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Reviews of Nils Brunsson's early contributions to organization studies:

- R:1 Skelley, D.: Radical Institutionalism and Public Administration: a review of Nils Brunsson's contributions to understanding public sector organizations. PAMIJ, 2000.
- R:2 Johansson, R.: Nyinstitutionalismen inom organisationsanalysen. Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2001.
- R:3 Koenig, G.: Nils Brunsson Concevoir, dire et faire: Éloge de la déliaison in Charreire, S. and Huault, I.: Les grands auteurs en management. Colombelles: Éditions ems, 2002.
- R:4 Tacke, V.: Klassiker der Organisationsforschung (2) Nils Brunsson in Organisationsentwicklung, vol. 22, no 3, 2003, pp 74-79.
- R:5 Ortmann, G.: "The fools in town are on our side". Macht, Organisation, Differenz - Über Nils Brunsson. Ch 5 in Als Ob. Fiktionen und Organisationen. Wiesbaden. VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 2004.

- R:6 Nicoletti, R: La prospettiva della razionalità limitata negli studi organizzativi: il pensiero di Nils Brunsson. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano, Facoltà di Scienze Politiche e Sociali, 2017.
- R:7 Dumez Hervé (2021) "Nils Brunsson. Le management des organisations (hypocrisie, réforme, méta-organisations)" in Chatelain-Ponroy Stéphanie, Gibert Patrick, Rival Madina & Burlaud Alain, *Les grands auteurs en management public*. Caen, EMS, pp. 235-243.

Academic publications

Highlights

What is an organization?

- A:96 'Organization studies and the legal person' in *Journal of Organizational Sociology*, 2024.

What is competition?

- B:37 Competition. What it is and why it happens. (ed with Arora-Jonsson, Hasse and Lagerström). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.
- A:90 Where does competition come from? The role of organization (with Arora-Jonsson, S. and Hasse, R.) in *Organization Theory* 1 (1), 2020.

What is partial organizing?

- B:34 Organization Outside Organizations. The abundance of partial organization in social life. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- A:65 Organization outside organizations: the significance of partial organization (with G. Ahrne). *Organization*, 18: 83–104, 2011.

What are the consequences of decision-making?

- B:32 Decisions. The Complexities of Individual and Organizational Decision-Making (with K. Brunsson). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2017.
- B:24 The Consequences of Decision-Making. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.

Books

- B:1 Propensity to Change. An empirical study of decisions on reorientations. Göteborg: BAS, 1976.
- B:2 Fartygstransporter i Dalarna – en ekonomisk bedömning. Göteborg: BAS, 1977 (with A. Lundström and G. Sandahl)
- B:3 Beslut och handling. Om politikers inflytande på politiken. Stockholm: Liber, 1979 (with S. Jönsson).
- B:4 Politik och administration. Utveckling och drivkrafter i en politiskt sammansatt organisation. Stockholm: Liber, 1981.
- B:5 Företagsekonomi – sanning eller moral? Om det normativa i företagsekonomisk idéutveckling. Studentlitteratur 1981 (ed).
- B:6 Går det att spara? Kommunal budgetering under stagnation. Lund: Doxa, 1982 (with B. Rombach).
- B:7 Lokal mobilisering. Om industriens kommunalpolitik och kommuners industripolitik. Lund: Doxa, 1983. (ed. with B. Johannisson).
- B:8 Staten och kommunernas expansion – några olika styrmedel. Stockholm: Finansdepartementet, 1983.
- B:9 The Irrational Organization, 1985, Chichester: John Wiley & Sons. Republished with a new introduction by Fagbokforlaget, Oslo, 2000.
- B:10 Politik och ekonomi. En kritik av rationalitet som samhällsföreställning, 1986, Lund: Doxa (ed).
- B:11 Kommunens særpræg i ledelse og organisation. Fredrikshavn: Dafolo, 1988, (with N. Olsen, P. Pedersen).
- B:12 The Organization of Hypocrisy. Talk, decisions and actions in organizations, 1989, Chichester: John Wiley & Sons.

