

**Publication of Ph.D., Licentiate, Master's and undergraduate theses at LiU E-Press**

As a result of the decision of the University's Board of Directors in April 1996, the electronic publisher, Linköping University Electronic Press (LiU E-Press), was created as a unit within the University, connected with the University Library. New guiding instructions for LiU E-Press were set up in 2004 together with a new Board of Directors. This allowed development of a goals and visions document for LiU E-Press and its roll within the University. After discussions with the Faculties, the following guidelines have been set up regarding the publication of theses at LiU E-Press.

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