Structuring supervision training at the University of Lapland

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The Interdisciplinary Doctoral School of Social Services (DocSoc360°)

- Ministry of Education and Culture is funding 1000 new PhD's in Finland between 2024-2027
  - Towards three-year funding of PhD dissertations
- What is DocSoc360°?
  - One of the pilots: 34 doctoral researchers and over 40 supervisors in the fields of administration, law and social sciences
  - Coordinated by the University of Lapland; consortium of seven Finnish universities
  - Built around SOSNET network which is a nationwide educational network within the field of social work in Finland
  - DocSoc360° is piloting new practices (e.g. supervision practices) in doctoral education in 2024–2027

DocSoc360°
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Doctoral Dissertation Supervisor Meetings

Each meeting began with a brief introduction to the topic, followed by an open discussion where participants shared their experiences and insights.

- Each of the meeting lasted 1 hour 15 minutes
- Arranged once per month
- 33 total enrolments
- 15-23 participants per meeting

Best Practices (IN-PERSON)

- Supervising the dissertation as a process, pedagogical planning of PhD seminars

Emotions and Interaction in Supervision (IN-PERSON)

- Feeling of shame

Research Ethics (ZOOM)

- Authorship, publication

New Timeframe Goals in Doctoral Research Supervision (ZOOM)

- Clear guidelines, a well-defined division of responsibilities, and good support structures

Feedback

General feedback

- Participants felt connection to the themes
- Contact vs online
- Language policy

Wishes for future themes

- Co-supervision, feelings and interaction, use of AI, career counseling

How the doctoral school can support doctoral dissertation supervisors?

- How to motivate doctoral dissertation supervisors to participate?
- What more could there be than organized meetings? Courses about university pedagogy?

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Thank you ☺

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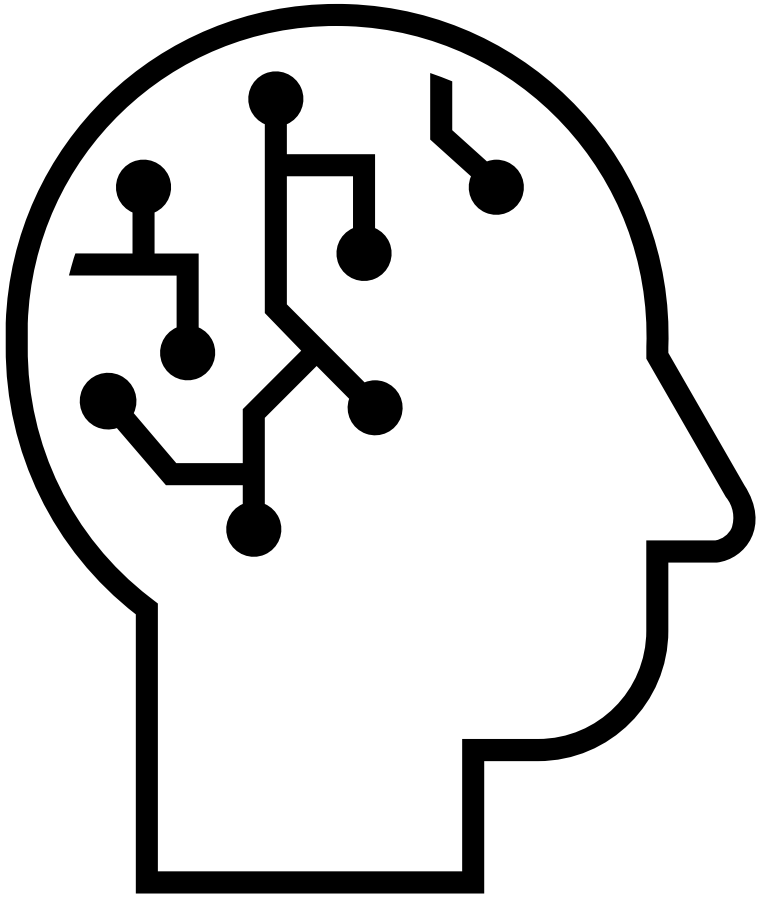
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