- B:13 Reform som tradition, Administrativa reformer i Statens Järnvägar, EFI, 1989, (with A. Forssell and H. Winberg)
- B:14 Makten att reformera, Stockholm: Carlsson, 1990, (with J.P. Olsen and associates)
- B:15 Marknadens makt, Stockholm: SNS Förlag, 1992, (with I. Hägg and associates).
- B:16 The Reforming Organization, London: Routledge, 1993, (ed. with J.P. Olsen). Republished by Fagbokforlaget, Bergen 1997 and by Routledge Library 2019.
- B:17 Standardisering, Stockholm: Nerenius & Santérus 1998, (ed. with B. Jacobsson)
- B:18 Organizing Organizations. Bergen:Fagboksforlaget 1998, (ed. with J.P. Olsen).
- B:19 A World of Standards, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000, (with B Jacobsson and associates)
- B:20 The Organization of Hypocrisy, Oslo: Abstrakt Liber Copenhagen Business School Press, 2002. Second edition with a new introduction.
- B:21 Regelexplosionen, Stockholm: EFI, 2004 (ed. with G. Ahrne)
- B:22 A Organização da Hipocrisia. Lisboa:ASA, 2006 (transl. of B:20)
- B:23 Mechanisms of Hope. Maintaining the dream of rationality in organizations. Malmö: Copenhagen Business Press Liber Universitetsforlaget, 2006.
- B:24 The Consequences of Decision-Making. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.
- B: 25 Meta-organizations. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2008, (with G. Ahrne).
- B:26 Reform as Routine. Organizational change and stability in the modern world. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.

- B:27 Marknadens makt (ed. with I Hägg). Stockholm:SNS, 2010. New updated edition of B:15.
- B:28 Företagsekonomins frågor (ed). Stockholm: SNS, 2010.
- B:29 Beslut (with K. Brunsson). Stockholm: Liber, 2014
- B:30 Beslutningar (with K. Brunsson). Oslo: Cappelandamm, 2015.
- B:31 Att organisera marknader (ed.). Stockholm: Makadam, 2015.
- B:32 Decisions. The Complexities of Individual and Organizational Decision-Making (with K. Brunsson). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2017.
- B:33 Organizing and Reorganizing Markets (ed with M. Jutterström). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.
- B:34 Organization Outside Organizations. The abundance of partial organization in social life (ed with G. Ahrne). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- B:35 The Organization of Hypocrisy. Talk, decisions and actions in organizations, Third edition of B:12, Copenhagen: Copenhagen Business School Press, 2019.
- B:36 Mechanisms of Hope. Maintaining the dream of the rational organization. Copenhagen: Samfundslitteratur, 2021. 2nd edition of B:23. E-book.
- B:37 Competition. What it is and why it happens. (ed. with Arora-Jonsson, Hasse and Lagerström). Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.

Editor of books and special journal issues

- E:1 Editor of book series on Organization and management of local authorities, 15 volumes, 1982-1987.
- E:2 Accounting, Auditing and Accountability, 9, 1, 1998,
- E:3 Management Accounting Research, 9, 1998.
- E:4 Organization, vol 14, no 5, 2007.
- E: 5 Organization Studies, vol 33, no 5-6, 2012: The Dynamics of Standardization
- E:6 Editor of book series on Organizing markets, Liber 2013 – 2018.

Articles and book chapters (in other books than those listed above)

- A:1 Vägkostnadsutredningens fortsatta arbete, in Ekonomisk Debatt 1, 1974
- A:2 Strategi i förändring, 1977 in Ekonomen 1/1977.
- A:3 Förvaltningsrevision och kommunal politik, 1977, Om uppföljning och utvärdering av kommunal verksamhet, Stockholm: Kommunförbundet, 1978.
- A:4 Förvaltningsrevision och styrning – en teoriansats, in Är statsverksamheten effektiv?, Stockholm: Riksrevisionsverket, 1979 (with Rolf Lundin).

