



SHS PHD STUDENT COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER #1: FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Fellow PhD students at the Forest Faculty!

We, the PhD student council hopes that you had a great start into the New Year and that your studies and work are going well!

Some general information to start with

If you have questions or concerns where you think the PhD Student Council could offer help, you are always welcome to send us an email (shs_doktorandradet@slu.se) or to contact the PhD student representative at your department.

The PhD student handbook can be found [here](#). It is full of important and practical information, especially if you are a new PhD student!

Important note: Do you know of a PhD student at S-fak who never gets our emails or any other email addressed to all PhD students at S-fak? Then they are probably not in the doktorand-sfak mailing list. Please contact Charlotta Bergström (charlotta.bergstrom@slu.se) at the Forest Faculty Administration so that they are added to the mailing list. **Information about coming activities, courses and grants is always distributed via the doktorand-sfak mailing list.**



Are you interested in our work?

If you are wondering what the PhD student council is doing and what we discuss in our meetings, here are several ways you can learn more and get involved.

Every meeting we are writing minutes, to summarize what was said in the meeting. The minutes from our latest PhD Student Council meeting can be found attached to this newsletter. The minutes from our previous meetings are also available via this link [here](#).

If you are interested in joining our next meeting, send us an email!

If you have questions about our work or certain positions in the council don't hesitate to contact us, our members and positions can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

In case you have any other ideas, suggestions or feedback, don't hesitate to contact us! Not all departments at the forest faculty are represented in the PhD student council, and it would be nice to hear from you!

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Plans for 2024



As the newly elected PhD student council for 2024 we started picking up the work for this year and discussed our plans and possible activities for this year. In our Verksamhetsplan (“Operating plan”) for 2024, we decided that this year we want to lay focus on improving connections between PhD students, campuses but also to master students. We also want to organize events /activities that will help you get a break from work and relax a bit, like Yoga classes or Mushroom picking, but also others that will support you in your work, like a writing retreat. And of course we will also organize an excursion this year. Stay excited for 2024!

Good news for all non-EU international PhD students

From our FUR-representative we got the happy news that the Migration Court decided that the self-support requirement when applying for permanent residence is officially 12 months, and not 18 months as it has been used by the Migration Agency so far. If you want to read more click [here](#).



Events

As mentioned in our plans for 2024, at the PhD students Council, we organize activities that we think will be of interest to you, be it formal, informal, relaxing or educational. Every month we organize a PhD student Fika, where we sit, relax and talk over a slice of cake! These Fikas are a great opportunity to get away from your desk and meet other PhD students outside of your department. This February we gathered for Fettisdagen and enjoyed some Semla together. You are more than welcome to join these monthly Fikas, we usually sent out an invitation via mail.

If you would like to organise an activity independently and want to get support from the Council, please contact your respective campus’ representative for more information and the procedure to follow. Campus representatives this year are Alice Marcon (alice.marcon@slu.se) for campus Umeå, Luca Muraro (luca.muraro@slu.se) for campus Alnarp and Silvia Bibbo (silvia.bibbo@slu.se) for campus Ultuna.

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Your representatives for the PhD Student Council in 2024



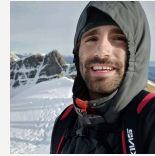
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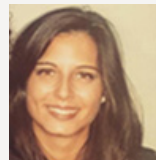
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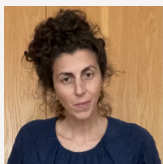
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We know PhD life can be difficult



We want you to know that we care about you, and if you are struggling, there are resources available for help. If you (or a friend) are having a hard time, do not hesitate to reach out to the **Student Health Centre** or the **Occupational Health Services**.

You can also contact the doctoral counsellor **Monika Appel** (doktorandombudsman) at this address: monika.appel@slu.se

For healthcare guidance, call: 1177

In case of an emergency, call: 112