

Short CV

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Education and Degrees

- 2018 Recognised University Teacher (*Meriterad lärare*), Umeå University.
- 2012 Associate Professor (*Docent*), Sociology, Umeå University.
- 2000 PhD, History of Science and Ideas, Umeå University.
- 1995 MA, History of Science and Ideas, Umeå University.
- 1992 BA, Museology, Umeå University.

Professional Appointments

- 2023– Deputy Head (*Bitr. och stf prefekt*), Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University, 2023-01-01–.
- 2021– Senior Lecturer (*Universitetslektor*), Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University, 2021-07-01–.
- 2013–2021 Senior Lecturer (*Universitetslektor*), Department of Sociology, Umeå University, 2013-04-01–2021-06-30.
- 2010–2012 Holder of Umeå University Young Researcher Award, Department of Sociology, Umeå University, 2010-07-01–2012-12-31.
- 2006–2010 Assistant Professor (*Forskarassistent*), funded by the Swedish Research Council (*Vetenskapsrådet*), Department of Historical Studies, Umeå University, 2006-07-01–2009-06-30, and Department of Sociology, Umeå University, 2009-07-01–2010-06-30.
- 2005 Researcher, Department of Sociology, Uppsala University, 2005-05-01–2005-07-31.
- 2004–2005 Researcher, Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University, 2004-01-01–2005-04-30.
- 2001–2003 Postdoctoral Researcher, Swedish Institute for Studies in Education and Research (SISTER), Stockholm, 2001-03-01–2003-12-31 (on leave 2001-07-01–2002-12-31).

Visiting Fellowships

- 2022 Visiting Professor, Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto, 2022-05-01–2022-06-30.
- 2017 Visiting Research Fellow, Uppsala Science and Technology Studies (STS) Center / Department of Economic History, Uppsala University, 2017-02-01–2017-02-28.

- 2012 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, 2012-09-01–2012-10-31.
- 2012 Visiting Fellow, Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität Potsdam, 2012-11-01–2012-11-30.
- 2005–2006 Hans Rausing Visiting Fellow, Office for History of Science, Uppsala University, 2005-11-01–2006-06-30.
- 2005 Research Fellow, Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences, London South Bank University, 2005-08-01–2005-10-31.
- 2002 Fellow, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala University, 2002-09-04–2002-12-18.
- 2001–2002 STINT Postdoctoral Research Fellow, School of Social Sciences, University of Sussex, Brighton, England, 2001-08-01–2002-07-31.

Prizes and Awards

- 2013 The Katrin Fridjonsdottir Memorial Prize in the Sociology of Knowledge, Faculty of Social Sciences, Uppsala University.
- 2008 The Young Researcher Award, Umeå University.
- 2005 The Hans Rausing Stipend in the History of Science, Office for History of Science, Uppsala University.

Research Grants (as Principal Investigator)

- 2024–2027 “Funding Effects: The Emergence of Public Research Councils and the Formation of the Human Sciences in Sweden, 1947–1977”, funded by the Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet, dnr 2023-00851).
- 2021–2022 “Alva Myrdal and Cold War International Social Science: Visions, Practices and Geopolitics at UNESCO, 1950–1955”, Sabbatical, funded by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ, dnr SAB20-0048).
- 2013–2016 “Alva Myrdal and Cold War International Social Science”, funded by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ, dnr P12-0273).
- 2010–2012 “Intersectional Peripheries in the History of the Social Sciences”, Young Researcher’s Award, Umeå University (Umeå universitets karriärbidrag, dnr 223-514-09).
- 2006–2010 “The History of the Social Reportage and Its Relation to the Social Sciences in Sweden, 1840–2000”, funded by the Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet, dnr 2005-2202).
- 2003–2006 “Boundaries of Social Knowledge: Academisation and Gender in Britain and Sweden 1880–1960”, funded by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ, dnr J2001-0648:1).
- 2001–2002 “Boundaries of Social Knowledge: Academisation and Gender in Britain and Sweden 1880–1960”, funded by The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT).

