Content and function: The genre(s) of congratulatory texts in university dissertations

This paper explores the corpus of liminary texts published in dissertations from the Swedish universities of Uppsala and Lund. The focus is on verses addressed to students upon their defence of the dissertation in which the verses are printed, a text type that for the most part can be described as congratulatory or commendatory. Discussion centres on a selection of such verses that give cause for questioning whether they should labelled *gratulatio* despite their publication context.

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