- A:5 The fallacy of accepting everything as a strategy for change. Strategy formulation, project evaluation and propensity to change in Munich Social Science Review 2, 1979, pp. 29-40.
- A:6 The functions of project evaluation, in R & D Management, 1980, vol. 10, No. 2, pp. 61-65.
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Cooper, G (ed): Classics in Management Thought, vol 1. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2000
and in Czarniawska, B (ed): Organization Theory. Vol. 1. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar 2006.
- A:8 Politikers inflytande på politiken in Hotad Sektor, Stockholm: Liber, 1982.
- A:9 Vem styr politikerna? Tre myter om politiska beslut in Abrahamsson, K. och Ramström, D.: Vägen till planrike, Lund: Studentlitteratur, 1983.
- A:10 Styrproblem och styrmetoder i kommunal verksamhet in Kommunal självstyrelse, Stockholm: Akademilitteratur, 1983.
- A:11 Svensk kommunalekonomisk forskning in Byggforskning, 1983.
- A:12 Adaptability and influence in state-owned enterprises in Monografie i opracowania, 118, 1985, pp. 113-134.
- A:13 Forskningsområden inom kommunal ekonomi och organisation, in Wiberg, S.: Ledarskapets förnyelse. Lund: Doxa, 1985.
- A:14 Artikelserie om kommunal ekonomi och organisation in Kommun-Aktuellt, 1985.
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- A:16 Organizing for inconsistencies. On organizational conflict, depression and hypocrisy as substitutes for action, 1986.

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- A:18 Entscheidungen in Organisationen in Greif, Holling und Nicholson, Handbuch Arbeits-und Organisationspsychologie, München, 1989, Psychologie Verlags Union München.
- A:19 Administrative Reforms as Routines, 1989, Scandinavian Journal of Management, Vol. 5, No. 3, pp. 219-228. *Also reproduced elsewhere.*
- A:20 Deciding for Responsibility and Legitimation: Alternative Interpretations of Organizational Decision-making, 1990, Accounting, Organizations and Society, Vol. 15, No. 1/2, pp. 47-59.
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- A:22 Politisering och företagisering. Institutionell förankring och förvirring i organisationernas värld in Arvidsson-Lind, Ledning av företag och förvaltningar, Stockholm: SNS, 1991.
- A:23 Opinion och handling in Olsen, J. (ed), Svensk demokrati i förändring, Stockholm: Carlsson Bokförlag, 1991.
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- A:26 Cynical Action: A reply to Löwstedt in Scandinavian Journal of Management, Vol. 8, No. 1, pp. 73-74, 1992.
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- A:53 Organizing the world in Marie-Laure Djelic and Kerstin Sahlin-Andersson (eds.) Transnational Governance. Cambridge University Press 2006.
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- A:55 Administrative reforms as routines. Republication of A:19 as one of the best articles for 22 years in SJM, in Scandinavian Journal of Management, 22, 243-252, 2006.
- A:56 Organizing Organizations (with G Ahrne and K Tamm) in Organization, vol 14, no 5, 619-24, 2007.
- A:57 Cinquante ans après sa fondation, où est la théorie des organisations: un bilan pour un débat in le Libellio, vol 3, no 2, 1-3, 2007.
- A:58 Mechanismen der Hoffnung in Revue für postheroisches Management 1/2007, 37-43, 2007.
- A: 59 Hypocrisy in International Encyclopedia of Organization Studies. 2007. Los Angeles: SAGE Publications.

