

Trial lecture – DAY - MONTH - DATE 2016 - TIME – PLACE

I am very pleased to extend a warm welcome to you all. My name is **NAME OF CHAIRMAN** and The Faculty of Social Sciences has appointed me as Chairman of the disputation to guide you through the trial lecture and defence of **CANDIDATE**'s thesis.

Later today, **TITLE OF CANDIDATE (cand.polit/master/cand.psychol) NAME OF CANDIDATE**, will defend **his/her** doctoral thesis entitled:

TITLE OF THESIS

Now, **NAME OF CANDIDATE** will deliver his trial lecture, on a topic chosen by the committee:

TITLE OF TRIAL LECTURE

I hereby call on the candidate.

I would like to thank the candidate.

Finally, I would like to remind you all of the candidate's defence of **his/her** doctoral thesis, provided that the trial lecture is approved. This event will take place today at **TIME** in this location. The defence will start promptly.

*(During the break: The chairman, the candidate and the committee will get a small lunch at **PLACE**. The committee will have time to discuss the trial lecture, until the candidate joins them at **TIME**)*

Disputation - DAY - MONTH - DATE 2016 - TIME – PLACE

(Procession in this order: Chairman, candidate, 1st, 2nd and 3rd opponent. The public will stand up during the procession's entry and will sit down on chairman's signal)

Ladies and gentlemen.

TITLE OF CANDIDATE (cand.polit/master/cand.psychol) NAME OF CANDIDATE, has been enrolled in the doctoral studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences. **He/she** submitted his thesis on **DATE**, and requested the opportunity to defend it for the PhD degree. The title is:

TITLE OF THESIS

His/her main supervisor was:

Title, name and institution

His/her co supervisors were:

Title, name and institution

On the basis of the proposal from the **Department of DEPARTMENT**, the Faculty of Social Sciences on **DATE** appointed the following members to serve on an expert evaluation committee:

- **Professor NAME AND INSTITUTION**
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The committee came to the unanimous conclusion that the dissertation was worthy of being defended in a disputation for the PhD degree, and the Faculty of Social Sciences has agreed to this verdict.

Manuscript for the Chairman of the disputation – **NAME OF CHAIRMAN**

((Unfortunately **NAME OF COMMITTEE MEMBER** had to withdraw from participating in today's disputation. Professor **NAME OF COMMITTEE MEMBER** has stepped in to take **his/her** place as third opponent)).

Earlier today, **NAME OF CANDIDATE** gave **his/her** trial lecture on a topic set by the committee, entitled:

TITLE OF TRIAL LECTURE

The trial lecture has been approved.

What will now follow is the public defence of the dissertation. The following two committee members are appointed as ordinary opponents:

TITLE AND NAME OF 1ST OPPONENT as **1st opponent** – and **TITLE AND NAME OF 2ST OPPONENT** as **2nd opponent**.

Everyone present is entitled to serve as an opponent **ex auditorio**. If anyone wishes to do so, he or she will be given the opportunity to speak after the two opponents have finished, but are asked to report this to me before I invite the second opponent to begin.

Today's schedule will be as follows: Before the candidate takes the floor, the 1st opponent will give a short summary of the purpose with and the results of the dissertation. The opponent's contribution and the discussion between the 1st opponent and the candidate will last for approximately an hour and a half. We will then take a 15 minute break. After the break we will hear from the 2nd opponent and then finally any ex auditorio opponent will be given the floor. Please remember that the schedule is tentative, and subject to the dynamics of the discussion.

I hereby call on our 1st opponent, **NAME OF FIRST OPPONENT**.

(The opponents use the main platform by the window)

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I would like to thank our 1st opponent for the summary, and would like to ask the candidate to come to the front, and then the discussion can begin.

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I would like to thank our 1st opponent – and the candidate – for their efforts.

There will now be a break until ... **(15 min)**. The doors will be closed on time.

(Mark: No procession on the way out. The mics have to be removed etc.)

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We will now continue the public defence of **NAME OF CANDIDATE** 's doctoral thesis.

The candidate is requested to return to his place, and the 2nd opponent to take the 1st opponent's place. I hereby call on the 2nd opponent, **NAME OF SECOND OPPONENT**.

I would like to thank our 2nd opponent – and the candidate – for their efforts.

No one has asked to speak as an ex auditorio opponent as of yet.

If anyone wishes to do so, please speak up now

<pause> No one has asked to speak as an ex auditorio opponent.

(Dersom noen melder seg, må de få komme til orde, gjerne fra talerstolen. Men slike eventuelle innlegg skal være korte. Hvis det kommer slike kommentarer, skal en av opponentene avslutte/avrunde disputasen etter det.)

Would the candidate like to make any closing remarks?

(The candidate has the opportunity to express his/her gratitude to the committee etc.)

I am pleased to present you with this gift on behalf of the Faculty of Social Science

[Gaven er en glassvase som fås utlevert fra Det samfunnsvitenskapelige fakultet].

Manuscript for the Chairman of the disputation – **NAME OF CHAIRMAN**

At last, I want to inform you that **The Department of NAME OF DEPARTMENT** invites you all to a small reception outside the auditorium to celebrate our new candidate for a doctorate.

The defence is hereby closed, and Rector on behalf of The University Board will be notified.

Fabula acta est! *<Som betyr: Forestillingen er over>*