

SWEDISH ACADEMIC BOOKS

A BOOST TO RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AT THE HIGHER EDUCATIONS IN SWEDEN. In October the government presented a “Research and Innovation Bill”, which was by far the largest ever. With its SEK 5 billion for the coming four years, the research bill is more than double as large as any of its predecessors.

“Research is an indispensable part of human culture. The growth of knowledge and the search for explanations have a value in themselves. The resources available for research also have a major impact on Sweden’s future potential. Good conditions for research open the way for innovations, contribute to growth and deepen our knowledge of the world around us”, the Government and Minister for Higher Education and Research Lars Leijonborg says in the press release.

In terms of actual amounts, the largest increases will benefit research into medicine, technology and the climate, but research in humanities and social sciences will also receive higher appropriations. The object of this economic boost is to strengthen Sweden as a successful industrial and service nation and as a welfare society.

Jenny Nordenankar, EDITOR

Architecture, Art and Design

Occupying Time

Design, Technology and the Form of Interaction

Ramia Maze

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Pages: 294

As technology pervades our everyday life and material culture, new possibilities and problematics are raised for design. Attention in contemporary design discourse is shifting beyond the object, to the qualities of processes and experiences. The boxes and screens typically the object of interaction and interface design are miniaturizing, even disappearing, as computation is integrated into familiar materials and ordinary objects. This opens possibilities for example, as computer and materials science converge with fashion and architecture in smart textiles and intelligent environments even as it turns us back, in new ways, to traditional design disciplines and practices.

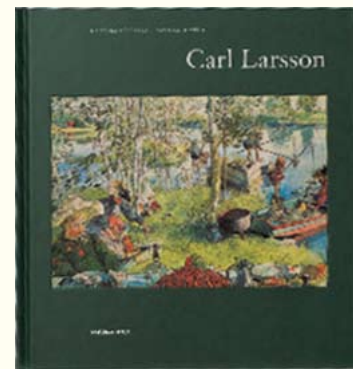


Carl Larsson

Torsten Gunnarsson

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Pages: 120

Carl Larsson (1853–1919) is Sweden’s best-known artist – to this day, his timeless art attracts a large audience. Larsson was incredibly versatile, working in every branch of art. Drawing on the Nationalmuseum’s large collection of his work, this book by Torsten Gunnarsson presents a selection of the artist’s world-renowned open-air paintings and family scenes, but also covers less familiar aspects of his output. A large number of high quality reproductions of Larsson’s popular works are included, among them the famous images from his home at Sundborn in Dalarna. The Great Masters is a series of art books which, on the basis of the Nationalmuseum’s rich collections, introduces readers to some of Sweden’s best-known artists of all time.

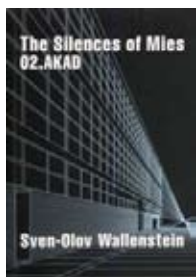


Located at an intersection between emerging technologies and design traditions, interaction design is approached in *Occupying Time* through diverse disciplinary frames and scales of consideration. If focus in interaction design is typically on proximate Use, here, a discussion of Materials scales down to reconsider the more basic spatial and temporal composition of form, and Change scales up to examine large-scale and long-term effects. To anchor these themes in established discourse and practice, architecture is a primary frame of reference throughout. Accounts of event, vernacular, and non-design, and concepts of becoming, in the making, and futurity, as treated in architecture, extend a theoretical and practical basis for approaching time in (interaction) design discourse.

The Silences of Mies

Sven-Olov Wallenstein

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Published: 2008
Series: AKAD; 02
Pages: 98



Drawing on a series of readings of earlier interpretations of Mies, but also on discussions of other instances of the topos of silence in literature and music, the present essay attempts to understand the unavoidable plurality of this silence, to unearth its philosophical genealogy, and to connect it to the present

moment, when the possibility and very sense of criticality as a strategy of negativity seem more questionable than ever.

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A Chinese Word on Image

Zheng Qiao (1104–1162) and his Thought on Images

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ISBN: 9789173466073
Published: 2008
Series: Gothenburg studies in art and architecture; nr 25
Pages: 270

Zheng Qiao (1104–1162) was a Chinese historian who lived during the Song dynasty (960–1279), and the author of the comprehensive history of China *Tong zhi* (General history), which includes a special treatise on images called *Tu pu lue* (Treatise on images and tables). Image-related comments and practices can also be found in several other parts of *Tong zhi*, as well as in other remaining texts of Zheng Qiao.

This study focuses on Zheng Qiao's thought on images. His image-related texts are trans-

lated, commented, and analysed; his life and works are outlined; the influence of his thought on images in Chinese history is exemplified; and his concerns on images and the study of images are connected to traditional Chinese thought, as well as to some of our contemporary discussions concerning images.

Zheng Qiao's words on images deserve to be looked at as a milestone in the ongoing process of establishing a genealogy of the history of images and image studies.

Fashion-able

Hacktivism and Engaged Fashion Design

Otto von Busch

Publisher: School of Design and Crafts (HDK), Faculty of Fine, Applied and Performing Arts, University of Gothenburg
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Published: 2008
Series: Art Monitor
Pages: 271

This thesis consists of a series of extensive projects which aim to explore a new designer role for fashion. It is a role that experiments with how fashion can be reverse engineered, hacked, tuned and shared among many participants as a form of social activism. This social design practice can be called the hacktivism of fashion. It is an engaged and collective process of enablement, creative resistance and DIY practice, where a community share methods and experiences on how to expand action spaces and develop new forms of craftsmanship. In this practice, the designer engages participants to reform fashion from a phenomenon of dictations and anxiety to a collective experience of empowerment, in other words, to make them become fashion-able.