- A:60 Konsten att vara chef (with K. Holmblad Brunsson) in Sten Jönsson och Lars Strannegård: *Ledarskapsboken*. Malmö: Liber, 2009.
- A:61 Internationale Metaorganisationen und ihre Mitglieder (with G. Ahrne) in Klaus Dingwerth, Dieter Kerwer und Andreas Noelke (Hrsg): *Die Organisierte Welt: Internationale Beziehungen und Organisationsforschung*. München: Nomos, 2009.
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- A:63 L'organisation en dehors des organisations, ou l'organisation incomplète (w. G. Ahrne) in *Libellio*, vol 6, no 1, 2010.
- A:64 Politisering och företagisering – institutionell förankring och förvirring i organisationernas värld in Lind, R. And Ivarsson Westerberg, A.: *Ledning av företag och förvaltningar*. Stockholm: SNS, 2011. Revised version of A:24.
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- A:68 The Dynamics of Standardization: Three Perspectives on Standards in Organization Studies (with A. Rasche and D. Seidl) in *Organization Studies*, 33, 5-6, 2012.
- A: 69 Les inspirés – sont-ils bien inspirants? In Germain, O. (ed): *Les grands inspireurs de la théorie des organisations*. Cormelles-Le Royal: ems, 2012.
- A:70 Företagsekonomi – inte bara företags ekonomi i Kungl. Vetenskaps-

societeten: *Årsbok 2011*. Uppsala: Kungl. Vetenskaps-societeten, 2012.

- A:71 How much do meta-organizations affect their members? (with G. Ahrne) in Koch, Martin (ed) *Weltorganisationen*. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 2012.

- A:72 En organiserad organism av organisationer. Understreckare i *Svenska Dagbladet*, 8 januari, 2013.

- A:73 The Travel of Organization (with G. Ahrne) in Drori, Gili S., Markus A. Höllerer, and Peter Walgenbach (eds.) *The Glocalization of Organization and Management: Global Themes and Local Variations*, Routledge, 2013.

- A:74 New Public Organizations: A revivalist movement. Adapted version of A:65 in Busch, T., Heichlinger, A., Johnsen, E., Klausen, K. Murdock, A., and Vanebo, J. (eds): *Public Management in the Twenty-first Century*. Oslo: Universitetsforlaget.

- A:75 My own book review: The Irrational Organization, *Management*, 17(2): 141-144, 2014.

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- A:77 Hur vet du att inte björnen är farlig? i Björkman, J., Fjaestad, B., och Alexius, S.: *Alla dessa marknader*. Göteborg: Makadam, 2014.

- A:78 Företagsekonomi – en översikt. *Organisation&Samhälle. Svensk företagsekonomisk tidskrift*, nr 1, 2014.

- A:79 The Organization of Markets (with G. Ahrne and P. Aspers) *Organization Studies*, vol. 36, no 1, 2015.

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- A:84 Resurrecting Organization by Going Beyond Organizations (with G. Ahrne and David Seidl) in Siebert, S.: *Management Research. European Perspectives*. London: Routledge, 2018. (Edited version of A:81).
- A:85 On the fruitfulness of the concept of partial organization: A rejoinder to Apelt et al. (with G. Ahrne and David Seidl) in *European Management Journal*, vol. 35, no 3, 2017, pp 297-99.
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- A:87 Tillit eller mätningar? Politiker, professionella och administratörer inom högskolesektorn i *Organisation & Samhälle* (2), 2018.
- A:88 In memoriam: James G. March in *Organization Studies* (2), 2019.
- A:89 Institution und Organisation. Zur Gegenüberstellung von zwei Schlüsselkonzepten in Hasse, R. and Krüger, A.: *Neo-Institutionalismus. Kritik und Weiterentwicklung eines sozialwissenschaftliches Forschungsprograms*. Transcript Verlag, 2020.
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- A:95 Tidernas uppfinning! Den juridiska personen fyller hundra år. *Organisation & Samhälle*, 2023/2024.
- A:96 ‘Organization studies and the legal person’ in *Journal of Organizational Sociology*, 2024
- A:97 How Organizing Expands: Organizing among organizations in the world of standards (with I. Gustafsson and K. Tamm Hallström) in *Journal of Organizational Sociology*. Published on line December 2025.