Board Memberships

- 2024– Member of Review Panel, Visiting Professorships in Humanities and Social sciences, Swedish Research Council.
- 2023– Member of Executive Committee, Centre for Higher Education and Research as Objects of Study (HERO), Uppsala University.
- 2020– Member of Editorial Board, *The Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*.
- 2019–2021 Member of Advisory Board, Umeå Centre for Gender Studies (UCGS), Umeå University.
- 2017–2021 Chair of the Program Committee and Coordinator of the Bachelor and Master's Programmes in Library and Information Science, Umeå University.
- 2014–2022 Member of Steering Committee, Research Committee on the History of the Sociology (RCHS) of the International Sociological Association (ISA).
- 2011–2017 Member of The Swedish National Committee for History of Technology and Science (*Svenska nationalkommittén för teknik- och vetenskapshistoria*) of the The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- 2010–2014 Secretary of the Research Committee on the History of Sociology (RCHS) of the International Sociological Association (ISA), and Editor of its *RCHS Newsletter*.
- 2006–2011 Member of Editorial Board, *Ideas in History*.
- 2007–2009 Member of Editorial Board, *Lychnos: Annual of the Swedish History of Science Society*.
- 1998–2004 Member of Editorial Board, *The Journal Nordic Museology*.

Publications

Books and Edited Volumes

- Kirsti Niskanen & Per Wisselgren (eds), [Special Thematic Section:] “Humanvetenskaplig internationalisering som ideal och praktik: En introduktion” [Internationalising the Swedish Human Sciences in Theory and Practice, 1920–1970: An Introduction], *Lychnos*, 2018, pp. 194–283.
- Joacim Hansson & Per Wisselgren (eds), *Bibliotekarier i teori och praktik: Utbildningsperspektiv på en unik profession* [*Librarianship in Theory and Practice: Educational Perspectives on a Unique Profession*], (Lund: BTJ Förlag, 2018), 314 pp.
- Per Wisselgren, *The Social Scientific Gaze: The Social Question and the Rise of Social Science in Sweden* (Farnham: Ashgate Publishing, 2015; reprinted by London & New York: Routledge 2016), 286 pp.
- Rickard Danell, Anna Larsson & Per Wisselgren (eds), *Social Science in Context: Historical, Sociological and Global Perspectives* (Lund: Nordic Academic Press, 2013), 288 pp.
- Annika Berg, Christina Florin & Per Wisselgren (eds), *Par i vetenskap och politik: Intellectuella äktenskap i moderniteten* [*Couples in Science and Politics: Intellectual Marriages in Modernity*] (Umeå: Boréa bokförlag, 2011), 476 pp.
- Anders Ekström, Solveig Jülich, Frans Lundgren & Per Wisselgren (eds), *History of Participatory Media: Politics and Publics, 1750–2000* (New York: Routledge, 2011), 192 pp.
- Per Wisselgren (ed.), *Thematic Issue: History of the Social Sciences, Ideas in History*, vol. 4, no. 1 (2009).

Per Wisselgren, *Samhällets kartläggare: Lorénska stiftelsen, den sociala frågan och samhällsvetenskapens formering i Sverige 1830–1920* [Mapping Society: The Lorén Foundation, the Social Question, and the Formation of a Social Science Discourse in Sweden 1830–1920], (Stockholm/Stehag: Brutus Östlings Bokförlag Symposion, 2000), 380 pp.

Articles and Book Chapters (selected)

Hedvig Ekerwald & Per Wisselgren, “Alva och Gunnar Myrdal – policyorienterade samhällsforskare” [Alva and Gunnar Myrdal – policy-oriented social scientists], in *Sociologins klassiker: Upptäckter och återupptäckter*, eds. Lisa Eklund & Bo Isenberg (Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2022), pp. 369–384.

Per Wisselgren, “Library spirit personifierad: Greta Linder och den moderna folkbibliotekarien” [Library spirit personified: Greta Linder and the modern public librarian], *Biblis* 95 (2021), 65–77.

