



Course syllabus

Faculty of Business, Economics and Design

Department of Management

4FE013 Vetenskapsteori och metod, 6 högskolepoäng

4FE013 Philosophy of Science and Research Method, 6 credits

Main field of study

Business Administration

Subject Group

Business Administration

Level of classification

Second Level

Progression

A1F

Date of Ratification

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The course syllabus is valid from spring semester 2023

Content

- Philosophy of science
- Scientific revolutions and anomalies
- The concept of knowledge
- Bildung
- Ethics
- Scientific work
- Text and power
- Interpretation, metaphors and perspectivation
- Reflection as a tool
- Gender and representations of management

Examination

The course is assessed with the grades Fail (U), Pass (G) or Pass with Distinction (VG).

The grading is based on assessment of the written exams, reports and the student's ability to present and discuss report contents. Results are graded using one of the terms Passed with distinction, Pass or Fail, and A-F according to the ECTS scale

Students who do not achieve a satisfactory result in the examinations are permitted to make a second attempt approximately 5-8 weeks after the normal examination date. The student will have a minimum of five occasions for written exams in relation to the syllabus to which the student was accepted. Usually 3 occasions per academic year.

Required Reading and Additional Study Material

Required reading

Asplund, Johan ”*Hur låter åskan? Förstudium till en vetenskapsteori*”. Bok-förlaget Korpen, Göteborg. (2004) Pages: 138

Berger, Peter och Luckmann, Thomas ”*The Social Construction of Reality. A Treatise in the Soci-ology of Knowledge.*” Penguin Social Sciences, NY. (1991) Pages: 230

Bell, Emma och Bryman, Alan ”*The Ethics of Management Research: An Exploratory Con-tent Analysis*”. British Journal of Management, Vol 18, s 63-77. (2007) Pages: 15

Brytting, Tomas ”*Metodappendix*” i ”*Att vara som Gud? Moralisk kompe-tens i arbetslivet.*” Liber, Malmö. (2001) Pages: 10

Clegg, Stewart, Kornberger, Mar-tin och Rhodes Carl ”*Business Ethics as Practice*”. British Journal of Manage-ment, Vol 18, s 107-122. (2007) Pages: 15

Clifford, James ”*Introduction: Partial Truths*”. Ur Clifford, J & Marcus, G E *Writing Culture. The Poetics and Politics of Ethnogra-phy*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: Universtiy of California Press. (1986) Pages: 25

Collinson, David L och Hearn, Jeff ”*Breaking the Silence: On Men, Masculinities and Man-agements*”. Ur Collinson, D & Hearn, J (red) *Men as Man-agers, Managers as Men. Critical Perspectives on Men, Masculinities and Managements*. London: SAGE. (1996) Pages: 21

Foucault, Michel ”*This Is Not A Pipe*”. Ur Foucault, M *Aesthetics. Essential Works of Foucault 1954-1984, Vol 2*. London: Penguin Books. (2000) Pages: 15

Fuller, Steve ”*Kuhn vs Popper: The struggle for the soul of science*”. Iconbooks, Cambridge. (2006). Pages: 358

Geertz, Clifford ”*Tjock beskrivning. För en tolkande kulturteori.*” Häftet för kritiska studier, vol 3, s 13-33. (1991) Pages: 20

Jackson, Norman och Carter, Pippa ”*Management Gurus: What are We to Make of Them?*”. Ur Hassard, J och Holliday, R (red) *Organization Representa-tion. Work and Organizations in Popular Culture*. London: SAGE. (1998) Pages: 15

Liedman, Sven-Eric ”*Ett oändligt äventyr. Om människans kunskaper*. Stock-holm: Bonnierpocket. (2006) delar Pages: 60

Lindberg, Fredrik, Ericsson, Gu-nilla och Strandberg, Hans ”*Affärlitteratur. Mjuka chefer i hårda pärmar*”. Svensk Bokhandel, nr 21. (1998) Pages: 10

Lindholm, Stig ”*Kunskap – från fragment till helhetssyn*” . Stockholm: Li-ber. (1985). (delar) Pages: 30

- Morgan, Gareth "*Paradigms, Metaphors and Puzzle Solving in Organization Theory*", *Administrative Science Quarterly*, Vol. 25, pp 605-22. (1980) Pages: 17
- Porsfelt, Dan "*Management trainee – möten med förhinder*". Doktorsav-handling. Institutionen för Arbetsvetenskap, avdelningen för Industriell Produktionsmiljö, Luleå Tekniska Universitet. (2001) (delar) Pages: 20
- Richardson, Laurel "*Writing. A Method of Inquiry*". I Denzin, N och Lincoln, Yvonna *Handbook of Qualitative Research*. London, SAGE. (1994) Pages: 15
- Wallraff, Günther "*Längst därnere*". Stockholm: Pocky AB (2004) Pages: 290
- Watson, Tony J "*Theorizing Managerial Work: a Pragmatic Pluralist Approach to Interdisciplinary Research*". *British Journal of Management*, Vol 8, s 3-8. (1997) Pages: 6
- Willis, Paul E "*The Ethnographic Imagination*". Cambridge: Polity. (2000) Pages: 150