Off the Grid

Mike Bode and Staffan Schmidt

Publisher: Valand School of Arts, Faculty of Fine, Applied and Performing Arts, University of Gothenburg
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Published: 2008
Series: Art Monitor
Pages: 255

Off the grid is an artistic research thesis which puts a Swedish housing estate in a video interview dialogue with homeowners in the North-eastern US through focusing on three topics: travel, self-definition, and community. Based on the situated, visual and conceptual image the project merges seemingly incompatible experiences: eight residents in Husby, an immigrant community outside Stockholm, and eight households not connected to the utility grid, in upstate areas of New England and New York State – and two artistic researchers at University of Gothenburg.



In thinking with the visual and conceptual image *Off the grid* also offers new perspectives on the significance of artistic research, contributing to its further contextualization.

Research and Museums (RAM)

Görel Cavalli-Björkman and Svante Lindqvist (eds.)

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Published: 2008
Serie: Archives of the Nobel Museum 11, Nationalmusei skriftserie nr 20
Pages: 240



Extensive cooperation between a number of institutions resulted in an international symposium – Research and Museums (RAM) – held in the premises of the Royal Swedish Academy of Science in Stockholm from 22–25 May 2007.

A total of 15 speakers from Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the UK, the USA and Sweden lectured on the significance of museum collections for research at both museums and university departments. The watchword of the symposium was that research engenders exhibitions which in their turn engender new research. Their contributions, written in English, have been collected in this volume of proceedings published as part of the scholarly series issued by the Nationalmuseum and the Nobel Museum.

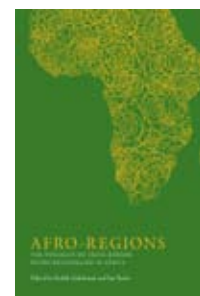
Development Research

Afro-Regions

The Dynamics of Cross-Border Micro-Regionalism in Africa

Fredrik Söderbaum and Ian Taylor (eds.)

Publisher: Nordiska Afrikainstitutet
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Pages: 196



This collection focuses on the making and unmaking of cross-border micro-regions in Africa. Its main emphasis is that micro-regions are not givens, but are constructed and reconstructed through social practice, political economy and, in discourse, by a variety of

states, corporations and non-state actors. The region-builders are the focus – that is, those actors that build and make micro-regions and their associated region-building strategies. Key research questions are: for whom, for what purpose and with what consequences are micro-

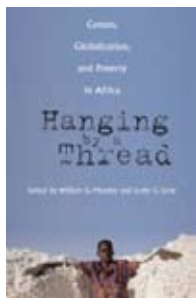
regions being made and unmade? There is also special emphasis on how people on the ground and local communities create their own region-building strategies and how they respond to the region-building strategies of others.

Hanging by a Thread

Cotton, Globalization, and Poverty in Africa

William G. Moseley and Leslie C. Gray (eds.)

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Pages: 297



The textile industry was one of the first manufacturing activities to become organized globally, as mechanized production in Europe used cotton from the colonies. Africa, the least developed of the world's major regions, is now increasingly engaged in the production of this crop for the global market, and debates about the pros

and cons of this trend have intensified. This book illuminates the connections between Africa and the global economy. The editors offer a compelling set of linked studies that detail one aspect of the globalization process in Africa, the cotton commodity chain.

Migration in Sub-Saharan Africa

Aderanti Adepoju

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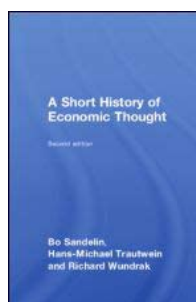
Africans arriving by rickety fishing boats to the Canary Islands, risking the passage across the Straits of Gibraltar or washed up on the Italian island of Lampedusa are familiar examples of the recent growth in migration from Africa to Europe. There is a dark side of migration in human trafficking, but the picture of a continent on the move also includes highly skilled professionals from Nigeria and Ghana who seek employment in universities and other professions in South Africa. On the positive side migrant remittances are a major source of income in many sub-Saharan African countries, helping to sustain the lives of poor home communities. A major challenge now facing sub-Saharan Africa is how to attract skilled emigrants back for national development.

Economics

A Short History of Economic Thought

Bo Sandelin, Hans-Michael Trautwein, Richard Wundrak

Publisher: Routledge
ISBN: 9780415438865
Published: 2008
Pages: 128



This book provides an elementary introduction to the history of economic thought and has been considerably overhauled and updated since the appearance of the first edition in 2002. A chapter is devoted to each of the major developments in the history of the discipline, with a brand

new introduction setting the scene.

This short history of economic thinking covers large ground by outlining the main schools of thought and paradigm shifts in the field. Greater coverage is allowed to the major Anglo-American trends while retaining the innovative coverage of mainland European thinking so characteristic of the original. In the final chapter, the authors draw together some of the key strands and comment on some major

Organizing Innovation

How Policies are Translated into Practice

Fredrik Lavén

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Pages: 289



Innovation is often presented as a key driver of economic growth and societal prosperity. Governments therefore engage in efforts to stimulate innovation by formulating national policies and programmes. Building on economic theories of innovation, the contemporary policy trend is to support the development of innovation systems and clusters.

