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Academic degrees

B. A. Sociology/politics/psychology 1969

Ph. d. Sociology 1978, Doctoral thesis finished in 1978 on the Swedish university history

Docent (associate prof.) 1984

Current post

Professor emeritus since 2009 at the Department of Sociology, University of Gothenburg

Previous posts

University lecturer in sociology at the University of Gothenburg 1982-1990

University lecturer in social sciences at the University College of Östersund 1988-1990

Research assistant (part-time) in sociology the University of Gothenburg 1979-1980

Guest researcher (part-time) at Macquarie University Sydney and University of Melbourne 1981-1982

Senior researcher at the Department of Sociology 1989-1998

Deputy professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Gothenburg 1996-1998

University lecturer at the Department of Sociology, University of Gothenburg 1998-2003

Professor in Sociology at the Department of Sociology, University of Gothenburg 2003-2009

Professor II at the University College of Oslo 2005-2006

Previous research experience

Research assistant on "Higher education and the state in Swedish history" 1978-1982

Participating researcher on "Second generation of immigrants" 1980

Research assistant on "Youth, education, work and unemployment" 1979-1982

Co-ordinator of international symposium on "Intellectuals, Universities and the State" 1983

Director of research on "Professionals at work" 1984-1987

Participant in international seminar on "Professionalisation" at The Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Uppsala 1986-1989

Director of research on "Professionals and political decentralisation" 1989-1995

Director of research on "Youth, education, work and careers" 1990-1995

Director of research on "Ethics and rhetorics in professional practices" 1991-1993

Director of research on "Evaluation of research on home care services" 1995-1996

Researcher in survey study on "Professional conditions and values" 1995-98

Participating expert in evaluation of further education in Sweden 1996

Evaluating the Year of Life-Long-Learning for the European Commission 1997

Director of research on "Working conditions of professionals" 1997-00

Director of research on "Youth, ethnicity and multiculturalism" 1998-00

Director of research on "Youth, ethnicity and suburban integration" 1999-2001



Director of research on “Internationalisation of professions” 2000–04

Director of research on “Perceptions of occupations” 2001–04

Director of research on “Teachers’ learning about pupils” 2002-2005

Current research

Director of research on “Modernisation of administrative service work” 2004-

Director for research on “Experiences of occupational status” 2006-

Researcher in studies of professions, (Conditions and values 2010-)

Memberships and positions of trust

President for the local Association of Sociology 1984-1986

Member of the International Sociological Association 1990-

Member of the European Sociological Association 1999-

Member of the executive board in the European Sociological Association 2003-2007

Member of the board for RC52 in the International Sociological Association 2001-2006.

Treasurer in the European Sociological Association 2005-2007

Member of reference group for the Centre for Professional Studies at the University College of Malmö 2007-

Member of reference group for the Swedish National Network for Studies of Professions 2008-



Publications in English

Books and articles

“The State and Higher Education“ *European Journal of Education* vol. 17, 1982:3

“Actors and Structures in the Selection of Knowledge. A case in the history of Swedish higher education“ in *Knowledge Policies and the Traditions of Higher Education*, (ed.) Bergendal, G., Almqvist & Wiksell International, Stockholm 1984. Revised and reprinted in *History of European Ideas*, vol. 8, 1987:2

“The New Class - Ideology or Theory“ in *Knowledge Policies*, op. cit.

“Reschooling Society in Sweden's Social Democracy“ Chap. 5 in *Capitalist Crisis and Schooling. Comparative Studies in the Politics of Education*, (ed.) Sharp, R., Macmillan Co, Melbourne 1986

“State Control and Academic Autonomy“ in *Studies of Higher Education and Research*, National Board of Higher Education, Stockholm 1987:4

Intellectuals, Universities and the State in Western Modern Societies, (eds.) Eyerman, R., Svensson, L. & Söderqvist, T., University of California Press 1987

Higher Education and the State in Swedish History, Almqvist & Wiksell International, Stockholm 1987

“Knowledge as a Professional Resource: Case studies of architects and psychologists at work“ in *The Formation of Professions. Knowledge, State and Strategy*, (eds.) Torstendahl, R. & Burrage, M., Sage Publ. 1990

“Governmental Control and Professional Education in Sweden“ The 1993 Society for Research into Higher Education Conference Preceding volume, *Governments and Professional Education*, (ed.) Becher, T. Open Univ. Press 1994