In addition, there is a great number of newspaper articles, research reports, working papers, conference papers and other publications that can be informed about upon request.

CAREER AND CURRENT POSITIONS

Education

Theoretical philosophy, Gothenburg University

Economics and Management, Gothenburg School of Economics

Academic Degrees

M Sc (Ekonom examen), Gothenburg School of Economics, 1969

Ekon Dr, Gothenburg University, 1976

Docent, Gothenburg University, 1979

Academic memberships

Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences, 1990 –

Honorary Member of European Group of Organization Studies (EGOS), 2009.

Member of the Royal Society of Sciences, 2012 –

Academic Positions

Research assistant, Gothenburg School of Economics 1969 -1976

Assistant professor, Gothenburg University, 1976 -1979

Assistant professor, Uppsala University, 1979 -1980

Associate professor, Stockholm School of Economics, 1980 -1986

Head of Department of Public management, Stockholm School of Economics,
1982 - 2010

Professor, City of Stockholm Chair in Public Management, Stockholm School of
Economics, 1986 - 2010

Chairman of the Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research (Score) 1992 –
2008.

Professor, European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM),
1997 –

Professor, Chair in Management, Uppsala University 2010 - 2016.

Prizes and awards

Prize for best researcher in management 1987. (Swedish Association of
Graduates in Business Administration and Economics).

The Dafolo Prize 1987

Teacher of the year, 1996. (Students' Association of the Stockholm School of Economics).

The Swedish Research Council's six year grant to excellent scholars, 2005.

Royal Society of Sciences: Lilly and Sven Thuréus prize, 2011.

NEON (Nettverk for organisasjonsforskning i Norge): NEON-prisen 2025

Academic Commissions

Board member of the Scandinavian Consortium for Organizational Research (1988-97)

Board member of the Research Committee 17 of the International Sociological Association (1988-95)

Research fellow at the European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (1989-1993)

Board member of the Advisory Board of Carnegie Bosch Institute for Applied Studies in International Management (1990-93)

Member of the Research Council of the National Agency for Education (1992-1994)

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Ministry of Justice (1992 - 2000)

Chairman of the Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research (Score) (1992 - 2008)

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Swedish Competition Authority (1993 - 2002)

Member of research council at Carnegie University, approx. 1990 -93.

Board member of Svensk Företagsekonomisk Förening (Swedish Academy of Management) 2008 – 2011, 2021 – 2022.

Chairman of Svensk Företagsekonomisk förening (Swedish Academy of Management) 2010 – 2011

Co-editor of Organisation & Samhälle. Svensk företagsekonomisk tidskrift. 2013-2022.

Reviewer EURAS conferences 2005 –

Member of the board for EGOS standing working group 1 on meta-organizations 2022 - 2026

Member of several advisory boards for research programs.

Editorial Member of

Scandinavian Journal of Management

Accounting, Management & Information Technologies

Accounting, Organizations and Society (-03)

Financial Accountability & Management

Organizational Learning

Nordiske Organisasjonstudier

Guest scholar (from 2001 only)

CNSR Centre de la Sociologie des Organisations, Paris, Oct 2001 - Jan 2002

Scancor, Stanford University, Oct 2004 - Jan 2005

Scancor, Stanford University Nov 2005 - Jan 2006

Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin, Oct - Nov 2006.

Niklas Luhmann's Gast Professur, Universität Bielefeld, April - June, 2007.

Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin, September - November, 2008.

CSO, Paris, September 2009.

Freie Universität, Berlin, September – December, 2016.

Universität Bielefeld, Bielefeld, April – June, 2017.

CSO, Paris, November – December, 2018.

Arranger of conferences and conference tracks (from 2009 only)

Egos track on Standardization, Barcelona 2009.

Conference on Organizing markets, Stockholm 2014.

Conference on Att organisera marknader, Stockholm 2015.

