

SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER 2026

Philosophy of Social Science, 7.5 HEC

Vetenskapsfilosofi för humanister och samhällsvetare, 7.5 hp

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Schedule

Date	Time	Room	Seminar	Subject
3 Sep (Thursday)	13:00 – 15:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 1	Introduction (TS)
9 Sep (Wednesday)	13:00 – 16:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 2	Science, Knowledge, and Truth (TS)
15 Sep (Tuesday)	13:00 – 16:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 3	Scientific Explanations (TS)
TBC	TBC	TBC	Seminar 4	Research Ethics (CH)
29 Sep (Tuesday)	13:00 – 16:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 5	Interpretation and Meaning (TS)
6 Oct (Tuesday)	13:00 – 16:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 6	Legal Interpretation: Stanley Fish and the Concept of an Interpretive Community (TS)
12 Oct (Monday)	13:00 – 16:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 7	Frameworks, Concepts, and Relativism (TS)
15 Oct (Thursday)	09:00 – 12:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 8	Social Constructivism (TS)
21 Oct (Wednesday)	13:00 – 16:00	TBC	Seminar 9	Evidence and Probability (SC)
26 Oct (Monday)	13:00 – 16:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 10	Conventions in Law (TS)
27 Oct (Tuesday)	10:00	On Canvas		Take-home exam starts
29 Oct (Thursday)	09:00 – 12:00	Fakultetsrummet	Seminar 11	Presentation of Dissertations (TS)
2 Nov (Monday)	10:00	On Canvas		Deadline for submission of home exam/PM Submit the exam On Canvas.

Literature

Textbook:

Carlshamre, Staffan. 2015. *Philosophy of the Cultural Sciences*.

Available at: <http://www2.philosophy.su.se/carlshamre/texter/PhilCult.pdf>

(Some of the) Articles:

- Fish, Stanley. 1980. (Excerpt from: *Is There a Text in This Class?*)
- Fiss, Owen. 1982. *Objectivity and Interpretation*. Stanford Law Review 1981/82.
- Lagerspetz, Eerik. 1995. (Excerpt from: *The Opposite Mirrors*)
- Spaak, Torben. 2009. *Relativism in Legal Thinking: Stanley Fish and the Concept of an Interpretive Community*. Ratio Juris 2009.
- Spaak, Torben. 2015. *Realism about the Nature of Law*. Ratio Juris 2015.