



Researching (Urban) Landscape Governance & Management (5 credits)



Week 16, Thursday April 22

Week 17, Monday April 26-Thursday April 29

Objectives & Content

The combination of urban landscape governance and management has gained traction over the past years. In this field, using a long-term perspective in planning, design and maintenance of green spaces, combined with an increased engagement of users, stakeholders and citizens at large, provides answers to many contemporary societal challenges. However, green space management is only one of many tasks undertaken by green space organizations (like local governments), and the inclusion of users in the fulfillment of these tasks has become a challenge of its own. In many research projects, the links between long-term management approaches and engagement processes are studied via case-studies, but how do we select the best cases? How do we conduct our research in order to make findings both valid and representative?

The primary objective of this PhD course is to discuss and analyze how to apply landscape governance and management as a scientific field to the student's research projects, by reading and discussing contemporary literature and by using a case study approach. The secondary objective is to provide PhD students with inspiration and further insights into theories and methodologies along with examples from international research projects and practice. The PhD student will be given the opportunity to discuss, elaborate and relate the input to their own research, based on the course topics which are divided into three main strands:

Theories:

The Combined Governance and Landscape Management approach.
The Policy Arrangement Model and Mosaic Governance.
Public Administration; Who governs?
Assessing Nature's Contributions to People.

Methodologies:

Space as a Place. Integrating Sense of Place in Planning and Management.
Places as a Case. Case study methodology, and types of generalization from a single case.

Application of theories and methodologies – cases and case studies:

The Nordic and the Global Perspective

The course will be held online, with the five-day program divided into lectures, presentations of PhD students own work and reflections, discussions in plenum, as well as basis for developing individual essays to be handed in and assessed after the course.

Entry Requirements and Application

The applicant must be admitted as a PhD-student in a relevant subject. To apply, please submit the following to Thomas B. Randrup (thomas.randrup@slu.se) by 1 April 2021:

- The candidate's name and contact details,
- a statement of interest with motivation for participating in this course,
- PhD start date, title of the research project, name of supervisor(s), and home institution.