

The Study Board of CAS



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Forum The Study Board of CAS

Study Board for African Studies

Meeting date 29 September 10 – 11-30

KAREN BLIXENS PLADS 16

Place The Faculty of Theology - 6B-0-36

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Present Stig Jensen (ViP, chair), Abe Moedt (stud.), Nora Elisabeth Götzmann (stud.), Louise W Diamant (adm.), Florian Wöller (SL),

Absent Amanda Hammar (VIP), Francis Ethelbert Kwabena Benyah (VIP)

Agenda

1. Approval: Welcome & Agenda (chair)

The Study Board approves the suggested agenda for the meeting.
The agenda was approved

2. Approval: Minutes (chair)

The Study Board approves the minutes from the last study board meeting, 3 September 2025.

Stig added to point 3 in the minutes, that the Study Board act on the matters when they are brought up at the meetings.

The minutes were approved.

3. Discussion: Matters arisen from approval of minutes (sec.)

The Study Board discusses status of items decided on last meeting
No application at time of agenda.

4. Approval: Applications to the Study Board (sec.)

The Study Board processes applications to the Study Board. Closed session.
No application at time of agenda.

5. The examination period of the Advanced Research Methods course (ARM).

The Study Board discusses topic based on feedback and insights from Mads Ydling (Main lecturer) and Karen Lauterbach (Course responsible and examiner)

There has been no respond from Karen or Mads to the inquiry made by the Study Board. Nora and Abe raised the challenges that the deadline for the Advanced Research Methods exam is August 15th. This is after the deadline for registration for re-examination of the summer exams. This means that some students cannot register for re-examination. In some cases, this can also lead to a forced postponement of the thesis writing process, as students need to have finished ARM before starting their master thesis project.

The main question that came up is: What can we do to make sure that students are able to register for the re-examination? Do we have to change the time of examination or are there other solutions?

From this issue the following questions also arose:

Is it possible to automatically notify students if they have received a grade, or if they have failed a class?

Is it possible to just have a hand-in deadline for a paper without it having to be handed in within a specific few days?

Louise will forward the above questions to UE for answers.

6. Discussion and decision: Head of Studies presents the new AI-declaration form

The Study Board receives a presentation of the results of the content of the faculty's AI declaration

Florian presented the new KU GAI guidelines and declaration to the Study Board. It is up to the CAS Study Board to decide what to do about AI and the usage of this platform in exams and classes.

The declaration is compulsory for all written exams. TEO has amended the KU version of the declaration.

The Faculty or Administration cannot check if the students use AI or not. We don't want to create an atmosphere where students use AI, and we don't know about it and where the teachers suspect that the students have used AI during the exams or in class when this is not allowed. Florian recommended that the Study Board hold a joint discussion between the staff and the students about using AI in exams and classes to shed more light on the pros and cons of using GAI. The Study Board will summon a meeting and take it up at the next Study Board meeting.

7. Discussion: The current focus from the Danish media on students from Bangladesh /Abe and Nora

In the light of the latest news about students from Bangladesh applying to Danish universities, the Study Board discusses how this affects the students from Bangladesh who are currently studying African Studies

Abe informed the Study Board that the students from Bangladesh feel unwelcomed. We need to immediate students' welfare so that they feel welcomed and a part of the community at African Studies.

The Study Board wish to discuss the topic at a meeting with the students. The Study Board will also take it up with the Dean and await further steps regarding what to do next in the process.

8. Discussion: Meaningful learning environment for the students / Abe and Nora

The Study Board discusses how a meaningful learning environment is established and how more students are encouraged to attend classes

The Study Board discussed the topic and Abe and Nora will organize a meeting with the students and staff to discuss it further. The topic should be revisited at another Study Board meeting.

9. Information on minor issues

10. Point of discussion raised by the Head of Studies

The Study Board discussed the difference between reading lists (pensumliste) and literature list. The reading list is long whereas the literature list is shorter.

11. Point of discussion raised on behalf of the student counsellor

12. Study Board Calendar & Annual Cycle

The Study Board visits the board calendar and revises the annual cycle if needed.

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13. Other business