EMBRACING YOUR PHD STUDIES – PERSPECTIVES ON PHD WORK, PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, KNOWLEDGE CREATION and LEARNING, 1,5 hp

Goal
After the course the student needs to be able to:
- Explain central perspectives and theories related to the topics in the course
- Reflect, analyze and discuss central perspectives and theories in relation to the student’s own PhD work
- Apply central perspectives and theories in planning and management of PhD studies

Content
The course focuses on how PhD students can embrace their studies and aims at creating a better understanding for the type of task, ambiguities involved, the consequences of ambiguity for management, leadership and planning, processes of knowledge creation and perspectives on learning. The course objective is to strengthen the PhD students’ capabilities to master their PhD studies. The course covers the following topics:
- Research, innovation and ambiguity
- Problem-solving under ambiguous conditions
- (Self-)leadership
- Conflict management
- Project management and planning approaches for ambiguous tasks
- Knowledge and learning
- Knowledge creation processes

Prerequisites
No prerequisites necessary. The student needs to have started her/his PhD studies.

Target group
PhD students from the graduate schools Forum Scientium and Agora Materiae and other PhD students with an interest in the course.

Examination
Active participation in seminars and assignments.

Organization
Classes are scheduled on Oct 8, 22, Nov 4, 19, Dec 3 & 16 between 13.15-17.00 during autumn 2020. Presence is required.

Teachers and examiner
Professor Nicolette Lakemond (teacher)
Docent Anna Yström (examiner)