Per Wisselgren, “Knowledge Boundaries and the History of Sociology”, in *The Palgrave Handbook of the History of Human Sciences*, ed. David McCallum (Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021).

Per Wisselgren, “Decentering Cold War Social Science: Alva Myrdal's Social Scientific Internationalism at UNESCO, 1950–1955”, in *Cold War Social Sciences, Transnational Entanglements*, eds. Christian Dayé & Mark Solovey (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), pp. 287–313.

Per Wisselgren, “Women and extra-academic social research in Sweden 1900–1950: A sociology of knowledge approach”, *International Review of Sociology*, Vol 31 (2021), No. 1: 123–143.

Per Wisselgren, “Vad gjorde kvinnorna när männen skrev (samhällsvetenskapernas) historia? Om könskodade passager, arenor och kunskapspraktiker, 1900–1950” [What did the women do when the men wrote the history (of the social sciences)? On gendered passages, arenas and knowledge practices], in *Humanvetenskapernas verkningar: Kunskap, samverkan, genomslag*, ed. Linus Salö (Stockholm: Dialogos, 2021), pp. 64–91.

Per Wisselgren, “‘Forskningen om individ och samhälle måste internationaliseras’: Alva Myrdals samhällsvetenskapliga internationalism, 1950–1955” [‘Research on Man and Society Must be Internationalised’: Alva Myrdal’s Social Scientific Internationalism, 1950–1955], *Lychnos* 2018, pp. 234–253.

Per Wisselgren, “Jane Addams and the Contemporary Swedish Social Entrepreneurial Scene: Reflections on the Gendered Making of Social Knowledge”, in *Jane Addams’ Sociology and the Spirit of Social Entrepreneurship*, eds. Vessela Misheva & Andrew Blasko (Uppsala: Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis, 2018), pp. 131–143.

Per Wisselgren, “Bibliotekarieutbildning och bibliotekspraktik – en professionshistorisk triangulering” [‘Librarianship in education and in practice – triangulating the history of the profession’], in *Bibliotekarier i teori och praktik: Utbildningsperspektiv på en unik profession*, eds. Joacim Hansson & Per Wisselgren (Lund: BTJ Förlag, 2018), pp. 17–39.

Per Wisselgren, “From Utopian One-worldism to Geopolitical Intergovernmentalism: UNESCO's Department of Social Sciences as an International Boundary Organization, 1946–1955”, *Serendipities: Journal for the Sociology and History of the Social Sciences*, Vol 2 (2017), No 2: 148–182.

Anna Larsson & Per Wisselgren, “Introduction: Contextualizing social science”, in *Social Science in Context: Historical, Sociological and Global Perspectives*, eds. Rickard Danell, Anna Larsson & Per Wisselgren (Lund: Nordic Academic Press, 2013), pp. 9–18.

Per Wisselgren, “‘Not Too Many Ladies, But Too Few Gentlemen’: On the Gendered Co-production of Social science and Its Publics”, in *Social Science in Context: Historical, Sociological and Global Perspectives*, eds. Rickard Danell, Anna Larsson & Per Wisselgren (Lund: Nordic Academic Press, 2013), pp. 33–47.

Per Wisselgren, “Social Reform Collaboration and Gendered Academization: Three Swedish Social Science Couples at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”, in *For Better or For Worse? Collaborative*

Couples in the Sciences, eds. Annette Lykknes, Donald L. Opitz, & Brigitte Van Tiggelen (Heidelberg: Birkhäuser, 2012), pp. 193–220.

Annika Berg, Christina Florin & Per Wisselgren, “Par i vetenskap och politik” [Couples in the Sciences and in Politics], in *Par i vetenskap och politik: Intellectuella äktenskap i moderniteten*, eds. Annika Berg, Christina Florin & Per Wisselgren (Umeå: Boréa Bokförlag, 2011), pp. 13–43.