Networks of interacting companies, research institutions and public organizations, are seen as necessary for producing innovations. What happens when these policies are put into practice? Fredrik Lavén sets out to explore this question. He provides a detailed description of how Swedish innovation policies are translated into action by exploring how a cluster and innovation system initiative for developing microwave technology is organized.

This ethnographically-inspired study provides an important understanding of difficulties of translating general theories and policies to local practice. Fredrik Lavén concludes that the policy challenge is to facilitate local innovation work rather than imposing or "policing" structure.

works and textbooks in the history of economic ideas. The book concludes by reflecting on the changes in economic thinking within the general context of the philosophy of science.

Aid, Drugs, and Informality *Essays in Empirical Economics* Ola Granström

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Pages: 164

The first three papers of this Ph.D. thesis experimentally study the preferences of individuals making cross-border charitable donations.

Evidence from Senegal, the fourth paper (with Elena Bardasi), uses household survey data to study women's work and gender wage gaps in the formal and informal sector in Dakar.

The fifth paper, Does Innovation Pay? A Study of the Pharmaceutical Product Cycle, examines how a drug's life cycle depends on its degree of therapeutic innovation. All New Chemical Entities introduced in Sweden

between 1987 and 2000 are rated into one of three innovation classes: A (important gains); B (modest gains); and C (little gains). Over a 15-year life cycle, the average class A drug raises 15% higher revenues than B drugs and 114% higher revenues than C drugs. But yearly class A and C sales differences are rarely significant. When comparing innovative (A and B pooled) and imitative (C) drugs, 15-year life cycle revenues of innovative drugs exceed those of imitative drugs by 100%. This sales difference is significant in 19 out of 20 years after launch.

Bounded Rationality and Endogenous Preferences

Robert Östling

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Pages: 199



The standard approach in economics takes preferences as given and assumes that economic agents make rational decisions based on those preferences. In this thesis I relax both assumptions in a number of economic applications. These applications are somewhat diverse and belong to different fields of economics,

game theory, microeconomics and political economics, but they can all be viewed against the backdrop of recent developments in behavioral economics.

The growth of behavioral economics took off in the late 1990s as a critique of neoclassical economics, which generally viewed man as self-interested and rational.

Although few economists probably wholeheartedly ever believed that all of us are economic men, until recently, the core of economic theorizing relied mainly on that view of human behavior. This has changed and there are now plenty of economic models based on the alternative assumptions that individuals are imperfectly rational or care for others. .

Personnel Resistance in Public Professional Service Mergers

The Merging of Two National Audit Organizations

Louise Bringselius

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Series: Lund Studies in Economics and Management; 117
Pages: 344

The human side of mergers and acquisitions (M&A) – with focus particularly on resistance – has puzzled scholars for decades. Still, there is little discussion as regards to how the concept should be defined or understood. Often expressions of resistance, rather than its actual

content, are described. What do personnel actually oppose? In this dissertation, the content, process, and context of resistance are explored in a broad and integrative approach. A personnel perspective is adopted. Observations from a longitudinal real-time case study on the merger of two national audit institutions in Sweden are reproduced.

The Entrepreneurship Research Challenge

Per Davidsson

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Published: 2008
Pages: 256



Entrepreneurship is an emerging, dynamic and to a considerable extent, unpredictable phenomenon. Thus, it makes for a challenging research subject. In this book, one of the most experienced empiricists in this field has collected some of his most important ideas on how improved conceptualization and

research design can make this challenge more manageable.

History

The Life of Severus by Zachariah of Mytilene

Lena Ambjörn

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Published: 2008
Series: Texts from Christian Late Antiquity; 9
Pages: 123



This biography of Severus, the patriarch of Antioch 512–518 AD, gives unique information about life in Mediterranean region at the end of the 5th century. It is an important source for studies on Late Antiquity and the early History of Christianity.

The biography is attributed to Zachariah of Mytilene, and focusses on the earlier days of Severus' life and his time of study in Alexandria and Beirut. Zachariah and Severus, both from influential and wealthy families, studied grammar and rhetoric together in Alexandria, after which they moved to Beirut to study law. As students they became involved with the so-called philopoi, "those devoted to work", young Christians whose ideal was an ascetic lifestyle in combination with theological study. Their rhetorical skills were used to argue

against the pagan values of the establishment, and some left all family obligations to go and live as monks in the desert.

In spite of the wealth of information that this text conveys, Zachariah's Life of Severus has not been available in English translation until now.

Language and Linguistics

Adnominal Possession and Ditransitives

Mikko Kupula

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Pages: 163

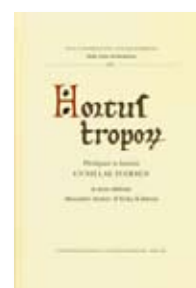
This dissertation presents the findings of an investigation of adnominal possession and ditransitives on the basis of data from Modern Greek. The general thesis of the dissertation is that possessive DPs constitute nominal counterparts to ditransitive constructions.

The dissertation shows that the possessive/locative dichotomy associated with Greek ditransitives is reproducible in the realm of adnominal possession. Prenominal possessors pattern both syntactically and semantically with dative recipients in double object constructions, while postnominal possessors display affiliation with PP-recipients in prepositional dative constructions. Binding diagnostics furthermore indicate two distinct Small Clause structures for Greek possessive DPs, syntactically identical with the structure of ditransitives.

Hortus Troporum

Alexander Andrée and Erika Kihlman (eds.)

