

SWEDISH ACADEMIC BOOKS

In the previous issue of SAB we presented a summary of the new “Research and innovation bill” announced by the Swedish government in October last year. The research bill was more than double as large as any of its predecessors, but was met with criticism by some scholars within the humanities who claimed that the bill was disadvantageous to their subject fields.

The bill reserves the largest increases to “strategic basic research” in medicine, technology and the climate. Research in humanities and social sciences will also receive higher appropriations than before, with emphasis on research dealing with the mechanisms of economic growth.

Critics to the government’s bill mean that in these days of global financial crisis, there is an exaggerated faith in single sided technical and economic solutions. Not only is there a lack of technical, medicinal and economic knowledge, but also – and perhaps even more so – a lack of ability to handle this knowledge. Hence commitment to the humanities and social sciences should be equally important.

However, the Swedish Minister for Higher Education and Research says that the bill is widely acclaimed by the research community and defends the bill’s focus on combining basic research and innovations with economic growth; the ambition is to put Sweden on the map of prominent research and innovation by gathering up results from research and combining it with politics that promotes job opportunities.

Jenny Nordenankar, EDITOR

Architecture/Design

New Graphical Symbols For Many More

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“Graphical Symbols for Many More” is a national development and standardisation project aimed at making public symbols more uniform and more serviceable in keeping with the concept of Design for

All. Graphical symbols must serve everyone’s purposes. The objective is a Swedish standard laying guidelines and policy for the design and use of graphical symbols. This book contains the competition entries, presented by category, Medical centre, Library, Travel centre, Source separation, Playground, Evacuation meeting point and Internet café. The winning entry, the nominated entries and the honourable mention are presented in their entirety.

The Visible and the Invisible

Color Contrast Phenomena in Space

Gertrud Olsson

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Pages: 272

Nordic Architects

David Sokol

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This book showcases the work and words of 67 practitioners from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Written by David Sokol, *Nordic Architects* includes a unique question-and-answer format that provides firsthand accounts of the dia-

logues shaping northern Europe’s design community. Readers will engage with the region’s enduring legacy of modernist architecture that is sensitive to both site and occupants, as well as the global currents that are roiling designers toward experimental work and provocative thinking.

The volume spans architecture, urban planning, and landscape architecture within the Nordic countries and beyond, and features a generous, clean layout punctuated by stunning photography. In doing so, *Nordic Architects* re-familiarizes readers with prominent names and introduces them to architects just emerging onto the scene.



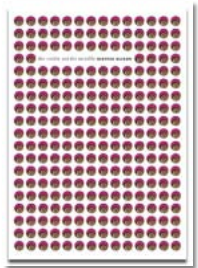
The Visible and the Invisible: Color Contrast Phenomena in Space deals with the changes in color that arise in space, primarily simultaneous contrast in three dimensions.

The typical account of simultaneous contrast is that the contrast phenomenon occurs between two or more areas of color seen together, which thus affect one another.

The book broadens this view and traces the history and theory of contrast phenomena from antiquity to the present age. The Visible and the Invisible explores color contrast phenomena in a context of visual culture and aesthetics, in architecture and in art.

Early modernism manifested an interest in color contrasts and perception, which lead the way to a new interdisciplinary outlook on vision and simultaneity. Walter Benjamin, Mo-

holy-Nagy, Sonia Delaunay, van Doesburg, and Bergson are important figures in this movement, and so are the architects Le Corbusier and Bruno Taut, who form a background to the book's concluding discussion on color contrast phenomena in the Swiss architecture of today.



Business & Economics

Business at Risk

Four Studies on Operational Risk Management

Kristian Kallenberg

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Pages: 144



For business organizations the concept of risk has always been important. Lately, this importance has been enhanced due to a number of corporate and societal circumstances. New and previously unconsidered risks are gaining increased significance in the overall risk management of many companies.

