

SASA017 Phenomenology, ethics and social work (reading course, third cycle) 7.5 credits

Teorier om konstruktioner av sociala problem (läskurs; doktorandnivå) 7,5 hp

1. Details of approval
This syllabus was approved by the School of Social Work's Department Board on 20 April 2022
2. General information
The course is an independent study third-cycle course within the social work main field of study. The language of instruction is English or Swedish.
3. Learning outcomes
In order to pass the course, the doctoral student is to:
 - Demonstrate basic knowledge from a selection of texts in the areas of phenomenological ethics and the ethics of social work, and knowledge of the points of contact between the two areas.
 - Be able to apply a phenomenological perspective to a particular subject that is relevant to the ethics of social work.
4. Course content
In the independent study course, the doctoral student is expected to use a phenomenological approach in order to analyse how phenomenological ethics can enrich the understanding of ethical questions and problems relevant to the practice and research of social work. The doctoral student chooses a specific subject (e.g. an ethical problem or dilemma) and investigates this in dialogue with the relevant literature from social work research and knowledge building on the chosen subject. The course is to help the doctoral student to develop an increased capacity to discuss phenomenology's potential contributions and limitations in terms of the ethics of social work.
5. Teaching and assessment
Teaching takes the form of independent reading of the course literature. The learning outcomes are examined through an individual written assignment of around 6,000 words.
6. Grades
Grading scale of Pass/Fail.
7. Entry requirements
Admitted to a third-cycle programme at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund University.
8. Reading list
Asplund, J. 1987. *Det sociala livets elementära former*. Gothenburg: Korpen. 7 pages. [Chapter 2]

Baumann, Z. 1995. *Skärvor och fragment: Essäer i postmodern moral*. Gothenburg: Daidalos. 34 pages. [Chapter 2]

Blennberger, E. 2005. *Etik i socialpolitik och socialt arbete*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 154 pages. [Chapters 1, 4, 6, 7, 12]

- Blennberger, E. 2013. *Bemötandets etik*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 160 pages
- Crowell, S. "Second-Person Phenomenology". I T. Szanto & D. Moran. 2016. *Phenomenology of Sociality*. Abingdon: Routledge. 23 pages
- Eliasson, R. 1995. *Forskningsetik och perspektival*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 26 pages. [Chapters 6, 7, 8]
- Fossum, B. "Kommunikation och bemötande". I B. Fossum (Ed.) 2013. *Kommunikation: samtal och bemötande i vården*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 50 pages.
- Hamington, M. "Hands-On Care: Tactility and Ethical Performance" I M. Sanders & J. J. Wisnewski (Eds.) 2012. *Ethics and Phenomenology*. New York: Lexington Books. 18 pages.
- Henriksen, J-O & Vetlesen, AJ. 2013. *Etik i arbete med människor*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 48 pages. [Introduction, chapters 5, 6, 16]
- Joas, H. 1985. *Answarets princip: Utkast till en etik för den teknologiska civilisationen*. Gothenburg: Daidalos. 52 pages. [Chapters 1, 4]
- Levinas, E. 1969. *Totality and Infinity: As Essay on Exteriority*. Haag: Martinus Nijhoff. 53 pages. [part 3]
- Merleau-Ponty, M. 1969. *The Visible and The Invisible*. Evanston: Northwestern University Press. 100 pages. [Chapters 1, 2]
- Nussbaum, M. (1992). Human functioning and social justice: In defense of Aristotelian essentialism. *Political Theory*, 22(2), 202-246. 44 pages.
- Ricouer, P. 2000. *The just*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. 35 pages. [Foreword, Chapter 1]
- Petterson, U. [Ed.] 2013. *Etik och socialtjänst: om förutsättningarna för det sociala arbetets etik*. Malmö: Gleerups. 133 pages
- Sanders, M. "Merleau-Ponty and the Ethics of Engagement" I M. Sanders & J. J. Wisnewski (Eds.) 2012. *Ethics and Phenomenology*. New York: Lexington Books. 14 pages.
- Schutz, A. 1951. "Making Music Together: A Study in Social Relationship". *Social Research*, 18(1), 76-97. 21 pages.
- Silfverberg, G. 2005. *Ovisshetens etik*. Nora: Nya Doxa. 163 pages
- Todd, S. 2008. *Att lära av den Andre*. Lund: Studentlitteratur. 221 pages
- Wisnewski, J. J. "Heidegger's Aristotelian Ethics". I M. Sanders & J. J. Wisnewski (Eds.)

2012. Ethics and Phenomenology. New York: Lexington Books. 18 pages.

Total 1,375 pages.