“Formation of Professional Values Towards Europe: The Role of Professional Education and Organisation“ paper presented in research group: Intellectuals of Small Countries at Austrian conference of sociology in Klagenfurt Nov. 1993, published in *Higher Education Policy*, Paris 1994

A 'Good' or 'Bad' student. A study of communication in class assessment meetings, co-author Cedersund, E. *Language & Education* no 2/3:1996

“Professional Strategies for Internationalisation“ in Facing the European Challenge. The role of the professions in a wider Europe, vol. II: *Issues for Professional Practice*, (ed.) Neale, Pauline, Continuing Professional Education, Univ. of Leeds 1996



“From Professional Organisation to Professionalism. Changing conditions for professionals in Sweden“ in Olgiati, Vittorio; Orzack, Louis & Saks, Mike (eds.) *Professions, Identity, and Order in Comparative Perspective*, Onati papers 4/5, The International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Onati 1998

“Professionals as a New Middle Class: The Case of Sweden“ in *Professional Identities in Transition: Cross Cultural Dimensions*, (eds.) Hellberg, Inga; Saks Mike & Benoit, Cecilia. Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell International 1999.

“Market, management and professionalism. Professional work and changing organisational contexts” I Mieg, Harald & Pfadenhauer, Michaela (eds.) *Professionelles Leistung – Professional Performance*. Konstanz: UVK 2003.

“The quest for professionalism and the dialectic of individualism and collectivism in work organisations” in *Knowledge, Work & Society* nr 1, 2003.

Conceptual and Comparative Studies of Continental and Anglo-American Professions, (eds) Svensson, L.G. and Evetts, J, Research report No 129 from the Department of Sociology, Göteborg University, 2003.

“Nuovi contesti per il controllo e la fiducia nel professionalismo”, *Economia & Lavoro* Vol. XXXVII No 2, 2003.

Professions: Continental European and Anglo-American approaches, (ed.) *Knowledge, Work & Society* Vol. 2 No 2, 2004.

Conference papers since 1995

“Professional Conditions and Values: Professions between the Swedish Model and the European Union“, paper presented at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, session “The Comparative Study of Professions, States, and Universities“, Whashington 1995

“The Position of School Teachers in a New Social Context“, paper to the International Sociological Association, ISA WG02 Sociology of occupational groups, University of Nottingham 1996

“Changing Work Conditions and Attitudes Among Professional Occupations: The case of Sweden“, paper to the conference “Work, Employment & Society“ Cambridge University 1998

“Professional Occupations and International Affiliations: Reasons and actions“. Paper to the European Sociological Association conference “Working in Europe“ Amsterdam 1999



“Professions. States, Markets and Trust: New conditions for the sociology of professions“. Paper to the European Sociological Association research network conference “The social, scientific reliability of professions. Historical and comparative perspectives“, Jesi, Italy 2000

“Denationalisation and Professional Structures. Opinions among professionals in Sweden on state intervention and internationalisation“. Paper to interim conference of the International Sociological Association RC 52 “State, Political Power and Professional Structures: new patterns and new challenges“, Lisbon 2000

“Studying Professional Performance in Organizational Contexts“. Paper presented at ETH Zentrum, Arbeitskreis: “Professionelles Handeln“ Zürich 2001

“Differentiation of Professions. Structural changes in the 1980s and 90s affecting legitimacy and assets in professions“. Paper to the fifth ESA conference, Helsinki, August 2001. Research network Sociology of Professions

“Professionalism as immaterial assets and trust in new organisational context: contextualisation and commodification of professional services.” Paper till ESA workshop, Paris, maj 2002

“Perceptions of occupations. A sociological study on social prestige of occupations in Sweden.” Paper to ISA World Congress of Sociology, Research committee 28 Social stratification, Brisbane 2002, Session 10: Comparative studies of stratification and mobility. Lars Hansen & Lennart G Svensson

”Trusting professionals in new forms of control. Consumerism, managerialism and professionalism reconsidered.” Paper to ISA World Congress of Sociology, Research committee 52 Sociology of professional groups Brisbane 2002, session 8 “The decline of trust and discretion: regulation of professional work”

Membership in sociological associations

The International Sociological Association and research committee 04 “Sociology of education“, 52 “Sociology of professional groups“.

The European Sociological Association

The Swedish Sociological Association.