This doctoral thesis takes a wide approach and examines factors relating to the evolving area of operational risk management. It focuses on risks that concern firms' operations rather than merely financial risk exposures. The thesis consists of four empirical studies that address diverse but interrelated aspects of operational risk in Swedish industry settings. Building on four sets of independent data collections, they apply both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Mercury Meets Minerva

Business Studies and Higher Education: The Swedish Case

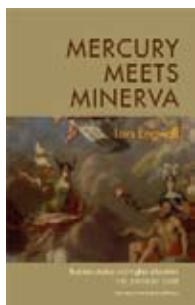
Lars Engwall

Publisher: Economic Research Institute, Stockholm School of Economics (EFI)

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Published: 2009

Pages: 362



"This book is a must for everyone concerned with higher education in business – academicians may, for instance, find the discussion of major trends of thoughts within the field of particular interest; administrators may find the discussion of the job market and post-graduate studies especially valuable;

policy-makers may above all want to focus on sources of foreign inspiration. The book is truly insightful – a goldmine for everyone interested in strengthening academic value-creation in business. A "must read!"

Peter Lorange, Kristian Gerhard Jebsen Professor of International Shipping, IMD, Former President of IMD.

Cultural/Economic Geography

Nordic Tourism

Issues and Cases

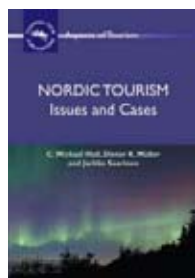
Michael Hall, Dieter K. Müller, Jarkko Saarinen (eds.)

Publisher: Channel View Publications

ISBN: 9781845410940

Published: 2008

Pages: 310



Tourism is a major industry in the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) as well as a growing field of academic study. For many cities and regions tourism is also increasingly recognised as being integral to economic, social and sustainable development.

In addition, tourism also contributes to Nordic identity through destination promotion and tourism activities, including winter tourism and the tradition of access to common land, as well as specific forms of tourism, such as second homes.

This book is the first comprehensive and accessible introduction to tourism in the region that links Nordic tourism research and concerns with key concept in tourism studies. The book consists of eleven chapters dealing with

issues ranging from marketing and policy to nature-based tourism, culture and the contribution of tourism to environmental change. The inclusion of case studies from leading Nordic researchers on specific destinations, attractions, resources, sectors and developments also provide a valuable learning tool for all students of tourism.

Development Research

Democracy and Development in a Globalized World

International IDEA Democracy Round Table in partnership with CSDS

Vidar Helgesen, Rajeev Bhargava, Jairam Ramesh (et al.)

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ISBN: 9789185724581

Published: 2009

Pages: 102



Democracy and development are deeply intertwined in spite of the difficulty of identifying a direct, causal and quantifiable relationship between them. More importantly, they are increasingly understood today as including each other to a great extent

and building upon each other.

Both democracy and development are political processes requiring long-term, context-specific and integrated approaches, and they need to be owned, shaped and pursued by those who demand them and who will be their ultimate beneficiaries. Enhancing the capacity of democratic institutions to deliver on the reduction of poverty and inequality is key to the reclaiming of their credibility.

Economic History

Downsizing

Personnel Reductions at the Swedish Tobacco Monopoly, 1915-1939

Tobias Karlsson

Publisher: Lund University, Department of Economic History,

ISBN: 9789162875862

Published: 2008

Pages: 329

Downsizing is a phenomenon that remarkably seldom has been the subject of historical inquiry. This study investigates how a state-owned enterprise, the Swedish Tobacco Monopoly, reduced its labour inputs because of changed consumer preferences and mechanization in the 1920s and 1930s. By combining qualitative and quantitative evidence, the study addresses questions about the ways of achieving

reductions, categorization of workers and decision-making.

It is shown that most of the reduction was achieved by reducing the number of workers. Attrition, early retirements and buyouts accounted for about half of the reduction and layoffs for the other half. The management initially made cuts at both ends of the age distribution, but with the advent of mechanization, downsizing measures became more focused on older workers and the principle 'last in, first out' was abandoned in favour of a more need-based approach to layoffs. This policy shift was associated with an increased inclination of the management to involve the union in establishing the order of selection, which was a dilemma for the union leaders.

Scripts of Kingship

Essays on Bernadotte and Dynastic Formation in an Age of Revolution

Mikael Alm and Britt-Inger Johansson (eds.)

