

CV Esbjörn Larsson (681020-1456)

1. Current position

Permanent employment as Professor in History of Education, Department of Education, Uppsala University, since May 8, 2018 (time for research within position: 50 percent).

2. Degrees

2000 Bachelor of Education for the Compulsory School – Social Studies, Uppsala University.

2000 Master of Arts – History, Uppsala University

2006 Bachelor of Social Science – Education, Uppsala University.

2006 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – History, Uppsala University. Thesis title: *Från adlig uppfostran till borgerlig utbildning: Kungl. Krigsakademien mellan åren 1792 och 1866* [From Upbringing to Education: The Swedish Royal War Academy, 1792 to 1866] Supervisors: Maria Ågren, Donald Broady, György Nováky.

3. Academic promotions

Docent (Associate professor) in 2014.

Excellent lärare (Distinguished university teacher) in 2021.

4. Major project grants as PI

- 1) Between Discipline and Self-Activity: Differences in the use of Monitorial Education at Schools for Different Social Classes in Sweden, ca 1820-1870 (Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation, 1,9 million SEK. 2009-2015. Project members: **Esbjörn Larsson**).
- 2) The First Choice: The Expansion of Preschool, its Marketization and Increased Importance for Families' Educational Strategies (Swedish Research Council, 4,3 million SEK. 2018–2020. Project members: **Esbjörn Larsson** (PI), Håkan Forsberg, Ida Lidegran, Johannes Westberg).
- 3) School and the Making of Social Class: The State-Controlled Education and the Construction of Class-Identities in School Texts from 1860 to 1930 (Swedish Research Council, 6,0 million SEK. 2022–2026. Project members: **Esbjörn Larsson** (PI), Linn Areskoug, Anne Berg, Johan Wickström).

5. Major project grants as contributing researcher

- 1) The Royal Road of Schooling. The Science Programme within the Swedish Educational System (Swedish Research Council, 3,6 million SEK. 200–2010. Project members: Donald Broady (PI), Mikael Börjesson, Emil Bertilsson, **Esbjörn Larsson**, Ida Lidegran, Ingrid Nordqvist.
- 2) The Economics of Education: The Financing of the Swedish Common School, 1842-1936 (Handelsbanken Research Foundations, 1,5 million SEK. 2010–2013. Project members: Johannes Westberg (PI), **Esbjörn Larsson**, Madeleine Michaëlsson, Germund Larsson).
- 3) Segregation and Integration. Gender, Class and Citizenship in the Swedish Education System, ca 1800-1850 (Swedish Research Council, 5,6 million SEK. 2022–2026. Project members: Åsa Karlsson Sjögren (PI), **Esbjörn Larsson**, Stefan Rimm).
- 4) Schooling in Perspective: A Graduate School in Applied History of Education (Swedish Research Council, 38,3 million SEK. 2020–2026. Project members: Johannes Westberg/ Christian Lundahl (PI), **Esbjörn Larsson**, Daniel Lindmark, Joakim Landahl).
- 5) Preparing Children for War: Swedish Preparedness Education in Transition 1945–2000 (Swedish Research Council, 6,0 million SEK. 2022–2026. Project members: Björn Lundberg (PI), **Esbjörn Larsson**, Johan Samuelsson).

6. Supervision of PhD students as main supervisor

- 1) Sara Backman Prytz, *Borgerlighetens döttrar och söner: Kvinnliga och manliga ideal bland läroverksungdomar, ca. 1880–1930* [Daughters and Sons of the Bourgeoisie: Femininity and Masculinity – Ideals of Upper Secondary School Youth 1880–1930], Department of Education, Uppsala University. Thesis defended October 14, 2014.
- 2) Peter Bernhardsson, *I privat och offentligt: Undervisningen i moderna språk i Stockholm 1800–1880* [In Private and Public: Modern Language Teaching in Stockholm 1800–1880], Department of Education, Uppsala University. Thesis defended October 7, 2016.
- 3) Gustav Berry, *Den självstyrda periferin: Lanthushållsundervisningen och styrningen av den svenska landsbygden, 1890–1970* [The Self-Governed Periphery: Rural Domestic Education and the Governance of the Swedish Countryside, 1890–1970], Department of Education, Uppsala University. Thesis defended June 2, 2023.
- 4) Emma Hellström, *Kampen om folkhemskristendomen: Kristendomsundervisningens roll i den demokratiska skolans framväxt, 1920–1969* [The Struggle over Christianity in the Swedish

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“People’s Home”: The Role of Christian Education in the Rise of Democratic Schools, 1920–1969], Department of Education, Uppsala University. Thesis defended April 4, 2025.

- 5) Agnes Hamberger, *Flickornas folkskola: Genus och utbildning ca. 1840–1920* [The Girls’ *Folkskola: Gender and Education in the Swedish Elementary School ca. 1840–1920*] Department of Education, Uppsala University. Thesis defended April 10, 2025.

7. Supervision of PhD students as assistant supervisor

- 1) Matts Dahlkvist, *En landsbygds skolreform? Den geografiska dimensionen i bygget av en enhetsskola* [A rural school reform? The Geographical Dimension in the Construction of the Swedish Comprehensive School System] Department of Education, Uppsala University. Thesis defended April 8, 2022.
- 2) Tuva Skjelbred Nodeland, *A Battle over Children Nonformal Education in Norwegian Uniformed Children’s Organisations, 1910–1960* [Kampen om barna: Ikke-formell utdanning i norske uniformerte barneorganisasjoner, 1910–1960], Department of Education, Uppsala University. Thesis defended September 29, 2023.

