Transdisciplinary research, life course and cross-cultural perspectives in the era of AI

Navigating Knowledge Landscapes, Østfold University College, and University West are organizing a Ph.D. course in «Transdisciplinary research, life course and cross-cultural perspectives in the era of AI». The course is multidisciplinary and will cover fields such as Human Rights, Democracy, Research Ethics, Bioethics, Digital Sociology, Risk Analysis, Indigenous Perspectives, along with Youth and Cross-Cultural perspectives in relation to Artificial Intelligence.

The course includes the 10th annual international Conference for Navigating Knowledge Landscapes (NKL) *Centre-Periphery in the AI-Informed Digital Society* to be held in Trollhättan, Sweden on May 20-21, 2026. Ph.D. course and NKL conference continue to be free of charge.

Dates for Ph.D. course activities

- Three half day webinars: Monday April 13th 8:30AM – 12:30 PM, Friday April 24th 8:30AM – 12:30 PM, Monday May 4th 8:30AM – 12:30 PM. All times are CET
- One Ph.D. training event: May 19th 9 AM – 5 PM. Fredrikstad, Norway
- Participation at NKL annual conference: May 20-21, Trollhättan, Sweden

Registration and deadline: by submitting a 250 word abstract describing your Ph.D. project within Sunday, February 22nd 2026 to Anna Lydia Svalastog: als [at] hiof.no

Lecturers

Richard Chenhall, Inigo DeMiguel, Ivana Damnjanovic, Zoran Todorovic, Ana Borovecki, Matjaz Vidmar, Ann Svensson, Elin Montelius, Predrag Pale, Ketil LH Sámi, Shawn Wilson, Kate Senior, Anna Lydia Svalastog, Fredrik Andersen

Course Work

Abstract 250 words (to be submitted as part of registration to the course prior to online teaching).

Extended text, 500-750 words, to be distributed between colleagues. The extended text lays the ground for the oral presentation in the PhD training event.

Final text 2500-3000 words, on interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary aspects in the PhD students' own project. The final text is expected to include presentation, discussion and incorporation of recommended literature.

The course is developed as a collaboration between the NKL network and the Ph.D. programme *Digitalisation and Society* at Østfold University College, and department of informatics at University West.

Kind regards,
Local organisers Fredrik Andersen and Anna Lydia Svalastog