Per Wisselgren, “Bakom varje framgångsrik man...’: Wicksells, Steffens, Cassels och sekelskiftets sociala reformrörelse” [’Behind Every Successful Man...’: The Wicksells, the Steffens, the Cassels and the Social Reform Movement at the Turn of the Twentieth Century], in *Par i vetenskap och politik: Intellectuella äktenskap i moderniteten*, eds. Annika Berg, Christina Florin & Per Wisselgren (Umeå: Boréa, 2011), pp. 45–86.

Anders Ekström, Solveig Jülich, Frans Lundgren & Per Wisselgren, “Participatory Media in Historical Perspective: An Introduction”, in *History of Participatory Media: Politics and Publics, 1750–2000*, eds. Anders Ekström, Solveig Jülich, Frans Lundgren & Per Wisselgren (New York: Routledge, 2011), pp. 1–9.

Per Wisselgren, “Expedition Robinson, Reality TV, and the History of the Social Experiment”, in *History of Participatory Media: Politics and Publics, 1750–2000*, eds. Anders Ekström, Solveig Jülich, Frans Lundgren & Per Wisselgren (New York: Routledge, 2011), pp. 142–157.

Per Wisselgren, “Editorial”, *Ideas in History*, No. 1, Vol.4 (2009), pp. 5–10.

Per Wisselgren, “Women as Public Intellectuals: Kerstin Hesselgren and Alva Myrdal”, in *Intellectuals and Their Publics: Perspectives from the Social Sciences*, eds. Christian Fleck, Andreas Hess & E. Stina Lyon (Aldershot: Ashgate Publishers, 2009), pp. 227–243.

Per Wisselgren, “Reforming the Science-Policy Boundary: The Myrdals and the Swedish Tradition of Governmental Commissions”, in *Academics as Public Intellectuals*, eds. Sven Eliaeson & Ragnvald Kalleberg (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008), pp. 173–195.

Anna Larsson & Per Wisselgren, “The Historiography of Swedish Sociology and the Bounding of Disciplinary Identity”, *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, Vol. 42 (2), Spring 2006, pp. 159–176.

Per Wisselgren, “CSA och det sociala kunskapsfältets gränser” [CSA and the Boundaries of Social Knowledge Production], in *Ligga till last: Fattigdom och utsatthet: Social politik och socialt arbete under 100 år*, eds. Hans Swärd & Marie-Anne Egerö (Lund: Gleerups, 2006), pp. 39–52.

Per Wisselgren, “Kollektivhuset och Villa Myrdal: Om samhällsvetenskapens rum i folkhemmet” [The Collective Housing Project and the Myrdal Villa: On the Space and Place of Social Science in the Swedish Model], in *Topos: Essäer om tänkvärda platser och platsbundna tankar*, eds. Erland Mårald & Christer Nordlund (Stockholm: Carlsson, 2006), pp. 130–151.

Per Wisselgren, “Det sociala reportaget – journalistik, litteratur eller vetenskap?” [The Social Reportage – Journalism, Literature or Science?], in *Den ocensurerade verkligheten i reportage, bild och undersökningar*, eds. Anna Meeuwisse & Hans Swärd (Stockholm: Carlssons, 2003), pp. 81–102.

Per Wisselgren, “Universitetens kulturella sammanhang: Platsbundna nätverk och lokala strategier” [Universities and Their Cultural Contexts: Situated Networks and Local Strategies], in *Kulturen i kunskapssamhället: Om kultursektorns tillväxt och kulturpolitikens utmaningar*, ed. Sverker Sörlin (Nora: Bokförlaget Nya Doxa, 2003), pp. 123–142.

Per Wisselgren, “Hemma, borta och på väg: Robinson och det sociala reportaget” [At Home, Away, and On the Road: Robinson and the Social Reportage], in *Reseberättelser: Idéhistoriska resor i sociala och geografiska rum*, eds. Lena Eskilsson & Mohammad Fazlhashemi (Stockholm: Carlssons, 2001), pp. 256–275.