

# The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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## Annual Report for the Academic Year 2022/2023

### Background

*The Swedish Research School of Management and IT (MIT)* is a national research school launched by the Swedish Government in the year 2000 with Uppsala University as host institution. Today, MIT is a networked research school comprising management and IT related departments at twelve Swedish tertiary institutions: Blekinge Institute of Technology, Gothenburg University, Jönköping International Business School, Karlstad University, Linköping University, Linnaeus University, Lund University, Mälardalen University, Stockholm University, Umeå University, Uppsala University and Örebro University. Further details, including previous annual reports, can be found on the MIT website ([www.mit.uu.se](http://www.mit.uu.se)).

### Theses Presented During the Academic Year

Twelve doctoral theses and two licentiate theses were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of research school graduates to 153 doctors and 55 licentiates.

#### *Doctoral Theses*

142. **Wadell, Olof (2022)**, *The Road to Access: On Business Exchanges in the Setting of a Bankruptcy*. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
143. **Sun, Yunchen (2022)**, *Designing Routines for Industrial Digitalization*. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
144. **Wang, Shujun (2022)**, *Essays on Mobile Application Performance in the Market*. Department of Industrial Economics, Blekinge Institute of Technology.
145. **Uhlin, Anna (2022)**, *“You are on mute...”: Enabling coming together in digitally mediated meetings*. School of Business Society and Engineering, Department of Organization and Management, Mälardalen University.
146. **Åkesson, Emil (2022)**, *Business Model Epistemology: Support for a Semi-Structured and Inclusive Approach to Business Modeling in Established Firms*. Department of Design Sciences, Lund University.
147. **Lindskog, Carin (2022)**, *Tensions experienced and balancing strategies used in Agile Software Development environments*. Karlstad University.
148. **Walther, Kevin (2022)**, *Digital Internationalization of SMEs: A phenomenon-based study on the video game industry*. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.

- 149. Rostami, Elham (2023)**, *Tailoring information security policies - a computerized tool and a design theory*. Department of Business Studies, Örebro University School of Business, Örebro University.
- 150. Hornbach, Jessica Janina (2023)**, *Accounting for Accountability: Theoretical and Empirical Explorations of a Multifaceted Concept*. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
- 151. Gustavsson, Mikael (2023)**, *Platformization: Digital Materiality at the Limits of Discourse*. Department of Applied IT, University of Gothenburg.
- 152. Jonathan, Gideon Mekonnen (2023)**, *Information Technology Alignment in Public Organisations: Towards Successful Digital Transformation*. Department of Computer and Systems Sciences (DSV), Stockholm University.
- 153. Ivarsson, Frida (2023)**, *Frame Shifting and Frame Blending in Digital Transformation*. Department of Applied IT, University of Gothenburg.

#### *Licentiate Theses*

- 54. Van, Thi-Phuong (2022)**. *Understanding Business Model Innovation From An Ecosystem Perspective: The Case of Electric Utility Industry*. Örebro University School of Business, Örebro University.
- 55. Nopparat, Nanond (2022)**. *Business models for the 3D food printing industry*. Department of Design Sciences, Lund University.

### **Doctoral Candidates at the Research School**

Fifteen doctoral candidates were admitted to the Research School in 2022/2023 (seven female and eight male). The Research School funds ten of these partly; the remaining five are associated doctoral candidates with funding directly from sources other than MIT. The majority of these candidates began their studies in the academic year 2022/2023 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2022.

The enrolment of the new candidates by institution is as follows:

Linköping University	Amirhossein Gharaie, Shashini Rajaguru
Lund University	Ibrahim Elshamy
Mälardalen University	Anna Hålen
Stockholm University	Ryan Adhitya Nugraha
Umeå University	Ramy Shenouda
University of Gothenburg	Klara Källström-Fäldt
Uppsala University	Jakob Bandelin, Manolito Hibanada, Haojun Hu, Peter Kumlin, Victor Larsson, Ensieh Mahi, Simone Robitschko, Xin Weng

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is 314 (as of June 2023). In June 2023 there were 105 doctoral candidates in the research school. Ca 50 % of these were male and ca 50 % female. Currently, ca 57 % hold doctoral positions funded partly by the research school.

## Doctoral Courses

During the academic year four mandatory doctoral courses were held at Uppsala, Visby and Lund. A number of doctoral students not affiliated with MIT requested and obtained permission to enroll in particular courses. Each fully approved course accounts for 7.5 credits.

### *Perspectives on Science and Research*

Course director: Professor Fredrik Tell

Location: Uppsala

Time: September 2022

Number attending course: 21

### *Research in Information Systems and Informatics*

Course director: Professor Pär Ågerfalk

Location: Uppsala, Lund, Visby

Time: January – March 2023

Number attending course: 10

### *Seminars and Thesis Work*

Course director: Professor Christina Keller

Location: Online

Time: October – November 2022

Number attending course: 4

### *Research on Information Technology in Organization and Management*

Course director: Associate Professor Einar Iveroth

Location: Uppsala, Stockholm, Karlstad

Time: March – June 2023

Number attending course: 14

## Supervision and Seminars during the Academic Year

Two conferences (that span three days each) were held during the academic year with participation by the professors of the Executive Board and additional supervisors from the various institutions. The academic year's first conference, MITAC 2022, was held at Uppsala University on October 4-6, 2022. At this seminar the work of the doctoral candidates was presented and discussed. Introductory presentations were followed by comments and questions from doctoral candidates, with concluding comments by senior faculty members. Two lectures within Uppsala Lectures in Business were given by Professor Sarah Kaplan, University of Toronto.

The second conference, MITSC 2023, was arranged by Mälardalen University on March 22-24, 2022. At this conference the work of the doctoral candidates was presented and discussed. Introductory presentations were followed by comments and questions from doctoral candidates, with concluding comments by senior faculty members. A keynote speech was given by Peter Alvemo, SAP, and another keynote was given by Professor Shahina Begum, Mälardalen University.

Several doctoral candidates and senior faculty members attended international conferences and published results of their research in peer-reviewed international journals during the academic year.

## **The Website of the Research School**

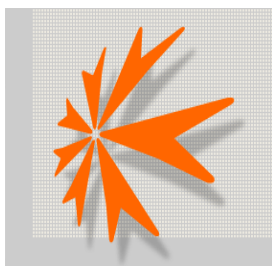
During this academic year the research school's website ([www.mit.uu.se](http://www.mit.uu.se)), has been continuously updated by Golondrian Janke and Carina Boson, aided by the contact persons in the participating universities and university colleges.

## **The MIT Alumni Association**

Under the leadership of Professor Peter Ekman, the MIT Alumni Association had 155 members by the end of June 2023. Approximately 15 alumni attended MITAC 2022 and MITSC 2023 as senior faculty. During 2022/2023, the tenth and eleventh issue of the MIT Alumni Letter, which is a newsletter created and edited by Peter Ekman, was sent out to the alumni of the research school.

## **The Management of the Research School**

During 2022/2023 the management of the Research School consisted of Dean, Professor Christina Keller, Deputy Dean, Professor Peter Ekman, Chair, Professor Fredrik Nilsson, and Deputy Chair, Professor Fredrik Tell.



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