

# Panel meeting 18.3.2025

**Place:** House of Science and Letters, room 207

**Present:** Kathrin Komp-Leukkunen (chair), Päivi Armila, Vladimir Gel'man, J. Tuomas Harviainen, Ville Kellokumpu, Reetta Muhonen, Krista Lagus, Mervi Luonila, Anu Sivunen, Dominic Stead, Riikka Turtiainen, Turo Uskali, Veli-Matti Karhulahti,

**Absent:** Tuija Koivunen, Inari Sakki, Christian Kroll

**Secretariat:** Elina Pylvänäinen and Anna-Kaarina Linna

## 1. Opening

The panel chair opened the meeting at 13.01.

## 2. Introductions

## 3. Panel

### a. Panel composition

The fields covered in this panel are listed in appendix 1. The panel went through the list and discussed if there is a need to supplement the panel composition.

At the end of panel term discussion with the previous panel it was discussed that there would be a need to complement the panel composition with future studies and environmental social sciences experts.

#### Discussion:

- Both fields that were brought up at the end of panel term discussion are covered.
- There is no need to complement the panel composition at this point

### b. Selecting the vice-chair of the panel

A vice-chair was selected for the panel. The vice-chair stands in for the panel chair when they are absent. The vice-chair also has a right to confirm evaluations in the JUFO portal on behalf of the panel chair.

#### Decision:

- Krista Lagus was selected as a vice-chair of the panel.

## 4. Orientation to the panel work

The secretariat introduced the Publication Forum, its aims and purpose as well as the evaluation criteria.

## **5. Level 1 and 0 evaluations in the JUFO portal**

The deadline for the first set of level 1 and 0 evaluations is 26.3.2025 for the panel members and the panel chair needs to confirm evaluations at latest on 1.4.2025. More information has been sent by email.

[Kurdish studies](#) published currently by Oxbridge Publishing House has been evaluated in the previous panel as level 1, but it is not clear whether the journal still fulfills level 1 criteria. The entire editorial team resigned in 2023 when they discovered that the new publisher was not following good editorial practice and was publishing non-peer-reviewed articles without any quality control. Further information available at this [statement](#). Since then, the editorial board has established a new journal called [Kurdish Studies Journal](#).

### **Discussion:**

- The journal will be added to the JUFO portal for re-evaluation.

## **6. Conflicts of interest**

The panel members were asked to disclose their engagements with publication channels in which they have been an editor or a member of the editorial board in the past five years.

## **7. Other**

No other business.

## **8. Closing**

The panel chair closed the meeting at 14.59.

# **Appendix 1**

## **Panel's MinEdu fields**

### **514 Social sciences**

- Sociology
- Demography
- Women's and gender studies
- Youth Research
- Social psychology
- Social policy, social work

### **518 Media and communications**

- Journalism
- Informatics
- Library science
- Media communication
- Speech communication, organizational communication

#### 519 Social and economic geography

- Environmental social science research
- Cultural and economic geography
- Urban studies
- Transport planning and social aspects of transport

#### 520 Other social sciences

- Interdisciplinary social sciences
- Development research
- Russian and Eastern European studies