

Doing governance research: Understanding the implications of governance through case studies

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1 guest lecturer to be announced
- ECTS: 5 ECTS
- Time: June 2-4, 2009
- Place: Aalborg, Denmark
- Deadlines: Registration: 6th March, 2009
Notification of acceptance: 16th March, 2009
Paper submission: 8th May, 2009
- Max. No. of participants: 16

Description:

- Please read before filling in the registration form -

Governance research needs to be critical and analytical in investigating the consequences and efficiency of governance approaches in practice. This paper-based course addresses those methodological components, taking the following questions as a frame: How are value conflicts being managed in governance research? Do new governance practices actually help us to solve complex and persistent policy problems? How can (governance) theory be operationalised with regard to specific (research) contexts? What types of normativity can be dealt with in governance research and what should the roles of contemporary governance researchers be? Questions of this sort comprise the main motivation for this doctoral course on doing governance research.

The course will be a combination of lectures and debate workshops with focus on the participants' projects. Participants are therefore asked to submit an academic paper (4,000-8,000 words) and give corresponding presentations during the course. Two opponents will be assigned to each paper. Focus is largely put on knowledge sharing among the participants as well as feedback from senior academics. The papers presented should discuss the theoretical point of departure of the case study, methods of case analysis and the analysis of results (if any). The registration form (under: 'Brief description of Ph.D. subject') should contain a brief outline of the planned paper for the course (instead of an actual description of the Ph.D. project).

Costs:

Participation in the course is free of charge. Participants will have to cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

Link to course registration: http://adm.aau.dk/fak-tekn/phd/kurser/s5_3.htm

Tentative Course Programme

Monday June 1st	
20.30 – 21.30	Welcome dinner – downtown Aalborg
Tuesday June 2nd	
09.00 – 10.30	Opening plenary at Utzon Centre (downtown Aalborg) ¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome by organisers: Associate Professor Carsten Jahn Hansen - Welcome by AAU students <i>“Theorising what? How can we critically investigate the governance of space?”</i> Plenary talk by Prof. Tim Richardson
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee
11.00 – 13.00	Two parallel working groups: meeting 1 (at Department of Architecture and Design, downtown Aalborg)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Walking tour / sightseeing in Aalborg City centre
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee
16.00 – 17.00	<i>“Doing case-based planning research between theory and practice - experiences from designing, analysing and understanding case studies”</i> Plenary talk by Prof. Carsten Jahn Hansen
17.00 – 19.00	Two parallel working groups: meeting 2 (at Department of Architecture and Design, downtown Aalborg)
19.00 – 20.00	Dinner in the city and pub visit
Wednesday June 3rd	
<i>Venue: Department of Development and Planning, AAU main campus</i>	
09.00 – 10.30	<i>“Researching Trust in Government: Reflections on Carrying out an Ethnography of Planning Processes”</i> Plenary talk by Dr. Malcolm Tait
10.30 – 10.00	Coffee
11.00 – 13.00	Two parallel working groups: meeting 3
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Walking tour / sightseeing
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee
16.00 – 17.00	Governance Lecture #4 or Discussion session <i>To be decided</i>
17.00 – 19.00	Two parallel working groups: meeting 4
19.00 – 20.00	Dinner in the city and pub visit
Thursday June 4th	
<i>Venue: Department of Development and Planning, AAU main campus</i>	
09.00 – 10.30	Plenary round table: <i>“Governance research design and management”</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee

¹ <http://www.utzoncenter.dk/en/welcome.htm>

11.00 – 12.00	Plenary: Evaluation of the workshop and concluding comments by organisers
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch and Farewell