

Why Interdisciplinarity? - Promises, Problems, Practices

A **symposium** arranged by **CIRCUS**, The Centre for Integrated Research on Culture and Society at Uppsala University

Date: 24 September 2019

Venue: The Humanities Theatre, Engelska parken, Uppsala

Session 1	Mapping interdisciplinarity
9:15-10:45	Opening remarks <i>Claes-Fredrik Helgesson</i> , Professor and Research Director at Circus, Uppsala University The contours of interdisciplinarity <i>Erin Leahey</i> , Professor and Director, School of Sociology, University of Arizona Interdisciplinarity and impact <i>Sven Widmalm</i> , Professor, Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University Asymmetries in Interdisciplinarity <i>Uskali Mäki</i> , Professor of Practical Philosophy and Director of Centre for Philosophy of Social Science, University of Helsinki
	<i>Break for coffee and small talk</i>
Session 2	Practices, outcomes and assessments
11:15-12:30	How have we worked and what have the results been? Insights from two cross-cutting collaborative endeavours at Uppsala University The Higher Education as Research Object (HERO) Network <i>Mikael Börjesson</i> , Professor, Department of Education, Uppsala University Exploring Citizenship – A Research Programme <i>Johan Wejryd</i> , Researcher at Department of Government, Uppsala University Challenges in Assessing Interdisciplinary Research <i>Veronica Strang</i> , Professor in Cultural Anthropology and Executive Director at Institute of Advanced Study, Durham University
	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 3	Parallel workshops (choose one)
13:45-15:00	A) Interdisciplinarity and the academic career Thematic question: What can the engaging with multi-, inter- or trans-disciplinary endeavours mean for the career of younger researchers? B) To lead interdisciplinary endeavours Thematic question: What are the particular challenges with leading multi-, inter- and/or trans-disciplinary research endeavours? C) Studying Interdisciplinary research Thematic question: In what ways and with what questions have and can we interrogate different forms of inter-disciplinary research?
	<i>Break for coffee</i>
Session 4	Interdisciplinarity and methods
15:30-16:15	A template for multidisciplinary research projects <i>Michael Dunn</i> , Professor of General Linguistics, Department of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University Compounding the problem: Methods in interdisciplinary research <i>Celia Lury</i> , Professor, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, University of Warwick
16:30-17:00	Concluding discussion
17:00 -	<i>Mingle with refreshments</i>