

PHD COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT: Contemporary Debates in Media and Communication Theory - 7,5 hp (Karlstad University and Malmö University).

The TRAIN network PhD course Contemporary Debates in Media and Communication Theory will run again in the coming spring semester (Spring of -19).

The goal of the course is to familiarize participants with the theoretical forefronts of contemporary media and communication studies, and the ontological and epistemological debates through which these are articulated. The course also traces the historical roots of contemporary theoretical positions within a number of research areas/themes, e.g. algorithms and platform studies, mediatization, comparative media studies, media activism, collaborative media.

The course is given as two intense two-day seminars at **Malmö University (Feb 25-26 2019)** and **Karlstad University (March 18-19 2019)**, and will be examined (with course paper presentations) at the annual TRAIN symposium, which in 2019 will be held **April 8-9** at **Örebro University** (pls note - PhD students who already know that they cannot attend on these dates should *not* register for the course since attendance and active participation in all course events are mandatory). Participants will take part in lectures describing the central debates within selected research areas as well as literature seminars where the various approaches are discussed and evaluated in relation to both contemporary media society and the theoretical legacies of the discipline. The reading list (to be distributed when registration for the course is completed) mainly consists of journal articles published in the last decade. The course assessment is a written essay which will be distributed and discussed among participants in conjunction with the annual TRAIN symposium.

Please register for the course by sending your name, institutional affiliation and contact details to Åsa Nilsson (asa.nilsson@kau.se) at Karlstad University no later than **January 28, 2019**. The course is in the first instance open to PhD students from institutions that are part of the TRAIN network (i.e. media/communication departments at the Karlstad, Malmö, Örebro, Södertörn, Göteborg, Lund and Stockholm Universities); PhD students from other institutions will be accepted if there is space.

Further questions about the course content should be directed to course coordinators Professor Henrik Örnebring, Karlstad University (henrik.ornebring@kau.se) and Professor Pille Pruulmann Vengerfeldt, Malmö University (pille.pruulmann.vengerfeldt@mau.se) .