



Introduction to Doctoral Studies at Hanken
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National and International Doctoral Programmes and Networks

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Outline of the presentation

- » General information about the university system in Finland
- » General information about the *National Doctoral Programmes* (previously called *Graduate Schools* and *Researcher School*)
- » Hanken's memberships in national and international Doctoral Programmes and Networks




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*Ph.D. Education in Finland:
Alternative routes for a student*

Admission	University		
Supervision, courses, seminars & tutorials	University	National Doctoral Programme	Studies abroad
Examination & Granting degree	University		



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University System in Finland

Reason for why the Graduate School system was introduced in the mid 1990s (today called Doctoral Programme)

- » Universities only can grant Ph.D. degrees
- » Universities autonomous in recruiting students and granting doctoral degrees

However,

- » **16 universities in Finland** (until 2010: 20 universities)
 - 10 multi-faculty
 - 6 specialised
 - 1 business school = Hanken,
 - 2 universities of technology
 - 3 art academies.

→ Not always enough critical mass in all universities in all subjects
 → Graduate School system introduced in Finland

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Economics and Business Studies

- » Ph.D. education in **business** studies at **10** universities (one business school, Hanken + 9 multi-faculty universities)
- » Ph.D. education in **economics** at **11** universities (one business school, Hanken + 10 multi-faculty universities)

→ reason for why Graduate Schools / national doctoral programmes in economics and business studies started and are an integral part of doctoral studies at Finnish universities

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Ph.D. Degrees in Finland 1990-2010

Year	All PhD degrees	Ph.D. (Econ.)
1990	490	12
1995	765	30
2000	1156	56
2005	1422	89
2009	1642	111
2010	1477	87

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Graduate school system in Finland

- » Started in 1995 by the Ministry of Education
- » From 2012: **Some 100 national doctoral programmes with some 1600 funded positions**
- » Funded by the Ministry of Education, Academy of Finland, Universities, Foundations and Industry
- » **Approximately 30 % of doctoral students in Finland conduct part of their studies in the RS-system (= members of RS)**

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Goals for national co-operation

- » Increase quality of research and researcher training
- » Increase the number of Ph.D. degrees
- » Decrease the average age of getting Ph.D. degree
- » Improve quality of tutoring / supervision
- » More effective training
- » Doctoral studies completed in 4 years
- » Networking nationally and internationally

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Hanken member of the following doctoral programmes as of 2012


- KATAJA - Finnish Doctoral Program in Business Studies**
Hanken contact person: Pia Polsa
- KAVA - Finnish Doctoral Programme in Economics (FDPE)**
Hanken contact person: Rune Stenbacka
- Graduate School in Stochastics and Statistics
Hanken contact person: Gunnar Rosenqvist
- RYM-TK (Real Estate, Construction and Planning)**, formerly called KIRSU
Hanken contact persons: Bo-Christer Björk & Anders Löflund
- Gender Studies Doctoral Programme** (new as of January 2012)
Hanken contact person: Jeff Hearn

And through Hanken's membership in the Aleksanteri Institute at the University of Helsinki

- Finnish Doctoral Programme for Russian and East European Studies**
Hanken contact person: Wilhelm Barner-Rasmussen

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**A national doctoral programme:
A choice for a Ph.D. student**



The choice (in co-operation with your supervisors):


1. Become a member → take part in all activities
2. No membership → take part in some activities
3. No membership → no participation

Note!
Members usually have first priority to activities.
Some activities for members only.



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**Be aware of the differences between
national doctoral programmes**




- » A student can belong to **one** programme only
- » Hanken students can belong to **one of the six** programmes
Hanken is a member of
- » **Every programme is unique** regarding membership,
membership application, course participation, how to apply for a
funded position...

→ **Read carefully the information on the programmes' web-pages** (links from Hanken's web)



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International networks



Hanken member of international networks serving doctoral students, some examples:

- » European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM)
» www.eiasm.be
- » EDEN program for doctoral students and workshops
- » Academic organisations organising e.g. doctoral tutorials
(European Finance Association, European Marketing Association,...)
- » Nordic Research School in International Business (Nord IB)
- » Nordic Research School in Interdisciplinary Gender Research
- » Nordic Centre Fudan University
- » Scandinavian Consortium for Organizational Research at Stanford University (SCANCOR)

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