

Who represents the PhDs at UCPH? - join the founding meeting for a PhD association at UCPH

You now have the possibility of being among the co-founders of a PhD association at the University of Copenhagen. Do we need to act on the stress level among PhDs? Improve PhD courses? Do we need a PhD café at UCPH? The possibilities are many for improving the conditions for PhD students at UCPH. Join the founding meeting on **March 8 2018 from 3 to 5.30 PM** in room 4.2.26 (building 4 on the 2nd floor) at Faculty of Social Science (CSS), Øster Farimagsgade 5, 1353 København K .

A PhD association at UCPH will be able to address many of the problems we face in everyday life as PhDs. Stress, quality in courses, working conditions and supervisor relationships are just some of the issues that cut across departments and faculties at UCPH. A PhD association could also initiate a range of social events and PhD related activities like seminars and courses with broad relevance across disciplines, a PhD friday bar, concerts, etc.

Finally, a PhD association at UCPH could feed into an internal as well as national discussion of what should characterize the modern university: Do we strive for the ideal of “the entrepreneurial university”? Are we the last bastion of free thought? Or maybe a place in between? And how does the role, tasks and working conditions of PhD’s fit into this vision?

PhDs at other universities in Denmark has joined forces and created local PhD associations, independent from the formal university structure. These PhD associations are joined in a national network called PAND (PhD association Network of Denmark - www.phddenmark.dk). PAND provide a common voice for the Danish PhD’s and promote our interest to politicians and the higher education sector.

A PhD association at UCPH will involve a range of different tasks and requires commitment from PhDs with different skills and interests. What can you contribute with? Are you a skilled communicator? A talented organizer? Can you design a logo for the association? Do you like engaging in public debate? If so, join the founding meeting, send us an email or join the association at a later time.

For questions about the meeting, or if you want to contribute but cannot attend, please contact PhD fellow Jonas Krog Lind, Department of Political Science (SAMF): jkl@ifs.ku.dk

Draft agenda:

1. Selection of meeting chair
2. Selection of secretary (minutes taker)
3. Discussion of values, goals and activities
4. Draft of statutes presented (based on statutes from other PhD associations)
5. Draft of statutes are completed with input from discussion under item 3 and is adopted unanimously
6. Election for board, etc. according to statutes
7. Miscellaneous

Best,

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