



Workshop

*Beyond Advanced Studies:
Interdisciplinary Theory and
Research Careers*

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Invitation

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The first workshop within the Beyond Advanced Studies initiative.

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To respond to complex societal challenges, a mobilization of interdisciplinary research is urgently needed. This is the purpose of a series of three exploratory workshops, *Beyond Advanced Studies*, to be held at the Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS), and the Turku Institute for Advanced Studies (TIAS). Building on the particular strengths of Nordic research and on the unique experience and expertise of Institutes for Advanced Study (IAS) in the Nordic countries, the workshop series aims to provide a platform for sharing experiences of interdisciplinary research, models for organizing research, and the role of IASs in these efforts.

“What is interdisciplinarity?”; “How does it exist in today’s academia?”; and “How can one build a career in interdisciplinary research?” will be the subject of the first workshop. At present, interdisciplinary research is a poorly defined concept, hindered by a number of barriers. For example, for early-career scholars, publications from interdisciplinary work may not carry the same rewards as discipline-based publications. Furthermore, a clear model of career progression is usually not available, other than to return to single-discipline roles with added responsibilities in teaching and administration. Interdisciplinary research may, on the other hand, also open up new research trajectories. At this workshop, existing conceptions of interdisciplinary research will be explored and challenged.

The initiative is funded by the Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NOS-HS).

The first workshop will be held at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in Uppsala. Digital participation in the workshop will be possible.

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Please respond to rsvp@swedishcollegium.se no later than 20 October 2021, and let us know whether you intend to participate in the workshop.

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Programme:

Monday, 8 November

- 10.00 - 10.30 Arrival
- 10.30 - 10.35 Practicalities
- 10.35 - 10.50 Welcome to the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study,
Professor **CHRISTINA GARSTEN** (SCAS)
- 10.50 - 10.55 Introducing the Organizers,
Professor **MARTIN CLOONAN** (TIAS)
- 10.55 - 11.00 Introducing the Organizers,
Professor **SØREN RUD KEIDING** (AIAS)
- 11.00 - 11.15 SCAS: A Sensory Experience
- 11.15 - 12.30 Keynote Presentation:
What is Interdisciplinarity? How Does It Exist in Today's Academia and How Can One Build a Career in Interdisciplinary Research?
Professor **SVERKER SÖRLIN** (SCAS and KTH Royal Institute of Technology)
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 - 14.30 Panel Discussion, *IAS Models in the Nordic Region: History and Issues*
Professor **CHRISTINA GARSTEN** (SCAS)
Professor **SØREN RUD KEIDING** (AIAS)
Professor **MARTIN CLOONAN** (TIAS)
Professor **CAMILLA SERCK-HANSEN** (CAS Oslo)
- 14.30 - 15.00 Coffee/Tea
- 15.00 - 15.45 Group Discussions
- 15.45 - 16.00 Interlude
- 16.00 - 16.30 Discussion of Findings from Groups
- 19.00 - 22.00 Dinner at SCAS

Tuesday, 9 November

- 09.00 - 09.15 Arrival at SCAS
- 09.15 - 10.15 Keynote Presentation:
Interdisciplinary Theory and Researcher Careers - the IAS Model Worldwide
Dr **BRITTA PADBERG** (Academy of International Affairs - North Rhine-Westphalia, Bonn)
- 10.15 - 11.00 Coffee/Tea and Interlude
- 11.00 - 11.40 Keynote Presentation:
Organizing for Interdisciplinarity: National and International Experiences
Professor **KERSTIN SAHLIN** (Uppsala University)
- 11.40 - 12.30 *Interdisciplinary Research in Practice: Aspirations and Challenges*
Professor **JENNY LARSSON** (Stockholm University and former SCAS Fellow)
Professor **JENNY ANDERSSON** (Uppsala University and former SCAS Fellow)
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 - 13.50 Presentation of the Pro Futura Scientia Programme and the Erik Allardt Programme at SCAS,
Professor **CHRISTINA GARSTEN** (SCAS)
- 13.50 - 14.30 Perspectives from Pro Futura Fellows,
Professor **TERJE FALCK-YTTER** (SCAS and Uppsala University)
Associate Professor **SOFIA LODÉN** (SCAS and Stockholm University)
Professor **ARYO MAKKO** (SCAS and Stockholm University)
- 14.30 - 15.00 Perspectives from an Erik Allardt Fellow,
Associate Professor **MERJA POLVINEN** (University of Helsinki and former SCAS Fellow)
- 15.00 - 15.15 Coffee/Tea
- 15.15 - 16.00 Group Discussions
- 16.00 - 16.30 Discussion of Findings from Groups

Wednesday, 10 November

- 09.00 - 09.30 Arrival at SCAS
- 09.30 - 10.30 Reflections, *Models for Interdisciplinarity*
Professor **GUSTAF ARRHENIUS** (IFFS and former SCAS Fellow)
Dr **INGRID BERG** (CIRCUS, Uppsala University)
Professor **TUOMAS FORSBERG** (HCAS)
- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee/Tea
- 11.00 - 12.30 Closing Remarks, *Looking Towards the Future*
Professor **MARTIN CLOONAN** (TIAS)
Professor **CHRISTINA GARSTEN** (SCAS)
Professor **SØREN RUD KEIDING** (AIAS)
- 12.30 Lunch
Departure