

# **NORSI Writing the Introduction to Article-based Dissertations: Kappe-workshop**

**This three-day workshop is for NORSI students in the later stage of their PhD work who are writing article-based dissertations.**

**Hovde gård, Trøndelag: 28-30 August, 2018**

## **Aim**

This seminar is designed to kick-start the development of the “kappe” of the participants’ article based PhD dissertation. The aim is to develop a clear sense of what is expected from a “kappe”, and to start developing your own “kappe” with a particular focus on framing the introduction and structuring an outline. The seminar will build on the traditions from the institutions represented in NORSI, discussing the requirements and analyzing completed dissertations. There will be allocated time to discuss each participant’s “kappe”, as well as time for writing on your own introduction.

The seminar will be an intensive three-day workshop. Please come well prepared and ready to work!

## **Learning objectives**

Through this seminar, the PhD candidate should:

### **Knowledge**

- Develop an understanding of what is required from a ‘kappe’
- Acquire knowledge about different ways of writing a ‘kappe’

### **Skills**

- Be able to analyze completed dissertations in order to identify an appropriate approach for your own kappe
- Be able to constructively discuss the PhD projects of other PhD students
- Be able to enhance your own ‘kappe’ based on feedback from your group (faculty and students)

### **General competencies**

- Develop the ability to critically reflect upon strengths and limitations with different ways of academic writing
- Develop your writing skills of the ‘kappe’

## **Preparation**

As preparation for this seminar you will need to prepare:

- Develop and submit an outline of your own “kappe”. Deadline: 12 August 2019
- A group assignment – analysis of 3 published “kappe”. Deadline: Ready for seminar
- Individual feedback preparation for group discussions. Deadline: Ready for seminar

### **Outline of your own “kappe”**

Two weeks before the seminar, you should submit an extended abstract of your own “kappe”. This will be used as basis of discussions both in plenary and particularly in group session. The extended abstract should consist of:

- 3-4 pages abstract of your “kappe” with a focus on introducing the topic, main research question(s), and short description of theory, method and contributions.

- Short abstracts of your articles to be included (100-200 words per abstract)
- An outline (headings) of your “kappe”

This information will be distributed to participants and faculty at the seminar. In order to give you all time for preparation, you must submit this by email to [birte.m.horn-hanssen@bi.no](mailto:birte.m.horn-hanssen@bi.no) **no later than 12 August.**

### **Groupwork preparation**

This preparation should be done in groups. You should jointly prepare a presentation of this work at the seminar. See separate document for groups and assignment.

### **Individual preparation of feedback**

You have the responsibility to act as discussant and provide feedback on one of the other participants' submissions. The assigned discussant will start the feedback. Following, there will be a discussion in the group with feedback from all group members including the faculty member leading the group. Hence, you need to read the submissions of all the members of your group. A total of 45 minutes will be used for the discussion of each participant's “kappe”.

Groups and discussants will be sent out about a week before the seminar.

### **NB! Task before you leave**

The day before the seminar you will be assigned a task to work with for 60 minutes. The task will be sent to you by email, and you should put aside time to work intensively with it for 60 minutes (but not longer). The aim is to put you in the mood for the seminar and have started the thought process. Be aware and ready to check your email on Tuesday 27 August.

### **After the seminar**

At the seminar you will be working on the introduction and outline of your “kappe”. After the seminar, we recommend that you send your work to your supervisor and set up a meeting for discussing your ideas on the “kappe”. Your supervisor and your institution should approve your dissertation. There are differences in traditions between institutions of which you should be aware.