



Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
History

Syllabus

The New Political History

Course Code:	HIA540
Course Title:	The New Political History <i>Den nya politiska historien</i>
Credits:	7.5
Degree Level:	Master's level
Progressive Specialisation:	Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements (A1N)

Major Field of Study:
HIA (History)

Course Approval

The syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2018-02-13, and is valid from the Autumn semester 2018 at Karlstad University.

Prerequisites

Bachelor degree 180 ECTS or with a major in history, political science, sociology, social work, human geography, cultural studies, history of ideas, religious studies, ethnology, anthropology or equivalent. Upper secondary school level Swedish 3 or B/ Swedish as a second language 3 or B and English 6 or B, or equivalent.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- 1) describe how the new political history is influenced and formed by interdisciplinary perspectives,
- 2) critically discuss the consequences of different perspectives and methodological approaches in the context of the new political history, and
- 3) apply approaches from the new political history in a minor research project using historical source material.

Content

The course centres on the emergence of the new political history as a research field formed by other disciplines. In contrast to the previous political history, which mainly concerned the parliamentary arena and "great men" in history, the new political history has a broader perspective. Politics is ubiquitous and takes various forms. The new political history focuses on exploring and understanding the ubiquity and forms of politics through interdisciplinary and perspectives and approaches. The interdisciplinary character of new political history is clarified and placed in a historiographic context. Different perspectives and methodological approaches in the new political history are treated. Students independently apply a new political history perspective and/or methodological approach in an independent project, and acquire perspective and skills that can be used for different types of in-depth studies and future research.

Reading List

See separate document.

Examination

Assessment is based on active participation in seminars and individual hand-in assignments.

Grades

One of the grades Distinction (VG), Pass (G), or Fail (U) is awarded in the examination of the course.

Quality Assurance

Follow-up relating to learning conditions and goal-fulfilment takes place both during and upon completion of the course in order to ensure continuous improvement. Course evaluation is partly based on student views and experiences obtained in accordance with current regulations and partly on other data and documentation. Students will be informed of the result of the evaluation and of any measures to be taken.

Course Certificate

A course certificate will be provided upon request.

Additional information

The local regulations for studies at the Bachelor and Master levels at Karlstad University stipulate the obligations and rights of students and staff.