

PROGRAMME COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE PHD PROGRAMME AT IAKH

Agenda

Time: Thursday, December 15, 09:00-10:30

Place: Zoom

Present: Kristin Ranestad, Ragnar Øvergaard Aas, Mika Boros, Hanne Hagtvedt Vik, Ada Nissen, Oliver Reiersen

Items

Updates and status from Kristin Ranestad and Oliver Reiersen.

- Six new PhD students have started at the institute this Autumn, two of which have external funding, and currently, the institute is planning to hire six new PhD students in 2023.
- Kristin and Oliver are working on optimising the informational flow to the PhD students at the institute.
- A representative for the PhD students in archaeology will be appointed for the next programme council meeting.

Dialogues with the Past (DIALPAST) – Updates on activities, courses, and other relevant items from Oliver Reiersen.

- From 2023, the graduate school in Archaeology, Dialogues with the past, will be funded solely by the yearly contributions from the school's partner institutions. The school's activity, and the number of PhD participants per course and workshop, will therefore be reduced to two 5-ECTS courses per year and one or two 3-ECTS workshop per year. The second digital 3-ECTS workshop may be held digitally.

The Norwegian Research School in History (NRSH) – Updates activities, courses and other relevant items from Hanne Hagtvedt Vik and Oliver Reiersen.

- NRSH's full course plan for 2023 is published on the school's website, and the application forms for all the courses and workshops is already open.
- One of the Dissertation Writing Workshops will be organised September 7th in Sogndal in conjunction with the Norwegian History Days, September 8th-10th, 2023.
- From January 1st, Ada Nissen will take over as director of the Norwegian Research School in History.

New PhD-structure at HF – orientation and discussions on potential upcoming courses from Hanne Hagtvedt Vik.

- In her function as PhD leader at the Faculty of Humanities, Hanne Hagtvedt Vik has begun the process of restructuring the faculty's and the departments' PhD education, following up on the faculty's [*Handlingsplan for forskerutdanningen 2022-2023*](#). The new model consists of a decentralised educational offer within research ethics, theory of science, and methodology.
- A clarification will be circulated on how current PhD students who have already complete parts of their educational component will be included into the new model.
- DIALPAST and NRSH will still cover many of required ECTS points in the model, and the 5-ECTS courses offered by the research schools may be divided and categorised in different educational components if necessary.
- The PhD representatives point out that it is important to communicate these changes clearly to all the PhD students to avoid confusion.
- Comments from the doctoral students: It is important to guarantee courses for PhD students in archaeology who work with objects and materiality, and for PhD students who are conducting interviews as part of their research.

Items from the PhD students

- Other PhD students questioned the choice of making the Norwegian Research School in History's Dissertation Writing Workshops (DWW) compulsory. Kristin Ranestad and Hanne Hagtvedt Vik points out that the DWWs complement the thesis seminars by offering a national network and putting the PhD students in contact with faculty at other universities and research institutions.