Publisher: Swedish Science Press

ISBN: 9789197731225

Published: 2008

Series: Opuscula Historica Upsaliensia; 37

Pages: 239



When French Marshal Jean Baptiste Bernadotte was elected heir to the Swedish throne in 1810, a dramatic dynastic venture commenced. In an age of revolutions, marked by political as well as cultural upheavals, the commoner from Pau was transformed into King Charles XIV John and the head of a new royal dynasty in Sweden and Norway. Although fraught with challenges, the venture proved successful. As restoration set in, and the Napoleonides of Europe fell one after the other, Bernadotte held fast, and today the dynasty is approaching its bicentennial on the throne.

In nine illustrated essays, the formation of a dynasty is explored as it unfolded in media such as state ceremonies, spatial arrangements, opera performances, publicity and panegyrics.

Seven Years That Shook Soviet Economic and Social Thinking

Reflections on the Revolution in Communist Economics 1985–1991

Bengt Svensson

Publisher: Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis

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Published: 2008

Series: Stockholm studies in economic history; 55
Pages: 174

The main theme of this thesis is to analyse the Soviet economic theoretical debate in the period 1985–1991. Michail Gorbachev, the new secretary general of the Communist Party, increased the possibilities of a more open discussion, also in the academic debate on economic theory. From 1990 the discussion became free when a transition to market



The Pre-Raphaelites

Dream and Reality in 19th Century Britain

Mikael Ahlund (ed.)

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Published: 2009

Pages: 210

In London in 1848 a group of young artists rallied together under the name of Pre-Raphaelites. This term indicated their primary source of inspiration – Italian art from the period before the 16th-century master Raphael. The gravity, the stylised beauty and the bright, light palette that they ascribed to the 15th century, early Renaissance Florence and Mediaeval art were instead to distinguish their works and revolutionise art in England.

For the first time in Scandinavia, during the spring of 2009 the Nationalmuseum will be staging an exhibition that will include works by some of the most eminent representatives of the Pre-Raphaelite group – Dante Gabriel Rossetti, John Everett Millais and William Holman Hunt. The lavishly illustrated catalogue presents some of the leading writers who today offer different perspectives on the extensive artistic activity in 19th-century England.



economy was decided. In the years 1985–1989 the economists defended the socialist theoretical system and attacked the central aspects of the market economy. If certain ideas and principles of market economics were deemed as functioning methods, it was argued that these could be integrated within the socialist system. The conclusion is that the Soviet economists failed to solve some central theoretical problems in the Soviet economy. Their thinking did not have a stabilizing effect on the dominating socialist theory.

In 1990 and 1991 market economic principles started to dominate the debate. The issue became gradual transition to a market economy

or "shock therapy". Scholars have emphasized that stationary structures are important in Russian and Soviet history. It can be argued that such structures played a role also in the Soviet economists' thinking. For example, the idea to create a socialist market could be interpreted as a result of stationary structures, namely the personalization of economic exchange.

Economic Psychology

The Economic Psychology of the Welfare State

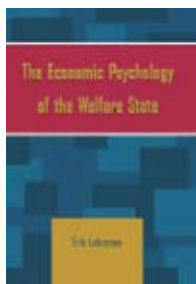
Erik Lakomaa

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Pages: 186



Political decision making can be analyzed through a plethora of theories. Here Economic Psychology is used as theoretical framework to analyze decision making, both by politicians and voters.

The thesis consists of an overview of current research; an econometric study of how the voters in municipal elec-

tions react to changes in fiscal policy; and two case studies where the transfer of responsibility from one political level to another are studied, namely the transfer of Elder Care from counties to municipalities, and the transfer of the school system from the national government to the municipalities.

It is shown that political actors often take psychological factors into consideration when they design or react to policy proposals. It is also shown the use of a psychological approach can improve the understanding of political decision making, particularly when the processes are complex or involve negotiations.

Economics

Constructive Management

Synchronizing Relations in Change

John Ylander

Publisher: Bokförlaget BAS

ISBN: 9789172462755

Published: 2008

Pages: 262

Change is a necessity for organisations due to for instance technological development and global competition. For managers at different hierarchical levels monitoring change is a big challenge besides their responsibilities for operating business and subordinates' health.

John Ylander shows in his study how change in three units in a large corporation results in a lot of diverging processes. Different time perspectives and different discourses often lead to confusion and lost trust.