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Pages: 384



By gathering the contributions of thirty scholars of international renown in a wide array of topics, Hortus troporum is an attempt to capture the career and influence of Professor Gunilla Iversen, retiring Chair of Latin at Stockholm University. The breadth and depth of Iversen's

research, interests, and influence are reflected in such areas as liturgy, musicology, exegesis, Latin philology, history, manuscript studies, comparative literature, and textual criticism. Divided into five parts, the book illustrates the broad spectrum of topics that characterizes the scholarly activity of Professor Iversen.

Alltagsgattungen und der Ort von Kultur

Sprachwissenschaftliche und kulturanalytische Studien anhand von Milchverpackungen in Deutschland und Schweden

Susanne Tienken

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Series: S tockholmer Germanistische Forschungen; 71

Pages: 236



The present dissertation examines how culture in terms of webs of significance comprises even everyday genres, and how everyday genres in turn partake in creating cultural contexts. The theoretical cornerstones of this study are to be found in a dialogical notion of context and a semiotic notion of culture. Furthermore, the

study benefits from the analytical concept of communicative genre by which texts can be set in the broader context of societal or socio-cultural relevancy. The methodological framework – with contrastive viewing as an overall heuristic approach – has been developed by combining elements from linguistic hermeneutics, literary cultural analysis, and critical discourse analysis.

Law

An Outline of Transport Law

International Rules in Swedish Context

Svante O. Johansson

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Pages: 216

The globalized world of today with intense trade between different parts of the world brings the importance of transports to the forefront. Therefore transport law has become more important.

The book gives an introduction to modern transport law as it outlines the essentials of this complex legal area. The purpose of this book is to give an accessible guide to the central questions such as contracts, documents and liability in carriage of goods and in carriage of passengers. The composition is mainly based on international conventions. The Swedish statutory legislation is based on those international conventions. Together the different rules form a complicated pattern that form transport law. Throughout the book comparisons between rules for different modes of carriage – sea, railway, air and road – are made in order to point out similarities and differences in the legal patterns.

Discourse, Vision, and Cognition

Jana Holšánová

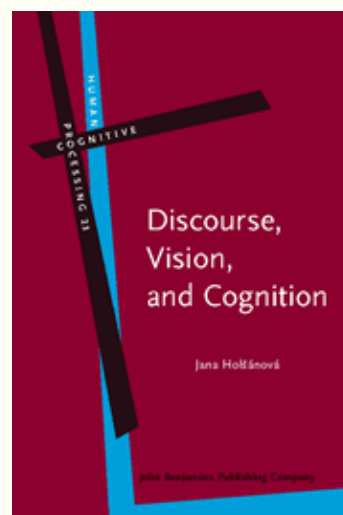
Publisher: John Benjamins

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Pages: 202

While there is a growing body of psycholinguistic experimental research on mappings between language and vision on a word and sentence level, there are almost no studies on how speakers perceive, conceptualise and spontaneously describe a complex visual scene on higher levels of discourse. This book explores the relationship between language, eye movements and cognition, and brings together discourse analysis with cognitively oriented behavioral research. Based on the analysis of data drawn from spoken descriptive discourse, spontaneous conversation, and experimental investigations, this work offers a comprehensive picture of the dynamic natures of language, vision and mental imagery. Verbal and visual data, synchronised and correlated by means of a multimodal scoring method, are used as two windows to the mind to show how language and vision, in concert, can elucidate covert mental processes.



Marine and Other Types of Transport Insurance

Svante O. Johansson

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In later years transport law has become more important due to intense trade between different parts of the world. Merchants must closely consider the risk of loss of or damage to ships and other vehicles as well as goods carried. Insuring transport risks is closely connected to the risks encountered in transport law. In order to avoid such transport risks, insurance can be effected. The present book investigates the coverage provided by different types of insurance for transport risks. The link between carrier liability for loss of or damage to goods and transport insurance is also highlighted.

Governing Global Migration

Sara Kalm

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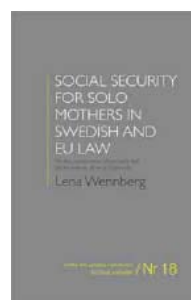
Series: Lund Political Studies 153

Pages: 280

This study explores the global regulative function of migration politics. Its main aim is to rethink migration politics through an engagement with the Foucauldian governmentality perspective, which focuses on the relation between government and thought. A secondary aim is to use this perspective to explore the global description of migration and migration politics which is emerging with the currently evolving global governance of migration. Doing so, it wishes to contribute both to the study of global governmentality, i.e. to the orientation of research which applies elements from governmentality in order to understand global processes of rule, and to the study of the global governance of migration.

Social Security for Solo Mothers in Swedish and EU law

Lena Wennberg



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Published: 2008

Pages: 407

The problem approached in this book, in which gender-insensitive academic legal scholarship is questioned, is how the lack of recognition

of gendered dimensions in maintenance and care in Swedish and European social security laws has social consequences for mothers who are not living with the person legally defined as the other parent of the child. Based on the understanding of feminist legal theory that the logic of separation keeps apart and makes invisible women's life experiences in law, the concept of solo mothers is utilized analytically in three separate studies. These studies, including cross-national comparison of current social assistance regulations in four Nordic countries, examination of the meaning of a European social model, and deconstruction of social security regulations in the Swedish welfare model over time, serve the purpose of unmasking historical and context-dependent constructions of normality in social security law and the boundaries of social citizenship.

