



## **How to survive in a Ph.D.-thesis process? From research design to publishing practice**

**Geography Graduate School Intensive Course 30.11-1.12.2006 University of Oulu,  
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Academic geography consists today of a variety of research orientations. There are several philosophical and methodological schools of thought and research methods. Similarly there are a number of arenas to publish the results of research processes. Where to publish? Should the Ph.D-thesis be a monograph or consist of published, separate papers? How to survive in and after the Ph.D-thesis project? What are the requirements to go on in academic career after the thesis process?

The purpose of this intensive course is to scrutinize these questions. The research process normally includes such important practical questions as research design, collection of research materials, diverging research techniques and publication practices. Since all thesis projects are unique, the aim of this course is to encourage the students to shape and to reflect their own research processes. The event consists of lectures, panels and informal discussions on this topic with the aim to help the students in their personal reflection.

Invited guest lecturer is Prof. Martin Jones (Aberysthwyth, Wales), who has published several books and a number of articles on various geographical themes. A Finnish perspective on the topic will be given by Prof. Anssi Paasi in his lecture. Each participant should prepare her/himself to discuss and present the themes and existing problems of one's own research process.

Students interested in participating this intensive course should contact Anssi Paasi (contact address below). Graduate school will subvent the travel and accommodation costs of the students in the limits of the budget.

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