The free project is a good possibility for students who want to:

- pursue a focused research project that deepens some aspect of the material that was covered in a module
- write up a project by a professor/post doc which they consider as a supervisor for their master thesis
- use the lecture free period to gain some more credits

Professor von Cramon is listed as the coordinator of the free project module, but that does not mean that he personally will supervise the project by any student who is interested to do such a module. In principle any of the professors or post docs in SIA can supervise a free project but the free project is always based on a voluntary arrangement between the student and the supervising professor or post doc.

Hence, professors/post docs are not obliged to supervise a free project for any student who requests it. Instead, the student and the professor/post doc must reach a mutual agreement, and each professor/post doc has his/her rules and procedures. A professor/post doc might agree to supervise a free module to students who have done well in one of the modules of that professor/post doc and would like to pursue a focused research project that deepens some aspect of the material that was covered in that module.

Typically the student will consider which topic could be the focus area of the free project and approach the supervisor with a work sketch. If the approached professor/post doc agrees to supervise the free project they will mutually agree on the focus area and further conditions.

The Free project can be written any time during studies but only once. No registration in FlexNow is necessary. After the student submit the assignment the professor/post doc correct this and submit the grade to the examination office which then include this in the student record in flexnow. It is the only module which needs no registration.