

Welcome to the course Work and Organisation (SOA409)!

My name is David Redmalm and will be giving this course together with Aziz Mensah. If you have any questions you can reach us via Canvas or at david.redmalm@mdh.se and aziz.mensah@mdh.se. Here is some early info about the course – more detailed info about lectures, reading lists and assignments will be available at the course start.

The objective of the course is to offer a broad perspective on Swedish working life against a global background. The course illuminates historical and societal processes of change and how these are reflected in organizations and people's everyday lives. Its aim is for students to enhance their understanding and knowledge of organizational theories in relation to working life, including its development and challenges.

The course will run at half speed, so it's a 7,5 ECTS course running over two months. In the beginning, the course will be given online, but halfway through, early October, we are planning to go back to physical classroom teaching in Västerås.

The course consists of lectures, a day of group project presentations and a "seminar" (a text discussion workshop). To pass the course you need to hand in two written essay assignments and participate in a group project and presentation – more details will be published on the course's Canvas page.

You will need to get hold of two books before the course starts, Watson's *Sociology, Work and Organisation* (7th edition) and Esping-Andersen's *The Three Worlds of Welfare Capitalism* (any edition will do). For those of you who have an earlier edition of Watson, we cannot guarantee that it has the contents you need to pass the course, or that the division of chapters is the same, so to be on the safe side, please get the 7th edition. In addition, we have chosen a number of research articles that will be made available at Canvas at the start of the course.

On Monday August 30, there will be an introduction for all new master students. We'll then meet on Tuesday August 31 at 10:15 for an introduction to the Master's programme in Work Life Studies (if you're taking this course as part of a master's programme). In the afternoon the same day, at 13:15, the course itself begins with the first lecture.

Looking forward to seeing you early fall!

All the best,
David and Aziz