

The Postgraduate programme

attached to the FAS-centre

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

CHESS 2010-10-12

It is once again time for some information about activities taking place within CHESS Postgraduate Programme. The programme has been running for more than 2 years now, and during this time we have, sponsored some 15 conference trips and a number of courses taken abroad for PhD students within programme. The vice chancellor of Stockholm University, Kåre Bremer, and colleagues visited CHESS last month, and in preparation for this meeting I counted the number of PhD students that have passed through the programme at CHESS to six. Kristiina Rajaleid will thus be the seventh doctoral student that “leaves” once she has defended her thesis November 12th at 9.30, Norrbacka, KI.

One Journal Club meeting has taken place since the summer and two additional occasions are scheduled before the end of the term. The theme for the papers discussed at the JC:s this fall is “stress” covering articles by Seyle, Sapolsky, McEwen and Wilkinson. More information about the JC:s is given below.

Another inspiring Finnish-Swedish Doctoral Student Workshop together with colleagues from University of Helsinki and the Finnish National Institute of Health and Welfare was held in Helsinki last week (October 5-6). All six of the active PhD:s at CHESS came along which was greatly appreciated as there is a limited number of doctoral students within the programme presently. As usual, all presenters and commentators did an excellent job! Below are some photographs from the event.



Swedish Finnish Workshop at Helsinki University, 2010-5-6

Best wishes,

Bitte Modin, Coordinator of the Postgraduate Programme

The Master's programme at CHESS

Social stratification and health

(7,5 credits)

Course manager: Anthony Garcy

Period: October 5 – November 4, 2010

Course content

The course focuses on the bases and structure for social stratification, especially with regard to social class and socioeconomic position. In addition other forms of stratification will be discussed, in particular ethnic and gender stratification. Apart from the study of social stratification as such the course will focus on the relation between, and mechanisms behind, social stratification and health.

If you want more information about these courses, please contact Monica Åberg Yngwe who is Director of studies for the Masters programme (monica.aberg-yngwe@chess.su.se)

Journal Club

The second meeting of the **Journal Club** this term will take place **November 2, at 13.00-14.00** in CHESS' library (with Denny Vågerö). The paper that will be discussed is:

McEwen, B. (2000). Allostasis and Allostatic Load: Implications for Neuropsychopharmacology. *Neuropsychopharmacology*, 22(2), 108-124.

The final meeting this term is scheduled to take place is **December 7 (11-12)**. If you want to take part in these meetings, please report this to bitte.modin@chess.su.se.

Work Seminar Series at CHESS, autumn 2009

This seminar series is meant to consider “papers-in-progress”. The work of PhD-students will be prioritized, but other researchers at CHESS are also encouraged to present papers here. For each seminar, two commentators are appointed. Ten minutes will be given to the author to briefly present his/her work, whereupon 20 minutes are set aside for the commentators. After this, 30 minutes will be left for comments and questions from the audience. PhD- students are expected to present at least one “paper-in-progress” per year at these seminars.

November 10

Amal Khanolkar: Exploring the effects of parental socioeconomic and lifestyle factors on CVD risk factors in children. **Commentators: Olle Lundberg and Lisa Folkesson.**

November 24

Lisa Folkesson: Self-esteem and self-reported health in girls and boys, age 14-16, in two Stockholm schools. **Commentators: Bitte Modin and Jennie Bacchus Hertzman.**

Responsible for the work seminars at CHESS: **Johan Fritzell**

External seminars

November 20 (13.30 pm in CHESS library):

Mårten Palme

Education and health: Evidence from a Social Experiment