

PhD Student Association at Åbo Akademi University

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DÅCTA'S GUIDE TO FALL 2020



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We hope that everyone has been able to enjoy the beautiful start of summer and managed to take a break during Midsummer last week! At the PhD Association, now nicknamed **DÅCTA**, we are getting ready for summer but we still wanted to give you heads up on what we will be getting into during the fall.

We invite everyone to **mark the dates and events in your calendar**, so you don't miss out on any of the quality programme we have in store after summer! You also have a great opportunity to influence the content of events by joining the committees. See contact details to committees in the 'Upcoming events' section.

LOGO COMPETITION

We want to give an extra push to the ongoing logo competition for the Association. Now that we have a new nickname and are on our way to establish a solid ground for the Association, we naturally need a logo to flaunt!

You can participate by sending an original logo creation to sofia.wanstrom@abo.fi before **9.8.2020**. The reward for the creator of the winning logo is a small surprise gift, lifetime membership in the Association, in addition to fame and glory of course!

Rules for the competition

- To enter the contest, you must be a registered doctoral student at Åbo Akademi University
- You can submit your contribution in whatever format you wish. The winner will be provided with
- You can submit multiple contributions.
- You must be the sole creator and owner of the submitted piece of work. It may not contain images owned by other parties.
- After the submission deadline has passed, the winner will be decided through voting by the Association's members. The board of the Association retains the right to disqualify entries deemed to be offensive or contrary to the aims and values of the Association, before the voting process.
- By submitting an entry, if your entry is selected as the winner, you relinquish all claims and rights over the work to the Association, allowing your work to be used, including derivations of it, for display, publicity, merchandising, and other similar purposes, by the Association without

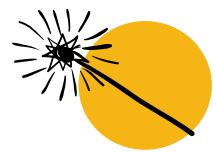
CALL FOR (COMMUNITY) ACTION

In case your creative juices start flowing during the summer and you have an idea for a project or event of your own that you want help with, feel free to reach out to the Community Action Coordinator (jolanda.linsen@abo.fi) to get help with getting your idea off the ground.

To give you an idea of what Community Action can help you with, we have been helping one PhD student to find interviewees for a podcast project. And Community Action forum can also be used to **submit your ideas for activities to the committees**. E.g. the idea for a crash course in video-abstracts was an idea brought to the board through community action!

So please feel free to use this resource for literally anything you can think of that will help you or the PhD Community at ÅA!

UPCOMING EVENTS



KICK-OFF ON SEPTEMBER 4TH

We're kicking off the new academic year on Friday 4th September! The day will consist of an afternoon webinar (1 - 4 PM) on personal and professional development with invited speakers and later we'll meet up for drinks and mingling with other doctoral students at **Restaurant Koulu in Turku** and the location for Vasa will be announced later.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The Association hopes to arrange a seminar on mental health and well-being **around October**. We are still looking for collaborators and will have more information on the event after summer.



"SHUT UP AND WRITE" SESSIONS

We will organize four "shup up and write" sessions during the fall. The idea is simple, we get together after lunch at 1 PM and spend around 4 hours writing together. Afterwards, we go out and celebrate the amazing writing we have done with a beer at **Anniskeluravintola Portti in Turku** and the location for Vasa will be announced later. You can join the session whenever during the afternoon or simply join for a beer later. Dates for sessions are:

Thursday **September 10th**

Thursday **November 5th**

Wednesday **October 7th**

Friday **December 4th**



This event has reached the board as a Community Action initiative. Yay! We are still looking for people and organisations to collaborate with in organising this. If you have ideas on how to proceed or want to join the PPD committee, please contact pierre.olivier@abo.fi or alex.makiharju@abo.fi.



PROPOSAL WRITING

The Board of DÅCTA has identified this as an interesting idea and is still working on how to arrange this. Hence, there is still no date to talk of. If you have ideas on how to proceed or want to join the PPD committee, please contact pierre.olivier@abo.fi or alex.makiharju@abo.fi.



CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 16TH

Save the date! DÅCTA's Christmas Party will be held on December 16th. More information to be announced later! **If you are interested in planning the Christmas party**, please contact sofia.wanstrom@abo.fi.



WRITERS RETREATS

Most likely we will not be able to arrange any writers retreats this year, but we are planning to make this a regular occurrence as part of the Association's yearly program. If you are interested in participating in planning the writers retreats, please contact pierre.olivier@abo.fi or alex.makiharju@abo.fi.