



# LUNDS UNIVERSITET

Humanistiska och teologiska fakulteterna

## Course syllabus for PhD studies

<b>1.</b>	<b>Identification and course details</b>	
1.	Course code	HÖS007F
2.	Course title	<i>Research ethics and fieldwork in an authoritarian context</i>
3.	Credits	3 hp
4.	Details of approval	<i>Approved in accordance with the rules of procedure and delegation at the Faculties of Humanities and Theology on 19 December 2022</i>
5.	Details of revision	

<b>2.</b>	<b>General information</b>	
1.	Type of course and its placement in the educational system	This is an elective course.
2.	Language of instruction	English

<b>3.</b>	<b>Learning outcomes</b>	
		On completion of the course, the students shall be able to
1.	Knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe ethical issues in research in different authoritarian contexts and societies,</li><li>• describe ethical issues in research when it comes to the use of different methods in different authoritarian contexts and societies.</li></ul>
2.	Competence and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• present and discuss, both orally and in writing, their own and others ethical considerations in research,</li></ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discuss in an in-depth and nuanced manner the ethical issues and risks that research in and on authoritarian societies give rise to,</li> <li>• reflect upon and apply ethical considerations within a delimited research area and in a specific country in an in-depth manner,</li> <li>• in an in-depth manner reflect upon the ethical demands and duties (legally and employment-related) one has in a Swedish/European context and its application in an authoritarian context.</li> </ul>
3.	Judgement and approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• critically reflect upon and handle ethical issues and risks in one's own research,</li> <li>• show integrity and take responsibility for the societal consequences of one's own research.</li> </ul>

<b>4. Course content</b>	
1.	<p>Brief description of the course and its content, including details of any sub-divisions in the course.</p> <p>The course expects the PhD students to already be familiar with the research ethical framework in the Swedish and European context. It focuses on the special ethical issues that can emerge when doing research in or on authoritarian societies. The course addresses the different ethical issues that different methods, topics and countries can give rise to. The course focuses both on digital methods and fieldwork. It for example deals with issues related to surveillance and security of researchers, research collaborators and informants. It furthermore includes how one evaluates risk in a changing environment and how one navigates so-called red lines. The course also discusses how one deals with the psychological pressure that one can experience when studying difficult topics and in difficult situations. Furthermore, the course discusses how one balances risk and academic transparency when it comes to the sharing of research data and disseminating of results.</p>

<b>5. Teaching and assessment</b>		
1.	Teaching methods employed, including details of any compulsory components	Teaching consists of lectures and seminars during a two-day workshop. Participation is obligatory.
2.	Examination details	A written paper and active participation during the workshop.

<b>6. Grades</b>		
1.	Grading scale	The grades awarded are Pass or Fail.
2.	Grading of the complete course	For Pass on the complete course participation in the workshop and Pass on the written paper is needed.
3.	Modules and variations in grading (if applicable)	

<b>7. Required reading</b>		
1.	Reading list	<i>For a list of the required reading and other study resources, see appendix.</i>

<b>8. Other information</b>		
1.	<i>The course is offered at the Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies.</i>	
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