Literature

Marguerite Duras et la pensée contemporaine

Actes du colloque des 10-12 mai 2007

Eva Ahlstedt, Catherine Bouthours-Paillart (eds.)

Publisher: Acta Universitatis Gothoburgensis
ISBN: 9789173465939
Published: 2008
Pages: 288

These papers were originally presented at the international conference "Marguerite Duras and Contemporary Thought" that took place at the University of Gothenburg (Sweden) on May 10-12, 2007. The inaugural lecture entitled "Marx, c'est fini!", given by Madeleine Borgomano, offers a panoramic view of the subject. Borgomano describes Duras's commitment to the French Communist Party (1944-1950) as complete but temporary. It ended in a cruel disappointment, after which the writer came to embrace a philosophy of refusal reminiscent of Marcuse's position. Borgomano also comments on the fascination Duras's work has had on great many contemporary psychoanalysts, and she concludes her study by emphasizing the fundamentally deconstructive nature of Duras's thought.

Management

Formalization in High-Technology Ventures

Sölvell, Ingela.

Publisher: Economic Research Institute, Stockholm School of Economics, EFI
ISBN: 9789172587700
Published: 2008
Pages: 248

This thesis investigates organizational formalization within the context of young Swedish high-technology ventures. The research provides four longitudinal case studies which

approach the formalization process in vivo through multiple actor engagement, including a retrospect understanding of the initial development.

Formalization has been considered an irrelevant lens for understanding the organization of new ventures and the development of formalized structures. If discussed at all it has been treated as a legitimacy challenge or a consequential problem of growth. A new strand of research gives other indications; it argues that the formalization of structures is among the



earliest decisions taken during high-technology venturing. It is also suggested that the earliest decisions direct increased formalization. Emergent knowledge about early formalization, while an important platform, only captures part of the complex formalization process.

Take the Lead

With Help From a Mentor

Bengt Elmén

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Pages: 130



In today's rough and tumble climate of business competition, companies need to hire peak performers and do whatever's necessary to keep them. Companies that fail to do this soon go under.

An often overlooked truth is that even peak performers need help along the way, especially if they're

expected to continue producing excellence. One way of giving them this support and ensuring they'll stay is through mentoring.

This book shows you how to get started with mentoring.

Marketing

Facing Clutter

On Message Competition in Marketing Communications

Sara Rosengren

Publisher: Economic Research Institute, Stockholm School of Economics, EFI
ISBN: 9789172587694
Published: 2008
Pages: 148

Could you tell me how many marketing messages you've seen or heard since you woke up this morning? Probably the answer is no. Messages stemming from advertising, promotions, PR, direct marketing, and salesmen are

everywhere. We encounter them on our way to work, in newspapers and magazines, stores and restaurants, when watching our favorite sports, looking out of an airplane window, or even while socializing with friends. As a consumer, it is impossible to keep track of everything marketers are trying to tell us.

Media studies

Communicating Politics

Political Communication in the Nordic Countries

Jesper Strömbäck, Mark Ørsten, Toril Aalberg (eds.)

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Series: Research Anthologies and Monographs
Pages: 276



Modern politics is mediated politics, and the media constitute the most important source of information and channel of communication between the governors and the governed.

Media and politics are thus inextricably linked together, with the media playing an important role

in contemporary democracies and for political processes. While this is true for virtually all advanced democracies, there are still important differences between countries depending on, for example, their media systems and political systems.

Political Communication in the Nordic Countries is consequently to describe and analyze both the political communication systems and cases of political communication processes in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Taken together, the chapters explore differences as well as similarities between the Nordic countries, and provide a broad view of political communication systems, practices and research perspectives in the Nordic countries.

Mediated Crossroads

Identity, Youth Culture and Ethnicity. Theoretical and Methodological Challenges

Ingegerd Rydin, Ulrika Sjöberg (eds.)

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Series: Research Anthologies and Monographs
Pages: 223

This book focuses on family, young people, ethnicity and the media in the context of increasing migration in contemporary Western societies. It includes studies covering both media use and reception. It reflects on the growing interest in ethnic minorities – both on the macro and micro level – within media

and cultural studies. The contributing authors present empirical work on the media and cultural practices of migrants in a wide range of countries such as Belgium, Finland, Greece, Israel, Sweden, Switzerland, and the U.K, and the empirical data are framed by theoretical discussions on a more general level. The collection of studies is characterized by a discursive, everyday life perspective, in which concrete cases of migrant life – with a focus on children, women, families or young people – in relation to media and popular culture are analysed. The book deals with central issues in ethnicity and media research, such as how diasporic groups negotiate their identities, cultural experiences and traditions in everyday life in an environment that is increasingly permeated by various media, not least the Internet.

Music

A Different Story

Aesthetics and the History of Western Music

Olle K. Edström

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Pages: 309



“Wide-ranging across time and space, written in jargon-free, plain language, *Aesthetics and the History of Western Music*, simply put, teaches. The spectrum of original sources is impressively broad, and all of the principal “usual suspects” are included. But perhaps more important, Olle Edström likewise incorporates the

work of writers outside the mainstream of established aesthetics discourse; and the same holds for the secondary sources that he cites and invariably reads critically. Much of the value of this book develops from Edström's concern to move aesthetics from an exercise of language to one of musical practices, and to include not only the music of high art but that of the popular as well, both in past times and in our own. His achievement is noteworthy.” *Richard Leppert* (University of Minnesota).

