

**THESIS BASICS**

SEMANTIC APPROACH in DESIGN RESEARCH

October 26-28 2005

Helsinki/Kirkkonummi/Espoo, Finland

**Description**

SeFun ([www.uiah.fi/sefun](http://www.uiah.fi/sefun)) research group will organise a three days seminar in the Helsinki area. The seminar, funded by NordForsk ([www.nordforsk.org](http://www.nordforsk.org)), is directed to students on various phases of their doctoral studies. Also students planning to start their doctoral studies are invited.

The seminar aims to give a view on the basics of doctoral research in design, including different approaches and methods, particular emphasis being on design semantics. The main part of the seminar consists of the presentations, discussions, and small group sessions organised around the participants' own research. Students will be provided with thematic and methodological support as well as practical comments on their research projects. Students can gain 2.5 ECTS points in the seminar. The language of the seminar is English.

**Preliminary Schedule** (subject to changes)**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** (*University of Art and Design Helsinki, Helsinki*)**Lecture day**

12:30-13:00	Registration and welcome coffee
13:00-13:30	Introduction to the seminar
13:30-14:30	Lecture
14:30-15:00	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	Lecture
18:00>	Optional evening programme

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** (*Humaljärvi cottage, Kirkkonummi*)**Supervision day**

09:00-10:00	Transportation to the cottage and morning coffee
10:00-10:30	Introduction to the day
11:00-13:00	Brief presentations of students' research projects
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-18:00	Small group sessions
18:00-23:00	Get-together evening with free discussion, snacks, drinks, sauna, swimming, etc.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** (*Helsinki University of Technology, Espoo*)**Workshop day**

10:00-13:00	Workshop
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-17:00	Workshop continued and wrapping up the seminar
18:00>	Optional evening programme

**Applications and travel funding for doctoral students**

The amount of participants (students) is limited to 10 persons. Students who wish to participate in the seminar should send a 1-2 pages (in English) description of their doctoral research, including their department and university, supervising situation, objectives, methods, expected results and schedule to the following persons by September 26.

Norwegian applicants: [johannes.sigurjonsson@ntnu.no](mailto:johannes.sigurjonsson@ntnu.no)

Swedish applicants: [toni.karjalainen@uijah.fi](mailto:toni.karjalainen@uijah.fi)

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Similarly to the 4<sup>th</sup> Nordcode Seminar in Trondheim, a small number of doctoral students coming to the seminar from abroad can apply for funding. This will cover their travel and accommodation. The seminar is free and some refreshments will also be served. If the students apply for travel funding, a travel budget with estimated flight and accommodation costs should be included in the application.

The results of the selection will be published by September 30<sup>th</sup>. In the selection, emphasis will be placed on the quality of the applications, suitability of the topic to the Nordcode context, and even distribution of participants between Nordic countries.

**Important dates**

September 26	Applications (1-2 pages) should be sent to Nordcode country representatives (see above)
September 30	Notifications of selection
October 14	Extended research plan should be sent to <a href="mailto:toni.karjalainen@uijah.fi">toni.karjalainen@uijah.fi</a>
October 26-27	Seminar

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