

The Swedish Research School of Management and IT

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Annual Report for the Academic Year 2017/2018

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 13 Swedish tertiary institutions: Blekinge Institute of Technology, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg University, Jönköping International Business School, Karlstad University, Linköping University, Linnaeus University, Lund University, Mälardalen University College, 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).

Theses Presented During the Academic Year

14 doctoral theses and 2 licentiate theses were presented during the academic year, bringing the number of Research School graduates to 105 doctors and 47 licentiates. On May 25, 2018, the 100th doctoral thesis of the research school was defended by Emilene Leite, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.

Doctoral Theses

92. Gillmore, Edward (2017): *Four Essays on Subsidiary Evolution: Exploring the Antecedents, Contexts and Outcomes of Mandate Loss*, School of Business, Mälardalen University College.
93. Crawford, Jason (2017): *Regulation's Influence on Risk Management and Management Control Systems in Banks*, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
94. Von Schantz, Hanna (2017): *Well, That Makes Sense! Investigating Opportunity Development in a Technology Start-Up*, Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University.
95. Wass, Sofie (2017): *The Importance of eHealth Innovations: Lessons about Patient Accessible Information*, Jönköping International Business School.
96. Özgün Imre (2018): *Adopting Information Systems Perspectives from Small Organizations*, Department of Management and Engineering (IEI), Linköping University.
97. Lövgren, Daniel (2017): *Dancing Together Alone: Inconsistencies and Contradictions of Strategic Communication in Swedish Universities*, Department of Informatics and Media, Uppsala University.

98. Charitsis, Vasileios (2018): *Self-Tracking, Datafication and the Biopolitical Prosumption of Life*, Department of Business Studies, Karlstad University.
99. Lammi, Inti (2018): *A Practice Theory in Practice: Analytical Consequences in the Study of Organization and Socio-Technological Change*, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
100. Leite, Emilene (2018): *Complexity in the 'Extended' Business Network: A Study of Business, Social and Political Relationships in Smart City Solutions*, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University.
101. Aasi, Parisa (2018): *Information Technology Governance: The Role of Organizational Culture and Structure*, Department of Computer and Systems Sciences, Stockholm University.
102. Servadio, Luigi (2018): *Customer Rituals: Ethnographic Explorations of Wine Rituals with Families and Friends*, Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University.
103. Ahlgren, Kajsa (2018): *Travelling Business Models: On Adapting Business Models to New Contexts*, Department of Design Sciences, Faculty of Engineering, LTH.
104. Markowski, Peter (2018): *Collaboration Routines: A Study of Interdisciplinary Healthcare*, Stockholm Business School, Stockholm University.
105. Zaffar, Fahd Omair (2018): *The Value of Social Media: What Social Networking Sites Afford Organizations*, Division of Informatics, Department of Applied Information Technology, University of Gothenburg.

Licentiate Theses

46. Eriksson, Emelie (2017): *Patterns of Corporate Visual Selfrepresentation in Accounting Narratives*, Department of Management and Engineering (IEI), Linköping University.
47. Golshan, Behrooz (2018): *Digital Capability and Business Model Reconfiguration: A Co-Evolutionary Perspective*, Department of Informatics, Linnaeus University.

Doctoral Candidates at the Research School

17 doctoral candidates were admitted to the Research School in 2017/2018 (eleven male and six female). The Research School funds ten of these partly; the remaining seven are associated doctoral candidates with funding directly from sources other than MIT. The majority of these candidates began their studies in the academic year 2017/2018 at the official opening of the Research School in early September 2017.

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

University of Gothenburg/IT	Mikael Gustavsson
Karlstad University	Jana Huck, Carin Lindskog
Linnaeus University	Lars Magnusson, Morgan Rydbrink

Lund University, LTH
Mälardalen University College
Stockholm University

Umeå University
Uppsala University
Örebro University

Nanond Nopparat
Christoffer Andersson, Anna Uhlin, Ying Yang
Gideon Mekonnen Jonathan (DSV),
Gulnara Nussipova (SBS)
Viktor Mähler
Yunchen Sun, Olof Wadell, Johan Wengman
Rasmus Nykvist, Elham Rostami

The total number of postgraduate students admitted to the Research School since its inauguration is 234 (as of June, 2018). In the spring of 2018 there were 91 doctoral candidates at the Research School. 60 % of these were male and 40 % female. Currently, 60 % hold doctoral positions funded entirely or partly by the Research School. All postgraduate students have prepared approved plans of study. 13 new doctoral candidates began their studies at the School in the autumn of 2018, eight female and five male.

Doctoral Courses

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

Perspectives on Science and Research
In charge: Professor Fredrik Tell
Location: Uppsala
Time: September 2017
Number attending course: 27

Seminars and Thesis Work
In charge: Professor Pär Ågerfalk
Location: Uppsala
Time: October – November 2017
Number attending course: 9

Research in Information Systems and Informatics
In charge: Professor Sven Carlsson
Location: Lund
Time: January – February 2018
Number attending course: 6

Management, Organization and ICT
In charge: Professor Jan Löwstedt (SU),
Associate Professor Jan Lindvall (UU)
Location: Uppsala-Stockholm
Time: March – May 2018
Number attending course: 15

Supervision and Seminars during the Academic Year

Two seminars of 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 first seminar was held in Uppsala on September 25-27, 2017. This seminar was modelled on the annual Information Systems Research in Scandinavia Seminar (IRIS) and consisted of working groups in which doctoral candidates presented and discussed their on-going work with senior faculty. A submission and peer-review process that allowed for feedback and preparation for the seminar preceded the event. During the seminar the participants had the opportunity to listen to

the *Uppsala Lectures in Business 2017*, Professor Nicole Coviello, Lazaridis School of Business & Economics, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada. She gave two lectures: “Informing the dynamics of effectuation with network theory” and “No business experience required? The influence of pre-founding R&D collaboration on early internationalization”.

The second seminar was held in Lund, Department of Design Sciences, Faculty of Engineering LTH, on March 12-14, 2018. 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. There were also seminars conducted by guest speakers, all of which were well attended and appreciated.

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

The Website of the Research School

Since the launch of the Research School website (www.mit.uu.se) in 2015, Carina Boson and Elisabeth Hallmén have worked continuously to keep it updated, aided by the contact persons in the participating universities and university colleges.

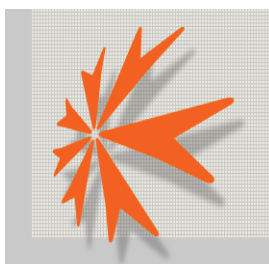
The MIT Alumni Association

Under the leadership of Associate Professor Peter Ekman, the MIT Alumni Association had 125 members by the end of June 2018. Approximately 20 alumni attended MITAC 2017 and MITSC 2018 as senior faculty. During 2018, the first 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 2017/18 the management of the Research School consisted of Dean, Professor Christina Keller, Chairman, Professor Fredrik Nilsson, and Deputy Chairman Professor Fredrik Tell.

From January 1, 2018, Associate Professor Peter Ekman was appointed Deputy Dean of the Research School.



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