However, some constructive action was identified. Stabilising relations and feed-forward reflection were examples and in these cases managers on lower levels initiated such action.

Ylander uses Giddens and his concept Structuration both to understand the emergent complexity in change and to form guidelines that could help managers synchronising processes more constructively.

Essays on the Scandinavian Stock Markets

Jonas Söderberg

Publisher: Växjö University Press

ISBN: 9789176366387

Published: 2009

Series: Acta Wexionensia; 163

Pages: 190

In Essay I, the time-series dynamics of liquidity on the Scandinavian stock exchanges between January 1993 and June 2005 are studied with liquidity indices. We observe that on all Scandinavian stock exchanges, liquidity has increased during the examined period.

Essay II evaluates 14 macroeconomic variables' ability to forecast changes in monthly liquidity on the Scandinavian order-driven stock exchanges.

Essay III examines whether the pairwise comovement between stocks quoted on the Stockholm stock exchange can be correctly quantified by the Gaussian copula, i.e., by linear correlation.

Growth through Research and Development

What Does the Research Literature Say?

Roger Svensson

Publisher: Fritzes

ISBN: 9789185959334

Published: 2008

Series: Vinnova Rapport 2008:19

Pages: 66

This study is an overview of the economic literature on the quantitative relationships between R&D-investments and economic growth. The study was first published in Swedish in May 2008 by the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise (Svenskt Näringsliv).

Since the scientific and policy discussion on the issues discussed in the report is highly international and since this study represents a broad overview of the current economic research on these issues, VINNOVA has funded the translation of the report into English. Thereby we hope that this study could further inform and inspire the already intense scientific and policy discussion on the nature and determinants of the relationships between research, innovation and economic growth.

The Chinese Volvo

Sino-Foreign Joint Ventures and Perceived Performance

Åsa Käfling

Publisher: Linköping University Electronic Press

ISBN: 9789173937153

Tradition and Modernity

Images of Jews in Latvian Novels 1934-1944

Anette Reinsch-Campbell

Publisher: Acta Universitatis

Stockholmiensis

ISBN: 9789186071004

Published: 2009

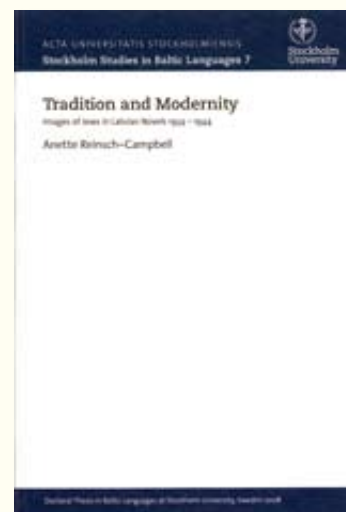
Series: Stockholm studies in

Baltic languages; 7

Pages: 325

Jews in Latvian literature have traditionally been portrayed as essentially different, although generally not in a negative sense. With the establishment of Latvian independence after the First World War, and particularly during the years of authoritarian rule under Karlis Ulmanis, nationalism became an ever stronger force in society. A Latvian national discourse prevailed in which a particular focus on ethnic 'others' was central. This discourse also brought about a change in the perception of, and attitudes towards, Jews as reflected in Latvian literature.

Anette Reinsch-Campbell investigates a Corpus of Latvian novels published between 1934-1944, i.e. during three different non-democratic regimes: authoritarian and nationalistic (1934-1940), the first Soviet occupation (1940-1941) and the Nazi occupation (1941-1944). What images of Jews are conveyed in literature produced during these regimes and what is the impact of such phenomena as modernity, ethnocentrism, nationalism and anti-Semitism?



Published: 2009
Series: Linköping Studies in Arts and Science; 472
Pages: 354

This dissertation describes and analyzes the perceived performance of Sino-foreign joint ventures. The dissertation is based on an in-depth qualitative longitudinal real time case study of the joint venture known as Jinan Hua Wo Truck Corporation (Hua Wo), between Volvo Trucks and China National Heavy Duty Truck Group Co. Ltd. in China. The purpose of the dissertation is to contribute to the understanding of Sino-foreign perceived performance by suggesting an elaborated model, which captures situated and dynamic features. Perceived performance is defined as the joint venture executives' assessment of strategic goal achievement and overall satisfaction.

