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Landscape and justice:

National research course in Human Geography 2010

Landscape is a modality of power in which justice attains different and typically contentious guises. Landscape and justice not only coalesce in presently mediatized struggles such as global environmental degradation, the unequal spatialities of neoliberal violence, or the post-colonial present. They also fuse in the seemingly more pedestrian realities of modern suburbia, dusty historical archives of rural geography, or practical heritage preservation efforts. With its current vigilance to (in)justice, landscape studies hence touch upon profoundly political issues and can deliver important contributions to current debate and struggle within and beyond academia.

During this course, the specific theme of justice will be explored as a part of the broader field of landscape studies. The aim of the course is to provide a methodological and epistemological base for research on landscapes. It will start with an introduction to *the history of landscape studies*, an overview of *current research themes in landscape studies*, and as its third part a focus on a *specific theme in recent epistemological developments* in the field: the interface between landscape and justice.

The course is convened by

Tomas Germundsson, Dept of Social and Economic Geography, Lund University

Elisabeth Gräslund Berg, Dept of Human Geography, Stockholm University

Tom Mels, Gotland University

Mats Widgren, Dept of Human Geography, Stockholm University (main contact)

As invited guests in this course you will meet in lectures, seminars and in the field:

Nancy Duncan <http://www.geog.cam.ac.uk/people/n.duncan/>

Don Mitchell <https://www1.maxwell.syr.edu/geo.aspx?id=6442451353>

Kenneth Olwig http://www.ltj.slu.se/lar/olwig_kenneth_eng.html

Gunhild Setten http://www.svt.ntnu.no/Geo/gunhild.setten/default_e.asp

The course consists of three parts

1. Short individual assignment before the meeting in Stockholm-Gotland
2. Intensive period Stockholm-Nynäshamn-Gotland (May 18th to 23th)
3. Essay writing June- September– examination in Sept 2010 (internetbased)

Criteria for passing the course

Module 1: Short essay on landscape concept to be completed before the course 1,5 ECTS

Module 2. Active participation in seminars and assignments intensive period 1,5 EC

Module 3: Independent, reflexive essay on chosen topic, 4 ECTS

Module 4. Peer review on other essays 0,5 ECTS

More info on deadline for application etc will follow on this site. The course is aimed at PhD students in Human Geography at Swedish Universities, but we welcome participants from neighbouring disciplines and neighbouring (and more distant) countries)

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