

Minutes - PhD committee meeting

Date: 15.05.2026, 1.00-2.00 p.m.

Place: room 221, Harriet Holter Building

Present: Alexi Gugushvili (PhD leader, Sociology), Michael Gentile (PhD leader, Human Geography), Hilde Solli (representative for external Human Geography candidates), Cedar Patterson (representative for internal Human Geography candidates), Vilde Blix Huseby (representative for internal Sociology candidates), Maja Feng (representative for external Sociology candidates), Katalin Varga (PhD adviser)

Agenda with minutes

1. News from 'Programme council for PhD' [Programrådet for ph.d.-programmet ved SV-fakultetet - Det samfunnsvitenskapelige fakultet](#)

Alexi's summarized the most important issues (see link to the minutes of the meeting).

2. Follow-up from the PhD evaluation report:

- Changes in courses and about conference points are now published on ISS' webpages.
- Alexi is still working on the supervision-part.

3. What does AI mean for the PhD programme at ISS?

- David Jordhus-Lier has written a working document about overall aims, regulations, PhD candidate AI competence, supervision and on assessment of coursework and PhD thesis as a starting point for discussion.
- Cedar: the document lacks an overall statement on ethics. Cedars offers her contribution to further develop this document.
- Reasonable points from this document can be used by the candidates while we are waiting for the official document from the faculty. The faculty is now in the phase of collecting feedback from all departments.
- The AI-topic could be integrated into the Dissertation seminars.
- Can be the topic for the next pizzaseminar.

4. Meeting plan for our PhD panel – next meeting date (next programme council meeting is 10.09.2026) /Potential new representatives – update

- Next meeting: 17. September 1 p.m.
- Juni Katrine Lie is going to be the next external Sociology representative
- Hilde asks Tomoyuki for external Human Geography candidates