Notes from The Swedish LIS Doctoral Education Network Reading & Writing Retreat at Gripsholms Värdshus and Bed & Breakfast, Mariefred, 23-25 October 2024- Doctoral student meeting 25 October

**Communication and Units**

* Clarification on the mailing lists: We have two lists, lis.doktorander and boi-nationell.forskarskola. The first one is only PhD-students, the second one is PhD-students and supervisors. Anette Trennedal, the Research Officer in Borås, is the administrator and as such participates in both lists. There are some doctoral students that don’t get the e-mails from the lis.doktorander-list, they will contact Anette Trennedal to make sure they are on the list. We hade a discussion about when these two mail lists are used, and some examples are for instance Just Read & Write and International seminars.
* Slack- There has been a discussion before about how the doctoral students can communicate and share information. A suggestion at the annual doctoral workshop last spring was to try Slack. Nasrin has made a Slack group for the network of LIS doctoral students, called Doctoral students in Information studies. She informed us about Slack, the group and the channels. Nasrin has invited all doctoral students, and everyone is encouraged to join the group for informal discussions, questions, social- or work-related posts. If you haven’t gotten an invitation to Slack, please contact Nasrin.
* Units- Katarina Hagberg had a suggestion about units in Zoom- that people can join Zoom sessions to work with something but together, like Just read & write. Katarina will create a Zoom room and post the link in Slack.

**Info about ReSource steering group and related things**

Short information about the ReSource steering group and the participants. Zanna gave a brief background to the steering group and research school. Camilla Lindelöw is the doctoral student representative in the steering group and Mauritza Jadefrid is ReSource doctoral student representative. The steering group has meetings twice a year. We as doctoral student representatives has an item on the agenda, *Feedback from the doctoral students.* Contact me or Camilla or your local representatives (see link): <https://www.hb.se/en/research/doctoral-education/our-phd-programmes/library-and-information-science/resource-transforming-reading-and-source-criticism-in-digital-cultures/contact/>

**ReSource courses**

Information about the Resource courses can be found on the ReSource webpage: <https://www.hb.se/en/research/doctoral-education/our-phd-programmes/library-and-information-science/resource-transforming-reading-and-source-criticism-in-digital-cultures/courses-for-doctoral-students/>

A question about the courses is if they are mandatory for the Resource doctoral students. It’s understood as not mandatory but encouraged. For some Resource doctoral students, it can be an issue for some if it is not relevant for their project. Some alternatives where discussed, like if you can read along with the course and have a seminar and talk about the literature. We also talked about the point of taking the courses for social benefits, and learning things within the field of LIS that you would not read about otherwise.

**Reading course**

Karin suggests a reading course about literacy and asked if anyone were interested in taking part of this. If you are, contact Karin Lundin.

A question about creating and taking a joint reading course, doctoral students from different universities, were discussed and Camilla and Mauritza will take this question to the steering group.

**Feedback activities in network**

* It would be nice if doctoral students that has plan/middle or final seminar in Zoom announce that in Slack (if they are okey with more participants in the seminar).
* Emails: sometimes there are emails sent out to the mail lists with mixed information in it, it has both information about an activity and information further down in the email about other things, like the annual doctoral workshop. It would be good if this kind of information can be separated and sent in two different mails.
* Calendar bookings for activities. Can activities, like just read & right, be sent as a calendar booking in Outlook?
* For the annual doctoral workshop in Umeå next spring, it would be good if the information about submission of texts comes early (as soon as possible), so we can plan for it. We also wish for clear instructions and a clear invitation for the workshops, so we know what is expected from us.

**Reading & Writing Retreat- suggestions**

There seems to be a possibility for more retreats, and the following are suggestions for coming ones.

A place with spa, where its quiet and easy to travel to. Varberg vas nice, it does not need to be a new place, both Varberg and Örebro was good. It would be good to have the opportunity to change place of reading/writing during the retreat, sit in a sofa, standing up or just change the workings position for a while. Or just communicate clearer if we must sit in the same room all the time or if we have more places to sit in. There were also thoughts/wish on not having the rooms too far away from the working place. About having the retreat as hybrid- it is good for the doctoral students that cannot attend, but it can be technical issues that disturbs the people in place.

**Platform for national LIS**

Can we have a platform for doctoral students in LIS, Sweden, where doctoral courses within the field are gathered? Collected information about national LIS. Denmark has one. There is a channel in Slack for courses now.