8. Awards

2011. Studentlitteratur’s Course Literature Prize (first prize) together with Johannes Westberg. For the textbook *Utbildningshistoria – en introduktion* (2011). Prize amount: 150 000 SEK (shared).

9. Management positions

2017–2019 Vice dean at the Faculty of Educational Sciences, Uppsala University
2019–2026 Dean at the Faculty of Educational Sciences, Uppsala University

10. Conferences

Conference planning and organization

2009 Consigliere at the Fourth Nordic Conference on Educational History, October 1-2.
(Approximately 170 participants from all over the Nordic region.)
2015 Member of the organizing committee at the Sixth Nordic Educational History Conference, August 20-21. (Approximately 140 participants from all over the Nordic region.)
2019 Member of the organizing committee at NERA 2019, March 06-08. (Over 600 participants.)

Keynote

2019 Keynote lecture at the Norwegian Society for 18th Century Studies conference in Kongsberg under the title “En lycklig mechanism: Introduktionen av växelundervisning med Sverige som exempel”.

2021 Keynote lecture at the International Standing Conference for the History of Education 42 under the title “Explaining the 19th century educational revolution – the Swedish case”.

12. Evaluations

Quality evaluations

2019/2020 External reviewer in connection with Malmö University's review of the university's research quality – ERA19 (Faculty of Education and Society).

2023 External reviewer and chair of the assessment panel, leading the evaluation of education and research in History at Södertörn University.

Opponent at thesis defense

2016 Carl Mikael Carlsson, *Det märkvärdiga mellantinget. Jordbrukares sociala status i omvandling 1780–1900* [Peasants and Gentlemen: Farmers' Social Status in Transition 1780–1900]. Public defense in history (Stockholm University).

2018 Tomas Karlsson, *Låtsaskrigen: föreställningar om krig, maskulinitet och historia i krigsspel under 200 år* [Pretend Wars: Notions of War, Masculinity and History in 200 Years of Wargames]. Public defense in history (Umeå University).

2022 Åsa Melin, *Olika vägar till enhetlig skola? En studie av grundskolans etablering på kommunal nivå, 1950–1968* [Different Ways to a Uniform School? A Study of the Establishment of the Nine-year Compulsory School at the Municipal Level, 1950–1968]. Public defense in history (Umeå University).

12. Publications (selection of 10)

Original articles

1. Berg, A., & Larsson, E. (2022). Diligent and Docile workers: Descriptions of the Working Poor and the Social Order in the *Läsebok för folkskolan*, 1868–1920s. *Paedagogica Historica*, 59(1), 19–35.
2. Claesson, U., & Larsson, E. (2025). Understanding National Christianities in the Nordic Region: A History About ‘Continuity or Rupture’ and ‘Inclusion or Exclusion’. *Journal of Church and State*, 67(3).
3. Larsson, E. (2021). Civilising the Military: Changes in the Military Concept of the Ideal Soldier in the Swedish Armed Forces Between 1967 and 2019. *Militärhistorisk tidskrift*, 2021, 117.
4. Lundberg, B., Larsson E., & Samuelsson, J. (forthcoming 2026). “All Reports that the Resistance Will Cease are False”: Preparedness Education and Resilience in Sweden 1945–1962. *Nordic Journal of Educational History*.
5. Westberg, J., & Larsson, E. (2022). Winning the War by Losing the Battle? The Marketization of the Expanding Preschool Sector in Sweden. *Journal of Education Policy*, 37(5), 705–722.

Book chapters

6. Larsson, E. (2019). Boys and Girls in the Service of Total War: Defense Service Training in Swedish Schools During World War II. In M. Honeck & J. Marten (Eds.), *War and Childhood in the Age of the World Wars*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
7. Larsson, E. (2021). Writing in the Sand: The Impact of the Monitorial System on the Spread of Literacy in Sweden Prior to the School Act of 1842. In M. Roos; K. L. Berge; H. Edgren; P. Hiidenmaa; C. Matthiesen (Eds.), *Exploring Textbooks and Cultural Change in Nordic Education 1536-2020*. Brill Academic Publishers.
8. Larsson, E. (2022). The Origins of Female Defense Education: The Introduction of Defense Service Training for Girls in Swedish Schools During World War II. In S. Engelmann, B. Hemetsberger & F. Jacob (Eds.) *War and Education: The Pedagogical Preparation for Collective Mass Violence*. Paderborn: Brill.
9. Larsson, E. (2025). Att fostra arbetarklassungdomar på kristlig grund: De religiöst-sedliga momenten i fortsättningsskolan efter 1918. In H. Åström Elmersjö, A. Larsson & B. Norlin *Utbildning och religion i historiska perspektiv: Vänbok till Daniel Lindmark*. Skellefteå: Artos & Norma bokförlag.
10. Larsson, E. (2025). Att fostras in i ett genuskontrakt: Fortsättningsskolan och det tidiga 1900-talets könsarbetsdelning. In K. Hassan Jansson; J. Lindström & S. Ling (Eds.) *The Historian's Tasks: Essays in Honour of Maria Ågren*. Uppsala: Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis.