

## FonSyd's spring workshop 2019 (held in English) – for doctoral students

### Workshop for doctoral students:

#### Intercultural collaboration and communication in doctoral education

**Time:** Friday 24 May at 13.15-16.00 including coffee

**Place:** Lund University, AHU, room O104 (downstairs)

**Address:** MNO-building, Sölvegatan 16, Lund

#### Registration to the workshop no later than 20 May to

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Today, research is international in a myriad of ways; Doctoral students, supervisors and other researchers collaborate and move across borders and settings. While this implies many opportunities for scholarly and individual development, intercultural collaboration can involve challenges as well. Thus, to facilitate doctoral students' intercultural collaboration, it is important to explore and discuss varying dimensions of intercultural communication in doctoral education, such as:

- learning spaces in culturally diverse contexts;
- communicating with supervisors and collaborators of diverse cultural backgrounds;
- giving and receiving constructive feedback

Against this background, the current workshop is specifically directed to doctoral students who are interested in discussing cultural diversity in doctoral education from their student perspective. We will cover themes such as dealing with different value systems, different ways of relating to hierarchy, and other ways to distinguish some characteristics of varying cultures. The doctoral students' shared experiences will be a key component of the learning experiences generated within the workshop. It will be held in English and is arranged by FonSyd (Swedish Southern network for doctoral education) in collaboration with the Division for Higher Education Development (AHU) at Lund University.

#### FACILITATORS

The facilitators of this workshop are Prof Liezel Frick at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, and Dr Juha Nieminen at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden. They have recently completed a collaborative project on improving intercultural doctoral supervision, including giving workshops on this theme.

**Prof Liezel Frick** is currently the director of the Centre for Higher and Adult Education and an associate professor in the Faculty of Education at Stellenbosch University. Liezel's research focuses on doctoral education across disciplines, and she has a particular interest in doctoral pedagogies and early career researcher development. In this regard, she collaborates with various other researchers locally and abroad. She also actively supervises doctoral and Master's students in the fields of higher and adult education, and regularly presents short courses on postgraduate supervision.

**Dr Juha Nieminen** is a psychologist, who is now working as a lecturer within the Unit for Teaching and Learning at Karolinska Institutet. Juha has worked in the area of higher education for almost 20 years giving workshops to university teachers and counselling students who struggle with their academic work. He is currently engaged in projects that aim at improving doctoral supervision in Sweden and internationally.

#### Any questions about the workshop?

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