Imagination, Form, Movement and Sound

Studies in Musical Improvisation

Svein Erik Tandberg

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Published: 2008
Series: Art Monitor
Pages: 312

How do you improvise? How can you learn the art of improvisation? By considering these two questions this thesis aspires to make a contribution towards a greater understanding of what the production of improvised music actually involves. The organ has long traditions of being used to play improvised music and is the main focus of this thesis. The study also includes

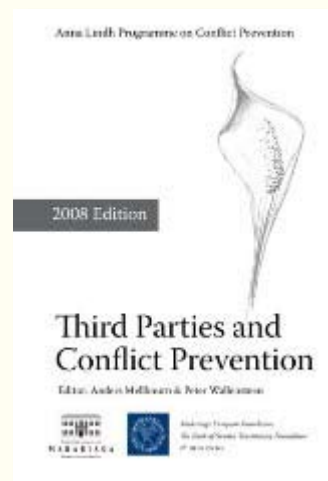


three different recording projects presented on four CDs. These musical manifestations are intended to serve as demonstrations of working methods, references to this thesis but can also be seen as independent works of spontaneous music pieces.

Third Parties and Conflict Prevention

Mellbourn Anders, Wallenstein Peter (eds.)

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Mediation and arbitration have been seen as core instrument for avoiding violent conflict and achieving peace since the early years of the international peace movements. Third parties have obvious roles and responsibilities in conflict prevention efforts.

This fifth and final Anna Lindh volume on Conflict Prevention brings together political and diplomatic practitioners with academic analysts. It highlights the ambitions and achievements of various third parties in conflict prevention. Several contributions present and discuss the potential of the United Nations system. There are case studies of the capabilities and activities of the European Union in the South Caucasus, the Middle East and West Africa, and of the Council of Europe as a conflict prevention mechanism.

Among the other contributors to the 2008 Anna Lindh edition are Vidar Helgesen, Fen Osler Hampson and Connie Peck. The volume is edited by Anders Mellbourn of Halmstad University and Peter Wallenstein of Uppsala University and University of Notre Dame.

Philosophy

Moderate Nominalism and Moderate Realism

Christer Svennerlind

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The subject matter of this thesis is analytic ontology. Chapters II and III deal with two versions of trope theory, or moderate nominalism; these are defined as ontologies which recognise properties and relations but no (real) universals.

The ontology dealt with in chapter IV is a mixture of moderate nominalism concerning qualities and realism concerning relations. The main subject of chapter V is a particular version of moderate realism; it is an ontology which is realistic in its recognition of universals and moderate in its recognition of instances of these universals. Instances combine to form complex networks. A theoretically motivated claim is that although each instance has a predicational

aspect as well as a universal one, it is simple in the sense of lacking internal predicative structure; though, this claim can be called into question.

Political Science

La construcción plural del nuevo campo político

Configuraciones políticas en los departamentos de Bolivia



Luis Alberto García Orellana, Fernando García Yapur et al.

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This study maps the political and social arrangements in eight departments in Bolivia: La Paz, Cochabamba,

Santa Cruz, Beni, Oruro, Potosí, Chuquisaca and Tarija. The objective of the study is to contribute to the on-going debate on geographically based political divides in Bolivia.

Bolivia has experienced significant social and political unrest in recent years, culminating in protests that led to the fall of the government of Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada in 2003 and the resignation of his successor, Carlos Mesa. The Bolivian political landscape is changing and that includes new territorial scenarios and new political players that are shaped by the events transforming the country.

On a departmental level, geographically-based political divides create a situation that does not necessarily follow trends on the national level. The regions are often described as a new platform for opposition, but the political processes and institutions still need strengthening. In Spanish. Co-publisher: United Nations Development Programme, Bolivia.

Comparing No-Party Participatory Regimes

Why Uganda Succeeded and Others Failed

Mose Auyeh

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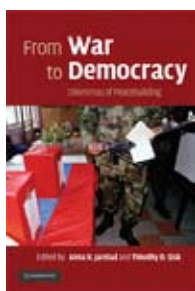
The objective of this dissertation is to evaluate the performance of the no-party participatory regime (NPPR) model in a few selected countries. Such a regime, it was claimed, would give rise to a real and true democracy, would serve the people better, and would protect them against what many leaders saw as divisive party politics.

This study investigates the extent to which these no-party participatory regimes were able, through mass institutions of mobilisation and

participation, to involve people in public affairs, to capture the popular will, to promote people's power, and to serve the population in at least a fairly efficient and effective way. More precisely, the study seeks to evaluate how responsive and effective the rule of regimes in Uganda, Pakistan, Libya and Ghana actually was, and to elucidate how the performance of said regimes was linked to a measure of legitimacy and stability.

From War to Democracy Dilemmas of Peacebuilding

Anna K. Jarstad and Timothy D. Sisk (eds.)



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Attempts to introduce democracy in the wake of civil war face a critical problem: how can war-torn societies move towards peace and democracy when competitive politics and

hard-fought elections exacerbate social and political conflict? Through a study of six themes (peacekeeping, management of violence, power sharing, political party transformation, elections, civil society and international reactions to democratization crises) this volume considers the dilemmas that arise in pursuing peace after civil war through processes of democratization. The contributors' research highlights the complex relationship between democratization, which is competitive, and peacebuilding or efforts to achieve reconciliation. The book offers insights into more effective action in peacebuilding in light of the short-term negative effects that democratization can introduce. It is a thought-provoking work that seeks both to advance theory and to provide policy-relevant findings to facilitate more effective and durable transitions from war to democracy.

