Workshop for supervisors:
Doctoral supervision in intercultural contexts

Time: Friday 24 May at 9.15-12.00 including coffee
Place: Lund University, AHU, room 0104 (downstairs)
Address: MNO-building, Sölvegatan 16, Lund

Registration to the workshop no later than 20 May to
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This workshop focuses on supervising doctoral students in intercultural contexts, which may involve many opportunities for professional learning. However, there may be challenges as well. Accordingly, we will discuss varying dimensions of intercultural doctoral supervision:

- different frameworks and models for research supervision in an multi-cultural context;
- negotiating research learning spaces in culturally diverse contexts;
- supervision of diverse student groups; and
- providing formative feedback to diverse doctoral students

We will discuss cultural diversity and different ways of dealing with e.g. varying value systems and approaches to hierarchy between supervisors and doctoral students. We will also explore how supervisors can improve their intercultural communication and collaboration with their students. The participants’ shared experiences will be a key component of the learning experiences generated within the workshop. A reading list consisting of key readings will be provided at the workshop.

The workshop is directed to doctoral supervisors, and it will be held in English. It 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 Niemenen 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 Niemenen 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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