

Narrative theory and analysis in Social Work - Lecturers

Pia Bülow is Senior Lecturer in Social work at the Department of Behavioural Science and Social Work, School of Health Sciences, Jönköping University. Her research explores people's communicative interplay face-to-face, and how people through narratives and storytelling make sense in situations when they might feel exposed or vulnerable, or circumstances which concern exposure. Her main interest is communication in various institutional contexts and in relation to long-term illness and work related rehabilitation.

Elisabet Cedersund is Professor of Social Work at the Department of Behavioural Science and Social Work, School of Health Sciences, Jönköping University. Her research explores various aspects of communication in social work. She has conducted research on the client/social worker encounter, on the interaction between older people with dementia and health-care professionals and on other situations in which people encounter officials. Several of the studies deal with human interaction in various types of casework where oral communication is used as the basis for decision-making. She has focused particularly on how the construction of e.g. "social problems" and "care needs" in talk contributes to a deeper understanding of how various cases and issues are managed in the social services, health care and elderly care.

Christopher Hall is Researcher at the School of Medicine and Health and a fellow of the Wolfson Research Institute, Durham University, U.K. Dr. Hall is a researcher with a particular expertise in child welfare research. He worked as a social worker and team manager in local authorities in London before taking up research posts at the National Foundation for Educational Research, Dartington Social Research Unit and the Centre for Applied Childhood Studies at Huddersfield University. He has carried out research on child welfare policy and practice, most notably a recent project on information and communication technologies and new public management as part of the ESRC e-Society programme. His doctoral thesis at Brunel University was in narrative approaches to social work, and he has continued to engage in ethnographic, discourse and narrative research. He is a founder member of the international research group, DANASWAC (Discourse and Narrative Approaches to Social Work and Counselling).

Margareta Hydén is Professor of Social Work at the Department of Social and Welfare Studies, Linköping University. M. Hydén has a broad range of research interests, spanning the fields of psychosocial approaches to a variety of issues, such as evidence-based practice, institutionalised young people, gay and lesbian families, and parents in disputes over custody. Professor Hydén's major area of research concerns interpersonal violence. She has been internationally acknowledged for her innovative research on violence towards women, and is renowned for moving the research field beyond a mere static victim's perspective and for engaging in examinations of the complex ways in which women negotiate their power. She has also studied agency in women's narratives of leaving abusive relationships and has developed narrative approaches for the study of sensitive topics. Professor Hydén is currently conducting research on the victims' and perpetrators' social networks' responses to violence.

Lars-Christer Hydén is Professor of Social Psychology at the Department of Medical and Health Sciences, Linköping University, Sweden. He is also visiting professor at the University of Bodø, Norway. His research primarily concerns how people with Alzheimer's disease and their significant

others use language and especially narrative as a way to sustain and negotiate identity and a sense of self. He has published extensively in international journals and edited a number of books about narrative research.

Yvonne Sjöblom is Associate Professor of Social Work at the Department of Social Work, Stockholm University, and Associate Professor (part time) at the Department of Behavioural Science and Social Work, School of Health Sciences, Jönköping University. Sjöblom's main research interest is connected to vulnerable young people and their transition to adulthood. She has recently finished a project about young people and their breakups from home like running away, or being thrown out of their homes. She is now involved in two research projects, one is about young women leaving home early and their transition to adulthood. The other project has a focus on what circumstances young people are leaving care in Sweden and in what way the social welfare system is supporting young people during their transition. One of Sjöblom's area of interest is research in narrative methods in social science.