Course Syllabus:

**Sociology Ba (A), Perspectives on Risk, 7,5 credits**

**General data**

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**Aim**

The aim of this course is to provide basic knowledge on different perspectives within risk research. During the course of this class we will discuss sociological theories and perspectives as well as risk communication, methods and models.

**Course objectives**

After course completion, students will be able to:
- Describe and discuss theories, terms and models taken up in the course
- Compare and contrast perspectives and aspects within risk research and risk communication
- Analyze and evaluate the value of risk communication in a variety of organizational and social contexts

**Content**

The course concerns itself with contemporary sociological perspectives on risk, especially in relation to organizational arrangements and risk communication.
Selection rules and procedures
The selection process is in accordance with the Higher Education Ordinance and the local order of admission.

Teaching form
Instruction is in the form of lectures, seminars, and project work.

Examination form
Student are assessed via written assignments and seminars.

Grading system
The grades A, B, C, D, E, Fx and F are given on the course. On this scale the grades A through E represent pass levels, whereas Fx and F represent fail levels.
Course reading
Required literature
Author: Kemshall, Hazel
Article title: Conflicting rationalities of risk: disputing risk in social policy – reflecting on 35 years of researching risk
Year/Volume/nr/pages: Health, Risk & Society

Author: May, Vivian M.
Title: Pursuing Intersectionality, Unsettling Dominant Imaginaries.
Edition: 2015
Publisher: Routledge

Author: Nohrstedt, Stig A
Title: Communicating Risks. Towards the Threat Society?
Edition: 2011
Publisher: Nordicom

Author: Olofsson, Anna, Zinn, Jens.O, Griffin, Gabriele, Giritli-Nygren, Katarina, Cebulla, Andreas & Hanna-Moffat, Kelly
Article title: The mutual constitution of risk and inequalities: intersectional risk theory
Year/Volume/nr/pages: Health, Risk & Society

Author: Rothstein, Henry, Huber, Michael & Gaskell, George
Title: A theory of risk colonization: The spiralling regulatory logics of societal and institutional risk
Edition: 2006 35(1): 91-113
Publisher: Economy and Society

Author: Wardman, Jamie K.
Title: The construction of Risk Communication in Advanced Liberal Societies
Publisher: Risk Analysis

Author: Zinn, Jens
Title: Social Theories of Risk and Uncertainty. An Introduction
Edition: 2008
Publisher: Oxford: Blackwell

Assignment of supplemental material in the form of articles or handouts is at the discretion of the instructor.

Other information
This class is open only to exchange students of Mid Sweden’s partner universities and it is given in English.