EGOS track on Organizing organizations, Athens 2015.

EGOS track om Competition, Copenhagen, 2017.

ISA, track on Meta-organizations, Toronto, 2018.

EGOS subtheme on Meta-organizations, Edinburgh, 2019

EGOS subtheme on Partial organization, Amsterdam, 2021.

EGOS subplenary on Partial organization, Wien, 2022.

EGOS subtheme on Meta-organizations and partial organization , Wien, 2022.

EGOS subtheme on Meta-organizations, Milano, 2024.

Arranger of seminars at yearly conferences of the Swedish Academy of Management, 2009 –

Public lectures (selection)

Högtidsföreläsning vid Handelshögskolans promotion 1997.

The P D Leake Lectures in Accounting at London School of Economics and Oxford University, March 1999.

Copenhagen Business School, May 2005.

New Institutionalism in Organization Studies: The contributions of Nils Brunsson, 4 Lectures arranged by CIDE, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, México, D.F., Mexico, November 2006.

Gothenburg lectures in Wisdom in the knowledge society, Göteborg, January 2007.

The 2007 Niklas Luhmann Lecture, Universität Bielefeld, Germany, May 2007.

Luzern, June 2013

The 2014 Richard Normann lecture. Green Templeton College, Oxford University, February, 2014.

The 2019 March Olsen lecture, Bergen, May 2019.

Keynote speaker at major conferences (from 1996 only):

Sociological Theory, German Sociological Association, Hamburg 1996

Samples of the future, Stanford University, 1998

Public Management in the new Millennium, City University of Hong Kong, 2000

International Conference on Decision Support, International Federation for Information Processing, Stockholm, 2000.

The EU conference on Quality in Education, Karlstad, April 2001

New Directions in Management Accounting: Innovations in practice and research, Bruxelles, December 02

Rebuilding Institutions under Complexity: Defining organizations in a new century, Mexico City, January 04

20th EGOS Colloquium, Ljubljana, July 2004

ELIASM International conference on Accounting, auditing and management in public sector reforms, Oslo, October 2004.

Score conference on Organizing the world, Stockholm, October 2005.

Modernisering av offentlig sektor, Trondheim, October 2005.

X-Organisationen, Berlin, November 2005.

Gouverner par les Normes, Montpellier, June 2006.

The Neo-liberal State - perspectives and experiences, Oslo, June 2008.

Workshop om evalueringskriterier, Handelshøjskolen, Aarhus universitet, October, 2008.

Ledarskap i organisationer, Aarhus University, November 2010

Weltvergleiche, Universität Bielefeld, December 2010

EGOS Colloquium 2011, Gothenburg, July 2011.

Scheitern – ein Desiderat der Moderne, Hannover, September 2011.

LAEMOS, Colloquium 2012, Axixic, México, March 2012.

Conférence annuelle d'Association Internationale de Management Stratégique, Lille, June 2012.

Fremtidens lederskab, Copenhagen, January 2013

ELIASM Colloquium on Organizational Change & Development, Gent, Belgium, September 2013.

8th International ELIASM Public sector Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, September, 2014.

Coloquio Internacional de Gestion Publica y Buen Gobierno, Guanajuato, Mexico, November 2014.

NEON konferens 2014, Baerekraftig organisering, Stavanger, Norway, November 2014.

Kulturen des Entscheidens, Münster, April 2016.

2016 Conference of The Finnish Association of Administrative Studies, Kuopio, November, 2016.

New Perspectives on Public Management, International Conference VIII, Paris, February, 2017.

5th International CSR COMM Conference, Stockholm, September 2019.

NEON konferens, Kristiansand, Norway, November 2025

Invited speaker at conferences (from 2000 only):

The CEMP workshop on the role of written media in the diffusion of management ideas, Barcelona, 2000.

Seminar Condor, Paris, 2001.

Colloque Un esprit libre, Poitiers, 2001.

