

GV0001F THE BODY IN THEORY AND PRACTICE, DOCTORAL LEVEL, 7.5 ECTS CREDITS

Benämning: The Body in Theory and Practice

Engelsk benämning: Kroppen i teori och praktik

Kod: GV0001F

Högskolepoäng: 7.5 HP

Utbildningsnivå: Forskarnivå

Ges vid: The Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender studies

Behörighet: In order to qualify for this course, the student must be enrolled as a PhD-student at the Faculty of Humanities or another faculty at Stockholm University, or the equivalent at another university.

This syllabus was ratified and adopted by the Faculty Board of Humanities 2018-02-21.

COURSE PLAN

LEARNING OUTCOMES

In order to pass the course, students are expected to be able to:

- distinguish and review various theories on the body and its relation to the self, society and nature
- describe the research position, and discuss and critically reflect on definitions, limitations and issues
- explain and critically discuss their own theory application
- from an interdisciplinary viewpoint, critically discuss terms such as process, liminality, performativity, and the living body
- explain and critically discuss newer theories such as posthumanism and Crip Theory.

CONTENT

We are, and possess, a body. We therefore have theories on corporeality that are about both being and doing. The question of being can be said to start 'from within' and touches on research fields such as phenomenology, while the question of doing instead starts 'from the outside' and rather relates to semiotics and ideology criticism.

The course will, however, seek to problematize this division, as achieved previously with the historic division of body and mind, and attempt to exceed it, by focusing on theoretical terms such as process, liminality, performativity, and the living body, as well as going into depth on more recent theories such as posthumanism and Crip Theory.

MANDATORY ELEMENTS

Attendance is obligatory.

EXAMINATION

The course is examined through active participation in the seminar discussions and an oral presentation that must also be submitted in writing. To obtain a final grade for the course, students must have obtained at least grade G on all examinations and have a full attendance record.

INSTRUCTION AND WORKING FORMS

The teaching will take the form of seminars and lectures.

The language of instruction is Swedish or English.