



Invitation NORDCODE PhD-Seminars 2009:

Communicating Design Research – Scholarly Writing

Helsinki February 26th – 27th, Kolding May 26th (prel.)

NORDCODE is organising two intensive seminars on scholarly writing. These will be held in Helsinki, Finland (February 26th-27th 2009) and in Kolding, Denmark, (in connection to the NORDCODE seminar, preliminary as a separate day, May 26th 2009).

The objective of the course is to support doctoral students within design research by contributing to the improvement of their writing and academic argumentation abilities. The seminars also aim to encourage discussions on ongoing research and the development of collaborative projects between participating universities.

Application

The course is free of charge and up to 10 PhD students will be accepted.

PhD-students should apply for the course by submitting:

- **700-800 word abstract.** This should be for a paper intended to be submitted at a conference during 2009-10. Please indicate where you intend to submit the paper.
- A brief description of the applicant's **motivation** for attending the seminars.

Applications should be sent by e-mail to Professor Susann Vihma, University of Art and Design Helsinki: susann.vihma@taik.fi

Deadline for applications is **January 31st 2008**.

Notification of selections will be made by February 7th 2008.

Credits

To qualify for credits on the course, **participants must attend both seminars** and complete the assignments. Upon doing so NORDCODE will issue a certificate of participation.

The seminar series is typically accounted as a doctoral course of 3 ECTS. However, students are advised to check with their home university as to ensure that the seminars will count as formal credits towards completion of their PhD-studies.

Seminars & Programme

The two seminars (Helsinki February 26th – 27th, Kolding prel. May 26th) will focus on how to write and improve the participants' own texts. Helsinki seminar consists of tutorials, presentations, and hands-on writing exercises. Participants get feedback on their abstracts, and advice on how to structure the full paper. The one-day seminar in Kolding will focus on how the paper can be improved. Detailed programme and instructions will be later described.

Travel costs:

Participants are entitled to Nordcode support covering all (reasonable) travel costs to and from the seminar. However, you have to book and pay the costs first by yourself. After the seminar you can get a reimbursement for your expenses. To get this please send an invoice to Susann Vihma specifying costs and your account information (in international form) together with all the receipts attached to a separate A4 sheet.

Information:

For more information about the seminars or the Nordcode network, please consult the Nordcode webpage (<http://nordcode.tkk.fi>) or contact: susann.vihma@taik.fi or toni-matti.karjalainen@hse.fi.