Just Distribution

Rawlsian Liberalism and the Politics of Basic Income

Simon Birnbaum

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Should liberal egalitarians endorse the idea of an unconditional basic income for all? This thesis defends a politics of unconditional universalism, offering a liberty-respecting and non-perfectionist basis for maximin-guided policies. The argument starts off from a Rawlsian justification of basic income in the context of institutional ideal theory. This view is based on the aim of maximising the prospects of the least advantaged in ways consistent with a robust protection of people's effective freedom,

the social bases of self-respect and access to meaningful activities at each stage of their lives.

Myanmar/Burma

Challenges and Perspectives

Xialin Guo

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This collection of papers addresses political developments in Myanmar/Burma in the context of regional politics and changing international relations. It seeks to disentangle and elucidate pressing issues that affect not only democratization in the country but also nation building. It attempts to bridge and minimize somewhat the apparent gap separating international objectives and perceptions with those of domestic realities. Part One of the book deals with problems of the pro-democracy movement, ethnic conflict, and the role of the military in any future political transition and its implications for the country and the region. Part Two of the book analyzes specifically the dilemmas of international intervention, and explores wider implications for the management of international affairs in a global context. This book ultimately aims to invigorate the debate and diversify the discourse on Myanmar/Burma.

Political Parties in Conflict-Prone Societies

Regulation, Engineering and Democratic Development

Benjamin Reilly, Per Nordlund (eds.)

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Well-functioning political parties are essential components of democracy. They organize voters, aggregate and articulate interests, craft policy alternatives, recruit and socialize new candidates for office, set policy-making agendas, integrate disparate groups and individuals into the democratic process, and provide the basis for coordinated electoral and legislative activity. But political parties in many developing democracies remain weak and underdeveloped, often being based around personal, ethnic or regional ties rather than national interests.

Today, with more states deciding their leaders through multiparty elections than ever before, many developing democracies seek to shape the development of political parties and party systems by regulating the way parties can form, organize and behave. Most of these ambitious initiatives and innovations emanate from new democracies rather than established Western examples. This volume examines this growing trend in conflict-prone societies towards promoting stable and inclusive political parties via political party regulation and engineering in developing democracies around the world.

Rolling Out the Map of Justice

Jörgen Ödalen

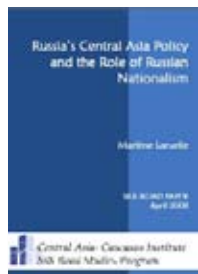
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Traditionally, the promotion of socio-economic justice has been seen as an exclusive concern for the state and its citizens. Many contemporary political thinkers criticize this view and argue that the principles of justice which apply within a state also apply to the global level. Further, they often argue that this conclusion is strengthened by the increased level of interconnectedness between people and states created by globalization. It is said that even if principles of justice are constrained by institutional boundaries, these boundaries no longer coincide with state borders but rather extend transnationally, or even globally. In this thesis it is argued that the impacts on justice inferred from globalization are often seriously overstated.

Russia's Central Asia Policy and the Role of Russian Nationalism

Marlene Laruelle

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The issues concerning relations between Russia and Central Asia in the geostrategic and economic realms are well-known. Much has been said about the rapprochement between these countries, which has been very visible since 2000 and even more pronounced since 2005, as it undermines

the power of influence the United States and Europe have in the region. But very little is known about the specific place that Central Asia occupies in Russian political and intellectual life. However, with the rise of nationalism and xenophobia in Russian society, a detailed analysis is warranted of the opinions held by the various nationalist currents in relation to Central Asia. Indeed, for many years now, a profound reordering of the Russian political scene has been underway: the so-called liberal currents have been marginalized, while the nationalist parties have enjoyed a rapid rise.

Taking Advantage of Institutional Possibilities and Network Opportunities

Analyzing Swedish Strategic Action in EU Negotiations

Matilda Broman

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When core national interests are at stake, EU member states optimize their strategic activities on the European level in order to advance national preferences. Two cases are used in this study to shed light on such dynamics. The first case is Sweden's strategic action within the transparency issue area, which in part defined the country's Council Presidency in early 2001. The second case is the EU chemicals policy where Sweden, as in the transparency case, harbours strong interests. The two studies provide opportunities for in-depth studies of the complex institutional setting and related EU negotiations within the co-decision context.

The Heritage and the Present *From Invasion Defence to Mission Oriented Organization*

Alise Weibull and Bengt Abrahamsson (eds.)

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The contemporary political, economic and technological challenges in the military field will affect the military profession in many dynamic ways. This volume illustrates some of these changes. We hope that it will stimulate reflection and further research on the future of the military

establishment; its political role and its social and cultural impact, nationally as well as when troops are operating abroad under international command.

The Military Profession in Change – the Case of Sweden

Anna Bolin

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The starting point for this study is the transformation that the latest decade has occurred in security and defence affairs. The focal point is the big challenges that these developments have implied for national armed forces. The perspective chosen to describe and analyse this is that of professionalism, and the object of study is that of the Swedish military. The aim of the study is in broad terms to investigate what the development in security and defence affairs

has implied for the professionalism of the Swedish military.