Conference Management Accounting, Edinburgh, 2001

Conference Public Sector Reform, Venice 2002.

Reform und Innovation in einer unstabilen Gesellschaft, Bielefeld, February 2003

Multiplicity of Actors in the trans-national Space, Uppsala, May 2003

Kvalitetskonferansen 2003, Lillehammer June 2003

Kvalitetsmässan, Göteborg, October 2003.

SAM/IFSAM VII World Congress, Göteborg, July 2004.

Workshop on Standards, Democracy, and the Public Interest, Paris, August 2004.

Forskning och utbildning om tillsyn, Stockholm, September 2005.

START workshop on Standards and rules of trade, Brighton, October 2005.

Kvalitetsmässan, Göteborg, November 2005.

European Group for Organization Studies Colloquium, Wien, July 2007.

2nd Annual Cambridge Conference on Regulation, Inspection & Improvement, Cambridge UK, september 2007.

Kvalitetsmässan, Göteborg, November 2007.

Seminar Internationale Organisationen, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, September 2008.

CEMS Doctoral seminar in Public sector management, St Gallen, December 2008.

Paris, September 2009

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Constructing Standards and organizations. A workshop with Nils Brunsson, Luzern, June, 2013

Tacit Knowledge in Intercultural Communication, Konstanz, October 2013

Organization Theory and International Relations. Setting bridges and new directions, Mexico City, November 2013.

Scancor Celebration of the work of John Meyer, Boston, September, 2014.

Jubileumskonferens, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Stockholm, December 2014.

50 ans CSO, Paris, December, 2014.

Academy of Management, Vancouver, August 2015.

Network for Institutional theory, Hamburg, April 2016.

Perspektiven des Neo-Institutionalismus, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie.
Hamburg, May 2017.

Reformer og reformpolitik , Copenhagen, October 2018.

Scancor 30th Anniversary, November 2018.

Workshop on organizational sociology, Hamburg, March, 2025.

Taking actors seriously, Kassel, September 2025.

Invited speaker local seminars or lectures (selection)

Seminar Max Planck Projektgruppe, Bonn, 2001.

2002 - 2004 Data missing

Copenhagen Business School, May 2005

Bielefeld University, May 2005.

ESSEC, Paris, November 2005.

Stanford University, January 2006.

Göteborg University, May 2006.

Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin, October 2006.

Freie Universität, Berlin, May, 2007.

Södertörns högskola, October, 2007.

Umeå universitet, Umeå, November 2007.

Høgskolen i Haugesund, February, 2008.

Göteborgs universitet, September, 2008.

Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin, November, 2008.

Fritjof Nansen Institute, Oslo, December 2008.

Universitetet i Oslo, December 2008.

Copenhagen Business School, May 2009.

2010 - 2015: Data missing

Halden university college, Halden January 2016.

Judge Business School, Cambridge, May 2016.

Freie Universität, Berlin, September 2016.

Technische Universität, Berlin, November 2016.

Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, December 2016.

International Centre for Higher Education Research, Universität Kassel, June 2017.

CSO, Paris, November 2018.

Oslo Metropolitan University, November, 2019.

Copenhagen Business School, December, 2019.

Tampere University, May, 2020.

Universität Luzern, May, 2022.

Teaching

Designed, planned and carried out courses in accounting, management, organization theory, and doctoral courses in scientific method, decision theory, institutional theory, organization outside organizations at Gothenburg School of Economics, Uppsala University, Stockholm School of Economics, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de Mexico C.F. , Universität Bielefeld, Universität Luzern, Universität Zürich.

Lectures and seminars in many other courses at several universities, including some hundred courses for practitioners.

Supervised student theses at Gothenburg School of Economics, Uppsala University and Stockholm School of Economics.

Main supervisor of twelve doctoral students who have received their doctorates. Main supervisor of 2 students having received their licentiates.

Member of many doctoral examination committees at universities in the Nordic countries, France and Switzerland.

