

Midway evaluation seminar for PhD candidates at TIK

The midway evaluation is arranged approximately halfway through the PhD period. The main intent is to provide the candidate with constructive advice towards the completion of the PhD project.

The midway evaluation has four main components:

Written material

The candidate is to submit the written material as basis for evaluation three weeks before the seminar is scheduled to take place. The material should include an overview of the work done so far, including the central research questions, theoretical framework and methodology. It should also include a plan for the remaining work. At least one article/chapter, but preferably two, should be submitted. The written material should be maximum 50 pages, including articles/chapters.

The written material is to be sent to the opponents, supervisors, and TIKs administration. It will be made available to upon request.

Opposition

Two opponents are appointed, preferably among TIKs senior staff. Supervisors are of course not eligible. Former TIK employees and others with a close cooperation or joint research with TIK may also be asked to act as opponents. The intention is that the opponents may also take on an informal mentoring role during the last stages of the PhD.

Presentation

The candidate is to present his/her work so far in an open seminar. The seminar is scheduled for 1 hour and 45 minutes. The candidate will start by presenting his/her work, approx. 30 minutes. Then the opponents will comment and discuss the project, work done and work still to be done, with the candidate. The opponents should have agreed beforehand on the division of labor. The opponents have approx. 60 minutes in total. In the last phase of the seminar the discussion is opened to all those present, and members of the audience may contribute with comments or questions to the candidate, approx. 15 minutes.

Head of the PhD program at TIK, or someone appointed in his/her place, will introduce the seminar and moderate the discussion. In addition to the candidate and opponents, the supervisors and the Head of the program should all be present if possible. The seminar is announced as open to the public.

Formal evaluation

After the seminar, the candidate, opponents, supervisor(s) and Head of the program have a short meeting to summarize the seminar without an audience present. The opponents and the Head of the program make the formal decision of the seminar as pass/fail. If the seminar is evaluated as 'fail', the candidate will have to revise and resubmit the written material, and then attempt to pass the midway evaluation 2-6 months later.

Please contact the PhD adviser if you have any questions regarding the midway evaluation.



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