



**SPRING 2025**

# OPEN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The research group on power, politics and governing (PPG) at political science organizes seminars, workshops and other events where we discuss, apply and develop critical social theory. We do this with the collective ambition to formulate knowledge interventions that help us and others make sense of contemporary societies. We invite all interested scholars to come and think, analyze and discuss together with us.

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**Reading seminar: Seeking spatial justice**

*Time: 17/1 13.00 – 14.30*  
*Place: 3B513*

At this seminar we are discussing Edward Soja's book from 2010. We focus on the first three chapters.

**Reading seminar: On populist reason**

*Time: 14/2 10.00 – 11.30*  
*Place: 3B 513*

At this seminar we discuss Ernesto Laclau's influential work with a focus on chapter 4.

**Reading seminar: Who's afraid of gender**

*Time: 26/3 13.00 – 14.30*  
*Place 3B513*

Judith Butler's latest book is now a best seller. We focus our discussion on selected parts.

**Film, discussion and drinks: I, Daniel Blake**

*Time: 9/4 17.00*  
*Place: Monitorn*

We watch the 2016 film by Ken Loach, after that we discuss over drinks and food at a local pub.

**Novel, discussion and drinks: Världen av igår**

*Time: 13/5 17.00*  
*Place: Monitorn*

We prepare by reading the 1942 book by Stefan Zweig (available in Swedish and English) and discuss it together. After that we continue over drinks and food.

**Seminar and workshop: The new promised land**

*Time: 15/5 13.00 – 15.00*  
*Place: 1B306 Fryxellsalen*

Hosted together with the RJ program *Det nya framtidslandet*, researchers from different disciplines and universities discuss the so-called green transition of northern Sweden.

**Reading seminar: Democracy in the political present**

*Time: 11/6 13.00 – 14.30*  
*Place: 3B513*

We discuss the 2022 book by Isabell Lorey, and her queer-feminist theory, focusing on selected parts.

**Film, discussion and drinks: Parasite**

*Time: 18/6 17.00*  
*Place: Monitorn*

We watch the 2019 film by Bong Joon Ho, after that we discuss over drinks and food at a local pub.

**Workshop: AI and the welfare state**

*Time: TBA*  
*Place: 1B 306 Fryxellsalen*

Together with informatics and working life science we organize an open event where a panel of researchers discuss and debate the role and function of AI in the welfare state.