

Research School of Studies in Cultural History at Stockholm University

Research education is rapidly changing at Swedish universities. In recent years research schools for one or several subjects have been established at different universities as well as at national levels. The Faculty of Humanities at Stockholm University has been organizing graduate schools since 2003. A new research school of cultural history is now on its way. A number of PhD positions were announced in the autumn of 2009, and another announcement will be made in the autumn of 2010. The new research school is directed towards historical and cultural disciplines, such as archaeology, ethnology, history and the history of ideas, but also towards subjects with cultural and historical elements, such as languages, literary studies and media. The research school is directed by a steering committee, representing these fields of research. The activities of the research school, which will start in the spring of 2010, will comprise seminars, guest lectures and PhD courses.

The research school has two aims. One aim is to critically investigate how the past has been constantly recreated and used in the present, since the 19th century. Important aspects are politics, ideology, identity, reception, education, heritage, canon and popular culture. The other aim is to develop new interpretative perspectives on the more or less distant past. This includes issues concerning how material culture, images, oral culture and texts have actively created and changed cultural categories such as body, individual, collective, identity, cultural encounter, myth, narrative and linguistic culture. For further information, see: www.fokult.su.se

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