Religion

Islam and Muslims in Sweden *Integration or Fragmentation? A Contextual Study*

Göran Larsson and Åke Sander

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The book analyzes state policies towards Islam and Muslims in Sweden. It investigates mechanisms of inclusion and exclusion and compare these with goals formulated by the Muslims themselves. It describes the history of Islam in Sweden, policies of multiculturalism, how these

policies have been experienced by Muslims and how integration can be promoted. It concludes with a discussion of future scenarios for the relationship between Muslims and non-Muslims. The Swedish situation is discussed in relation to international debates of Islam and Muslims in the West.

Origins of Kingship Traditions and Symbolism in the Great Lakes Region of Africa

Birgitta Farelius

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Considering myth as the bearer of important symbolism with potentials to reveal history, this dissertation undertakes a historical interpretation of kingship traditions and/or myths in the Great Lakes region. While the historical sources describe the cultures of the peoples of the interlacustrine region, this study goes a step further to develop analytic categories using symbolism to interpret and explain the socio-political developments, which previously have been mystified and hence crystallised in theories as the well-known Hamitic theory. The analysis combining a historical linguistic approach with the ecology of religion has facilitated an interpretation of the symbolism surrounding kingship and thereby elucidating the development of cultural history pertaining to the interlacustrine peoples.

Social Sciences

A Theory Of Organizing

Barbara Czarniawska

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"Barbara Czarniawska rightly has the reputation of being one of the most original commentators on modern organizational life – and this book will only add to that. Drawing on her extensive knowledge of contemporary studies of organizing, she offers a multitude of insightful and often provocative thoughts and observations on the organizational condition. Ponder on it, argue with it but also admire the ways in which she gets to the issues of real significance." – *Anthony Hopwood*, Former Dean, Saïd Business School, Oxford, UK. Barbara Czarniawska is Professor of Management Studies, GRI, School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg.

Governing and Governance in Sweden

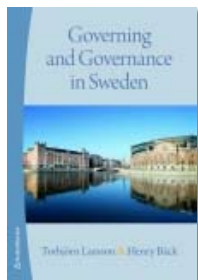
Henry Bäck and Torbjörn Larsson

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In this book a critical assessment is made of 'the Swedish way' of democracy. A presentation of the central institutions such as Parliament, the Government, the courts and the public administration is given, as well as of the main political players such as the political parties, interest organisations and the media.

An emphasis has been put on how gradual changes have shaped the political system and how many of the institutions that make the Swedish political system unique, such as the division of the central administration into departments and government agencies, the tradition of openness and transparency and the informality of the whole system, has its roots in a long historical process.

Besides having a historical and critical starting point in the review of the Swedish political system, the authors also compare the Swedish system with that of other European democracies, further highlighting the more unique features of the Swedish political system.

An important theme in the book is the tension between what the formal and official rules of the political system say and how the system actually works in practise. Membership of the European Union and increasing globalisation have also affected Sweden's political system and has forced it to adapt its traditional style of decision and policy making to the new world order – many things are no longer what they

seem to be, as the authors conclude in the final chapter.

Learning in Collaboration

Academics' Experiences in Collaborative Partnerships

Jan Karlsson

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There is an ongoing debate both in the United States and Europe about the need to develop a broader view of scholarship and the different activities connected with it, including "service to the community". In Sweden, service takes the form of practice-oriented engagement and collaboration with the surrounding community, as stipulated by Swedish law regulating universities' activities. Collaboration is frequently perceived as a supplementary task, in addition to education and research, hence the name 'the third task'. Many academics, university teachers and researchers, are today involved in different collaborative partnerships. This thesis focuses academics' learning in two different contexts: collaboration with small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and in a multidisciplinary research programme at the National Institute for Working Life in Sweden (NIWL).

The Idea of Kosmopolis

History, Philosophy and Politics of World Citizenship

Rebecka Lettevall and My Klockar Linder

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Contemporary discussions on cosmopolitanism are often based on older assumptions that have become invisible or hard to unearth. This volume explores the idea of kosmopolis by placing it into different historical, philosophical, social, and political contexts. By bringing together different views on and aspects of cosmopolitanism, the volume aims at contributing to new understandings of kosmopolis and the resulting cosmopolitan ideal, and of the fears this concept may generate.

The nine contributors discuss kosmopolis within the contexts of philosophers such as Heraclitus and Kant, the thoughts and texts of the nobility, intellectual thoughts from the Enlightenment, contemporary political institutions, and grass root cosmopolitanism. The intent is to illustrate how the meaning of »cosmopolitanism« is influenced not only by its history but also by its specific contexts.

Sociology & Social Policy

Measuring Professional Judgements

An Application of the Factorial Survey Approach to the Field of Social Work

Lisa Wallander

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The focus of this thesis is the factorial survey approach as a method for studying professional judgements in social work. The factorial survey approach, which was first introduced in the social sciences around the beginning of the 1980s, constitutes an advanced method for measuring human judgements of

social objects. At the general level, this quasi-experimental approach involves presenting respondents with fictive descriptions of social objects (vignettes), in which selected characteristics describing the objects to be judged are simultaneously manipulated.

Family (Versus) Policy

Combining Work and Care in Russia and Sweden

Zhanna Kravchenko

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The twentieth century has witnessed a revolution in the ways in which the social division of labour is organised, and in terms of how waged work and caring for children are reconciled. This study explores family policy from the perspective of its capacity to

manage the socio-economic risks emanating from combining the roles of breadwinner and caregiver which many parents are beginning to do in contemporary society. This study is focused on Russia and Sweden, countries which have a large share of their female population in the labour force and an institutionalised public policy directed towards meeting the challenges of childrearing in dual-earner families.

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