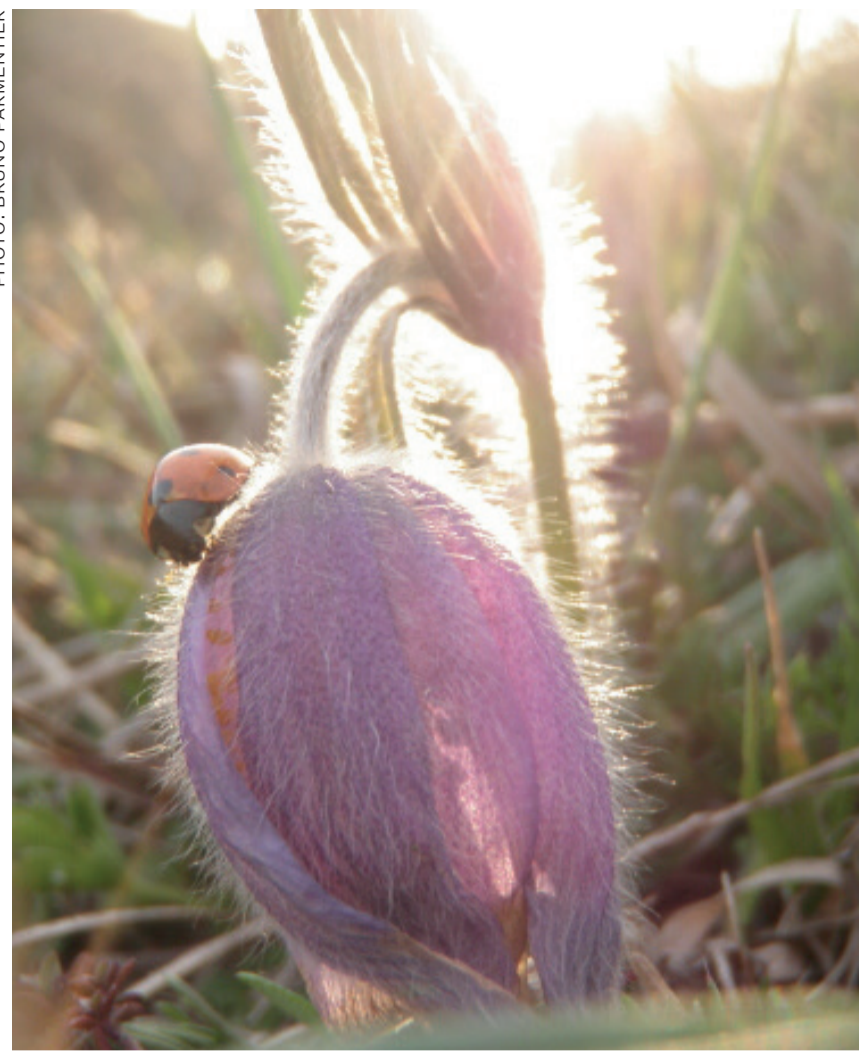


# PHD COURSES IN SPRING 2016

The research school Society, Landscape and Land use at the Department of Urban and Rural Development offers three PhD courses spring 2016, mainly focusing on methods.

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## Modern research methods for post-graduate students, 7,5 credits

TIME: APRIL 4-29 • COURSE LEADERS: ÖRJAN BARTHOLDSON AND KJELL HANSEN • APPLICATION BEFORE MARCH 10 TO [YVONNE.GUNNARSDOTTER@SLU.SE](mailto:YVONNE.GUNNARSDOTTER@SLU.SE) • [LINK TO COURSE WEBSITE »](#)

The course introduces different methods such as participant observation, case-studies, the analysis and evaluation of sources, discourse analysis, various forms of interviews, participatory rural appraisal (PRA) and action research. Ethical questions are raised emanating from the different methods applied and the specific fields where research is conducted.

## Case study methodology, 4,5 credits

TIME: MAY 2-20 + JUNE 10 (CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 9-13 AND JUNE 10) • COURSE LEADER: CAMILO CALDERON  
APPLICATION BEFORE APRIL 10 TO [CAMILO.CALDERON@SLU.SE](mailto:CAMILO.CALDERON@SLU.SE) • [LINK TO COURSE WEBSITE »](#)

The course provides a general overview of the use of case study methodology within research. Through lectures, group discussions and exercises the course addresses question such as: what is a case and how it is selected? what kind of research can be conducted with a case study? how is data collected and analysed within a case study? and how to generalize from a case? Upon completion of the course students shall be able to design a case study and make decisions regarding case selection, case analysis, and validation of results.

## Theory and methods of design, 5 credits

TIME: MAY 23-JUNE 9 • COURSE LEADER: ROLF JOHANSSON • APPLICATION BEFORE APRIL 10 TO [ROLF.JOHANSSON@SLU.SE](mailto:ROLF.JOHANSSON@SLU.SE)  
[LINK TO COURSE WEBSITE »](#)

The course aims to increase participants' understanding of the process of design, and familiarize them with key concepts and research in design. The participants could optionally scrutinize a design concept, describe and reflect on an actual design process, or critically discuss a design project. The course is organized around lectures and seminars. It also includes individual exercise and presentations.