Education

Nordic Visual Arts Education in Transition

Lars Lindström (ed.)

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ISBN: 9789173071482
Published: 2009
Series: Vetenskapsrådets rapportserie, 2008:14
Pages: 215

The Committee for Educational Sciences has, right from the outset in 2001, initiated a large number of overviews and surveys. The purpose has been to provide a stimulus for discussion about the area of educational science and also to provide further data on the basis of which the Committee can take strategic decisions.

This overview presents Nordic research in the realm of visual arts education. The pedagogy of art can be studied on the basis of knowledge of art or teaching. It can be described in terms of visual communication or visual culture. Professor Lars Lindström at Stockholm University, who is the editor of the overview, commences with several articles explaining the conceptual framework and the historical background.

This is followed by overviews from the five Nordic countries on research topics between 1995 and 2006 or later. By way of conclusion there is a comprehensive bibliography of literature in the realm of visual arts education.

Teaching Islam

Islamic Religious Education at Three Muslim Schools in Sweden

Jenny Berglund

Publisher: Uppsala University, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Department of Curriculum Studies
ISBN: 9789150620481
Published: 2009
Pages: 265

This study concerns the formulation of Islamic religious education (IRE) at three Swedish Muslim schools which offered IRE as an extra curricular subject, one to three hours per week.

The study contributes to the understanding of how IRE is formed as a confessional school subject within the framework and under the jurisdiction of the Swedish school system. The meaning of the studied IRE was construed as a way of building connectedness between pupils to both the common Islamic tradition and the Swedish society, but also highlighting and establishing connections between these two entities.

Language

Couleurs et lumières du Nord

Actes du colloque international en littérature, cinéma, arts plastiques et visuels de Stockholm 20-23 avril 2006

Daniel Chartier and Maria Walecka-Garbalska (eds.)

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Published: 2009
Series: Romanica Stockholmiensia; 25
Pages: 448



Cet ouvrage réunit sous forme d'articles, les communications présentées lors du colloque international en littérature, cinéma, arts plastiques et visuels, co-organisé par l'Université de Stockholm et l'Université du Québec à Montréal et tenu à Stockholm en avril 2006.

Le lecteur trouvera ici une quarantaine de contributions portant sur deux lieux communs de l'imaginaire du Nord: son (a)chromatisme et ses phénomènes lumineux, qui sont ici revisités par des chercheurs provenant d'une quinzaine de pays. Les représentants d'orientations de recherche et de création différentes explorent les couleurs et les lumières du Nord qui ont donné et continuent à donner lieu au déploiement des réseaux de significations dont participent de multiples territoires et cultures. À partir de ces deux lieux communs, on découvre ainsi la complexité et la richesse de l'imaginaire du Nord, conçu comme un tout pluriculturel, multilingue et pluridisciplinaire.

Idiomatische Sätze im Deutschen

Syntaktische, semantische und pragmatische Studien und Untersuchung ihrer Produktivität

Rita Finkbeiner

Publisher: Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis
ISBN: 9789185445950
Published: 2008
Series: Stockholmer germanistische Forschungen; 72
Pages: 294

This study aims at examining in detail the linguistic characteristics of sentential idioms ('idiomatische Sätze', IS) in German, e.g. *Das kannst du dir an den Hut stecken.*; *Du hast*



wohl Tomaten auf den Augen!; *Da lachen ja die Hühner!*. In theoretically and empirically investigating their syntactic, semantic and pragmatic features and productive potential, it is shown that IS can only be described properly by looking at the interfaces between syntax, semantics, and

pragmatics, and by systematically investigating pattern formation. In this respect, the study goes far beyond traditional phraseological research.

Selected Papers From the 2006 and 2007 Stockholm Metaphor Festivals

Nils- Lennart Johannesson and David C. Minugh (eds.)

Publisher: Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis
ISBN: 9789186071103
Published: 2008
Series: Stockholm Studies in English; 103
Pages: 164



Since 2005, the Metaphor Festival has been an annual event at the English Department of Stockholm University. From its inception as a small internal affair, the Festival has rapidly grown to a truly international conference, drawing participants from the four corners of the earth.

