

PhD project presentations at the Department of Economics and Business Economics

(cf 7.4 in Rules and guidelines for the PhD degree programme, Aarhus BSS)

PhD students present part of their research project at the department at least twice during their enrolment period: once within the first year and once within the final year for 5+3 students / once within the second year and once within the final year for 4+4 students. PhD students and their main supervisor will be reminded about this at the beginning of the relevant semester.

The project presentations are organized as part of one of the regular seminar series at the department (or as part of a section-wide workshop) with the following changes:

- the seminar is labelled “PhD seminar” in addition to the name of the regular seminar series
- **the main supervisor chairs the seminar**
- the seminar lasts up to 60 min (approximately 40 min presentation, 5-10 min discussion, 10-15 min Q&A)
- following the presentation, a **designated discussant gives feedback** on the content of the presentation and the draft including both appreciated elements and suggestions for improvement
- after the seminar, a **representative of the field committee gives 1:1 feedback** on presentation and discussion skills including both positive aspects and suggestions for improvement

The student and the supervisors have to coordinate the time slot for the seminar with the relevant seminar (or workshop) coordinator in due course of time (around semester start) and with the most relevant person from the PhD field committee as well as with the discussant. The student and supervisors find a discussant, who is or was a PhD supervisor him or herself and who has knowledge about the field. The discussant is allocated 5-10 minutes for discussion based on a paper draft (the discussant should receive the draft at least a week before the seminar unless other agreements have been made, and he/she is expected to spend a maximum of 2-3 hours preparing the discussion).

After the project presentation the student uploads the slides in MyPhD under “Dissemination”.

The **web announcement** has to include the names of main supervisor, discussant and PhD field committee member and the following text: a PhD seminar is part of the mandatory 1st or 3rd year presentations for PhD students. The time is extended to one hour; the presenter has 40 minutes for the presentation, 5-10 minutes for the discussant, and 10-15 minutes for questions.

As of 1 February 2025, the field committee consists of the following members:

- [Anil Kumar](#) (FIN section)
- [Eric Hillebrand](#) (EBA section, PhD programme chair)
- [Hongyan Jenny Li](#) (EBA section)
- [Stig Vinther Møller](#) (FIN section)
- [Timo Hener](#) (ECO section)
- [Timo Trimborn](#) (ECO section)

From Rules and Regulations (7.4. Project presentations):

Each field committee sets the rules for project presentations. Such rules must incorporate the following minimum requirements: The PhD student must on a regular basis – and at least twice during the PhD degree programme – present the PhD project and obtained research results in a forum to senior researchers under the guidance of the principal supervisor and summoned by the PhD programme chair. As a general rule, the first presentation should take place no later than one year after enrolment. If the provisions laid down by the given field committee call for it, other PhD students and (internal or external) members of academic staff may also be invited to participate in such presentations.