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Animals in Society

Dear participant in the master and PhD course Animals in Society (SOA143 and FHVV010, Swedish course name is Djur i samhället),

Warmly welcome! You've been enrolled in the course and now it's time for a first round of information about what will happen during the fall. I'm writing in English, but I speak both English and Swedish, so you're welcome to contact me in both languages. The lectures will be offered in English, but if all master students speak Swedish I might be able to assemble a Swedish speaking master student group for the workshops.

The course officially runs from August 28, 2023 to January 14, 2024. The course will be given online and there will be no meetings in person. We will be using Zoom for lectures and workshops, and Canvas, Mälardalen University's online platform for students. On Canvas you will find a more detailed study guide as well as the mandatory readings as PDFs (around 10 articles / book chapters). You will receive separate instructions on how to log into Canvas in August at least around a week before the course start.

There are five lectures and six workshops planned for the course. Each session will be around 90 minutes, and you'll be divided into smaller groups for the workshops. You will read two articles / book chapters in relation to each lecture, and the workshops will be focused on discussing these readings and relating them to your own research interests and master and PhD projects.

Here is the preliminary schedule – exact time slots will be communicated later:

- August 28: Introductory lecture by David Redmalm, Associate Professor in Sociology, Mälardalen University
- August 29: Workshop
- September 18: Lecture by Susan McHugh, Professor of English, University of New England
- September 19: Workshop

- October 9: Lecture by Justyna Włodarczyk, Associate Professor and Head^{2 (2)} of the Department of North American Cultures and Literatures, University of Warsaw
- October 10: Workshop
- October 30: Lecture by Yamini Narayanan, Senior Lecturer in International and Community Development, Deakin University
- October 31: Workshop
- November 20: Lecture by Tobias Linné, Assistant Professor at the Department of Communication and Media, Lund University
- November 21: Workshop
- December 12: Final workshop and course wrap-up

To pass the course, you will need to attend all workshops (2,5 ECTS) and write a course paper (5 ECTS). If you miss a workshop, you can make it up by writing a short essay on the topic of the workshop. The lectures are not mandatory, and you will be able to stream them afterwards, but of course it's appreciated if you participate in them in real time. Then you'll also be able to pose questions directly to the lecturer.

For the course paper, you will be required to read a book related to the field of human-animal studies, chosen in dialogue with me, in addition to the mandatory articles. If you attend the workshops but decide not to submit a paper, you will receive a certificate for the 2,5 credits.

Closer to the course start you'll receive login details for Canvas, and there you'll find more detailed info. You can also get in touch with me directly if you have any questions about the summer school.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

All the very best,

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