

## Ordinary PhD Committee meeting, Arts 3 May 2024 at 13.00-14.30

### *Physical meeting:*

Arts PhD, Tåsingevej 3, building 1443, room 440, 8000 Aarhus C.

*Members attending outside of Campus Aarhus:* Online via Microsoft Teams

**(link is available in the booking/your Outlook calendars).**

*PhD representatives:* Catrine Sundorf Kristensen (vice chair), Rithma Kreie Engelbreth Larsen, Malis Ravn, Hatice Nuriler, Niclas Nørby Hundahl, Jonathan Mastai Husum.

*Academic representatives:* Anders-Christian Jacobsen (chair), Charlotte Appel, Kirsten Elisa Petersen, Katja Brøgger, Magdalena Regina Tyzlik-Carver, Camilla Skovbjerg Paldam.

*Observers:* Head of Graduate School Anne Marie Pahuus, Anders Gade Jensen (minutes) and Anna Louise Plaskett/PhD Admin team.

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## **Agenda**

### **1. Approval of the agenda (13.00-13.05).**

### **2. News from the Graduate School/GSA (13.05-13.25):**

- Oral briefing on the status of the Master's Degree Reform (Anna Marie)
- Overview/status of ongoing and current cases, and PhD courses provided by the Graduate School/2024 (Anna) – see appendix 2
- Final decision on the supervisor's role in assessments of PhD dissertations (Anna) - see section 6.3 in the GSA guidelines:  
[https://phd.arts.au.dk/fileadmin/phd.arts.au.dk/AR/Generelle\\_retningslinjer\\_UK\\_1-11-2012.pdf](https://phd.arts.au.dk/fileadmin/phd.arts.au.dk/AR/Generelle_retningslinjer_UK_1-11-2012.pdf)

### **3. Meeting structure and digital participation (Catrine) (13.25-13.35)**

PhD students in Emdrup consider whether it could be constructive for the organisation of the meeting, if all participants from Emdrup, if possible, participate from a meeting room with the same digital meeting equipment as in the meeting room in

Aarhus. Please note that it would then not be possible to join meetings via Teams, so physical presence at campus (either Emdrup or Aarhus) would be required.

#### **4. Distribution of departmental hours** (Catrine) (13.35-13.50)

Some PhD students feel that they are assigned too much work in relation to the set working hours of 840 hours. As it appears from the Graduate School's guidelines, heads of departments – together with the PhD student, principal supervisor and PhD programme director - are responsible for the use of the individual PhD student's departmental hours. The PhD committee therefore has no competences in this area. However, the chairpersons of the PhD committee have decided that the committee can discuss the issue in general and if relevant pass on the committee's considerations to the departments.

Link to guidelines:

[https://phd.arts.au.dk/fileadmin/phd.arts.au.dk/AR/Institutarbejdsregler\\_UK.pdf](https://phd.arts.au.dk/fileadmin/phd.arts.au.dk/AR/Institutarbejdsregler_UK.pdf)

#### **5. Completion time and dropout, the Graduate School's annual report (2023) to the Academic Council** (Anne Marie) (13.50-14.10)

Discussion of how the completion time and dropout rate for PhD programmes at Arts can be reduced. Including the role of the supervisor.

See appendix 5.

#### **6. Report from VIVE** (Anne Marie, Anna/Anders-Christian) (14.10-14.30)

Brief discussion of the report's content and information about and discussion of GSA's action plans.

Read the VIVE report here (in Danish only):

<https://www.vive.dk/da/udgivelser/sexisme-og-karriereforloeb-paa-danske-universiteter-kx0837gz/>

AU's websites regarding offensive behavior:

- For AU-employed staff including Faculty employed PhD students:  
<https://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/administration/hr/workingenvironment/psychological-work-environment/offensivebehaviour>
- For AU students including 4+4 PhD-students on part A:  
<https://studerende.au.dk/en/zero-tolerance>

#### **7. Any other business** (14.30)

*Chair/vice chair,*

*Anders-Christian Jacobsen and Catrine Sundorf Kristensen*