kreie Engelbreth Larsen and Anders-Christian Jacobsen