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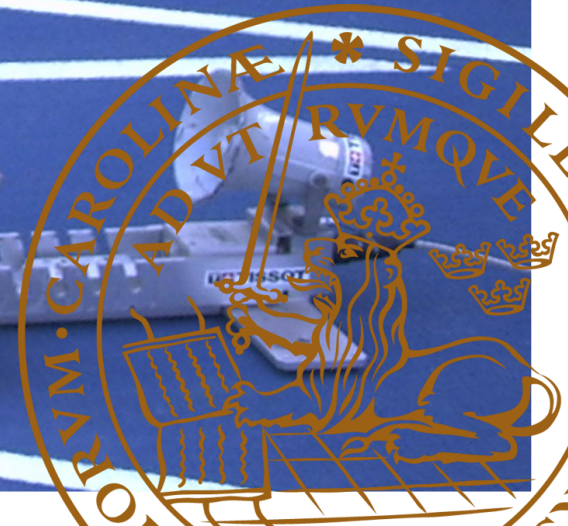
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# What do PhD students need to know...

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... apart from their subject area?

- ... how do they make their way in academia?
- ... how do they get things done in an efficient and time-saving way?
- ... how do they reduce their anxiety?



# How do we make generic knowledge relevant within the academic context?

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- By combining theory and practice
- By collaboration between professors and librarians



# Our kick-start:

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- A PhD-course called “Kick start to academic life - Information Management and Publication Process for Social Scientists”
- First given in 2010
- A collaboration between the Social Sciences Faculty Library and professors at the Faculty of Social Science at Lund University.
- The objective of the course is to provide PhD candidates with generic knowledge about how to effectively conduct their PhD studies when it comes to information management and the publication processes.
- The course combines an introduction to the process of managing one’s need of information as a PhD student, and an introduction to the process of managing the publication of one’s results.





# Science as a practice: main ideas of the course

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- ✓ Working and finding relevant examples within one's own subject
- ✓ Getting “back-stage”
- ✓ Saving time, money and frustration
- ✓ Building networks



# Science as a practice: views from different angles

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- **Reference management**



# Draft Course schedule for PhD Course: **Kick start to Academic Life: Information Management and Publication Process for social scientists, 7,5 higher education credits – Autumn 2013**

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## *Day 1 –*

- 9-10 **Introduction: Practical tools for a theoretical work**
- 10-12 **The making of social science: An ANT-take on doing research**
- 13-15 **Library workshop: Reference management software I**

## *Day 2 –*

- 9-12.30 **Building networks 1: Your supervisor - Your department**
- 13-16 **Library workshop: Structured searches**

## *Day 3 –*

- 09-12 **Library workshop: Reference management software II**
- 13-14 **Building networks 2: Intertextuality and scientificity through references**
- 14-16 **Building networks 3: Academic conferences and the spatiality of knowledge**

## *Day 4-*

- 9-12 **Monographs and articles**
- 13-15 **Library workshop: Publication strategy and bibliometric tools I**
- 15-16 **Apply for funding**

## *Day 5 -*

- 9- 12 **Publication strategy 1: Reaching the "Send" link**
- 13-16 **Library workshop: Publication strategy and bibliometric tools II**

## *Day 6-*

- 10-12 **Publication strategy 2: A journal's editor view on the process of publishing an article in a peer-reviewed journal**
- 13-15 **Publication strategy 3: Workshop on the review process**

## *Day 7 –*

- 9-11 **Keys to a successful socialisation 1: Conflicts and collaboration**
- 11-12.30 **Keys to a successful socialisation 2: Career within the university and the competence portfolio that this requires**
- 13.00-16.00 **Keys to a successful socialisation 3: Understanding the social world of Academia**





# Science as a practice: views from different angles

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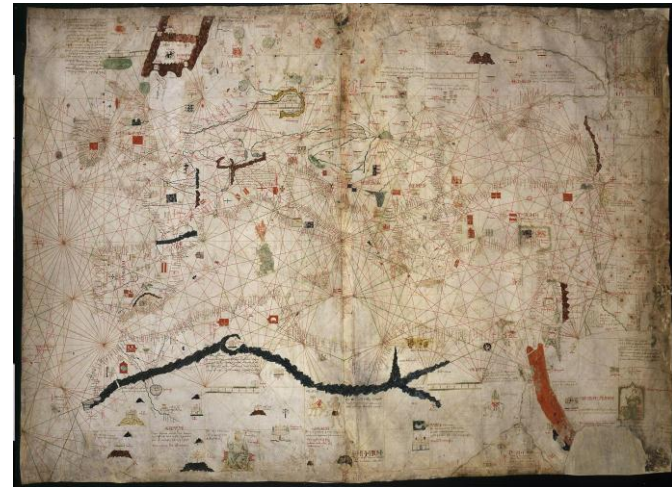
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*The combination of talking about intertextuality, practical reference management and bibliometrics gives this special effect I like, embedding both the theoretical and practical stuff.*

*I believe this is a handicraft that is often disregarded as something “you just know” whereas the fact is that a lot of time is spent trying to figure out these systems and platforms.  
Thank you for making it a lot easier!*

*Very nice to get a toolbox for future work and stop thinking that the dissertation is based only on divine inspiration...*

