

## **Evaluation TIK9102 – Tøyen-seminar – Spring 2025**

The Tøyenseminar was organized on the 13<sup>th</sup> May as a full day seminar at Tøyen hovedgård. 6 PhD students from the TIK PhD program attended the seminar, and three seniors from TIK. All PhD students had submitted a draft paper for comments and discussion two weeks before the seminar and all PhD students were assigned one paper for commenting together with one of the senior researchers. This year's invited speaker was Associate professor Kjerstin Aukrust from the Department of Literature, Area Studies and European Languages at the Faculty of Humanities, University of Oslo. Aukrust was invited to initiate discussion on science communication and how to take part in these activities as a PhD student.

Five out of six students submitted an evaluation of the course. The overall impression from the evaluation is positive. The comments and discussions during the seminar were at large considered to be useful and targeted, including the science communication session. The course was experienced as well-organized. Critical comments in the evaluation raised two interesting and useful feedback. First, the issue of peer-to-peer feedback was raised in the feedback and with particular emphasis on the need to discuss and engage better in how to give and not give feedback and how to receive and process critical comments in general but also internally in the PhD group. This also includes the issue of how to receive targeted comments that are specifically relevant for the submitted work. Second, the issue of size of the Tøyen seminars and how to be mindful not to include too many participants to ensure that discussions are focused and that the scope of the course is manageable. The PhD coordinator will make sure that this feedback is engaged with in future seminars and in conversation with the PhD group.