



SPRING 2026

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: State of neoliberal authoritarianism 1

Time: 10/2 10.30 – 12.00
Place: 3B513

For spring 2026 we focus on texts that help us theorize the connections between neoliberal governing forms and expanding authoritarian modes of politics.

Reading seminar: State of neoliberal authoritarianism 2

Time: 10/3 13.30 – 15.00
Place: 3B513

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Afterwork and post-seminar

Time: 10/3 18.30
Place: TBA

Join us for drinks and food where we continue discussions from our seminars. Please contact Tomas Mitander if you wish to join.

Book launch: Innovations in critical policy studies

Time: 11/3 10.30 – 12.00
Place: Online

Building on Carol Bacchi's influential WPR approach, this edited volume brings together leading international scholars to rethink, extend and reflect on the WPR approach in novel ways, demonstrating its applicability beyond policy documents and across diverse social science disciplines.

Registration and more info:

<https://sola.kau.se/ppg/innovations-in-critical-policy-analysis/>

Reading seminar: State of neoliberal authoritarianism 3

Time: 20/4 13.30 – 15.00
Place: 3B513

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Research seminar: The Doreen Massey Archives

Time: 20/5 13.15 – 14.30
Place: 3B513

PPG guest researcher Colin Lorne from the Open University, England presents early results from his ongoing project that strives to foster new public dialogues to think spatially with Doreen Massey in times of turbulence.

Film seminar: Parasite (2019) Bong Joon Ho + After work

Time: 3/6 17.00
Place: 1B306

Seven years has passed since the release of this chilling commentary on class, injustice and capitalism. Join us as we revisit the film and finish with drinks and food to also round off the semester before the summer break. Please contact Tomas Mitander if you wish to join.