

# Teachers' meeting

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## Program Teachers' meeting March 15 2022

- 9.00** Welcome
- 9.05** Information on undergraduate education
- 9.40** Information on PhD education
- 9.55** New PhD courses
- 10.05** Introduction to group discussions
- 10.15** Coffee
- 10.30** Group discussions
- 11.20** Presentations of group discussions
- 12.00** Lunch

## Web pages for courses

- Before Canvas, MV had its own solution (starting in 1997), available on the web server `math.chalmers.se` with files on "w3mvedu"
- When Canvas was introduced, directories were still created on "w3mvedu", but the HTML-files were replaced by forwarding to Canvas.
- It has been possible to put other files on "w3mvedu", but one should **not** do that anymore.
- The server "w3mvedu" will no longer be used and all its contents have been copied to a new server that will act as an archive.

## Web pages for courses

- The history for course web pages have been available through trees based on the education programs on the department's home page on Chalmers.
- When Chalmers updates its external web next time, it will no longer be an option to store the history there.
- To safeguard this possibility to easily access information of previous courses, all this information has also been copied to the same server as the actual course web pages.
- Instead of keeping this tree structure, we've decided to put everything in a database which is available at <http://utb.math.chalmers.se/>.

## Web pages for courses

### Advantages:

- Saves a lot of time to keep it updated compared to all the individual HTML-pages.
- Enables new ways of viewing courses apart from based on education program.
- Extremely simple storage of all the information.

### Disadvantages:

- Initial time to create the database (will be finished before the fall semester starts).
- More difficult to understand for the “casual” user.

## Grading of exams

- With more large student groups, it's a bigger need for getting help grading exams.
- Talk to Thomas **early** if you think you will need help.
- Normally, amanuenses and other students will not be allowed to grade exams. In a very few cases we've made exceptions. This should always be discussed with Thomas and me.

## Exam sheet administration

- Emails from the central administration at Chalmers have confused teachers. These will be discontinued.
- Exam sheets should be sent to [utb-adm.mv@chalmers.se](mailto:utb-adm.mv@chalmers.se) four working days before the exam (see exam lists on <http://www.math.chalmers.se/intern/lararinfo/Tentamensrutiner/> ). One day for our administration, one for printing and two for the central administration including taking care of the growing number of students with special needs.

## Streaming lectures

- There is absolutely no expectation of streaming or recording lectures unless there are good reasons to do so. Examiner makes the decision.

## Teachers with mild illness

- The examiner decides if the lecture/exercise/lab should be done digitally or if a substitute should be called in.



## Group discussions

1. New general PhD courses.
2. Progression in courses for teacher students
3. Revision of courses in mathematical statistics
  - Input to a working group on this topic
  - Background with current courses can be found at <http://www.math.chalmers.se/intern/lararinfo/Lararmoten/index.html>
4. Managing courses with large number of students
  - Challenges/possibilities
  - Good/bad experience