

# The Postgraduate programme

attached to the FAS-centre

“Human society as a life-long determinant of health”

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Summer is well on its way and some updates regarding the Postgraduate Programme at CHESS is warranted. Last Monday, we held a half-day conference with input from the supervisors comprised by the programme. Among other things, we discussed various options of arranging a course or a seminar series (or both) on the topic of causality during next year. We also discussed how to increase participation in the Journal Club meetings. The number of participants has varied between 5-8 doctoral students this spring which is not that bad considering the fact that the Postgraduate Programme currently only comprises 13 individuals. At any rate, it is vital that as many of you as possible prioritize these meetings provided that you want them to continue with Denny as the leader after the summer.

At the beginning of the spring-term, the masters students at CHESS made inquiries about arranging a seminar together with the doctoral students within the Postgraduate Programme in order to get some “tips & tricks” for their coming work on the master thesis. This workshop was held in mars, and we would like to thank Ylva Almquist who gave an excellent introductory presentation on “*How to present results: figures, tables and models*”. We would also like to thank Anton and Alexander who took part in this workshop which was greatly appreciated by our master student!

As indicated in the previous newsletter, our Finnish colleagues have made some initial inquiries about a Finnish-Swedish workshop. We have now agreed that the workshop will take place in **Helsinki on October 5-6<sup>th</sup>**. The Finns would like to know how many of us that will come so that they can book for our hotel stay. **So please let us know whether you intend to participate in this workshop on Tuesday (June 8<sup>th</sup>) at the latest.** Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the programme.

With best wishes,

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## Activities Spring 2010

The **Journal Club** meeting will continue after the summer (with Denny Vågerö). The schedule for these meetings will be distributed at a later point.

## Courses available for the spring term 2010 Masters Program at the Demographic unit, SU

### **Population Development and Social Change (7.5 ECTS credits)**

*24 August – 24 September, 2010*

Course manager: Gunnar Andersson

The course offers an introduction to demography, i.e., to the field of population studies. It introduces students to the discipline and its theory, methods, and sources of data. Important societal issues related to population development, population structure (including population ageing), and population policy are studied both from a historical and a contemporary perspective. The course covers international issues in demography (relevant to rich and poor countries) as well as issues that are specific to Sweden.