The Festival itself is a forum for the exchange of ideas and reports on research relating to metaphor, simile, and other types of figurative language. Both literary and linguistic approaches are welcomed, as are theoretical and applied studies.

Law

Law and Society

Peter Wahlgren (ed.)

Publisher: Stockholm Institute for Scandinavian Law
ISBN: 9789185142675
Published: 2008
Series: Scandinavian Studies in Law; 53
Pages: 449

This 53rd volume of Scandinavian Studies in Law (Sc.St.L.) is dedicated to the subject and perspectives of Sociology of law. The volume comprises 22 articles and is divided into five sections: theoretical aspects of law, inherent tensions within sociology of law as a science, legal cultures and legal reasoning, the legal profession, and finally, empirical studies primarily dealing with the consequences of law.

Sociology of law is a branch of legal science which provides an external perspective on law

The Practical Intellect

Computers and Skills

Bo Göransson

Publisher: Santérus Academic Press

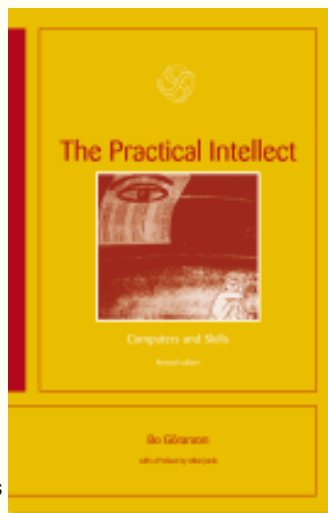
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The epistemology of professional knowledge was a rather new field of research, when this book first was published in 1990. Plenty of knowledge has been added to the field since then, but this book holds a position as a standard work, and needs to be in print. This edition is slightly revised.

The epistemology of professional knowledge is a research field that occupies itself with the development and maintenance of professional knowledge at both an individual and working group level, but also at a community level. One of its major aims is to illustrate the effect of information technology on professional knowledge and to create the basis for a sound social and productive implementation of new technology in the workplace.



and the legal system. The approach has both scientific and practical consequences for the study of law. The external perspective leads the scholar to raise other than dogmatic questions about the proper application of law in different situations.

Noticeable is also that there is a distinction between sociology of law and socio-legal studies or legal sociology. In the socio-legal perspective the sociological part seeks merely to contribute to an understanding of law on its own terms. Legal sociology has thus been labelled an auxiliary science to legal science. Sociology of law, on the other hand, claims to be an academic subject in its own right.

tiveness of corpora and corpus-linguistic techniques for language teaching but also deal with broader issues such as the relationship between corpora and second language teaching and how the different perspectives of foreign language teachers and applied linguists can be reconciled. A number of concrete examples are given of how authentic corpus material can be used for different learning activities in the classroom. It is also shown how specific learner problems for example in the area of phraseology can be studied on the basis of learner corpora and textbook corpora. On the basis of learner corpora of speech and writing it is further shown that even advanced learners of English are uncertain about stylistic and text type differences.

Linguistics

Corpora and Language Teaching

Karin Aijmer (ed.)



Publisher: John Benjamins

Publishing Company

ISBN: 9789027223074

Published: 2009

Series: Studies in Corpus Linguistics; 33

Pages: 232

The articles in this edited volume represent a broad coverage of areas. They discuss the role and effec-

Literature

Bernard-Marie Koltès

Vers une éthique de l'imagination

Stina Palm

Publisher: Lund University, Centre for Languages and Literature

Published: 2009

Pages: 187

The purpose of this dissertation is to examine to what extent the dramatic work of Bernard-Marie Koltès could serve as a basis for ethical reflections. The main object of the study is Koltès' construction of his characters by certain

narrative techniques embedded in the dramatic structure and energizing the interpersonal conflicts.

La letteratura italiana e il premio Nobel

Storia critica e documenti

Enrico Tiozzo

Publisher: Casa Editrice Leo S. Olschki

ISBN: 9788822258175

Published: 2009

Pages: 358



This critical survey is the first ever published based on all the documents from the private archives of the Swedish Academy concerning the Italian candidates to the Nobel Prize in Literature from 1901 to 1957. The study also contains the complete list of all the writers who were candidates to

the literary prize and of those who wrote to the Swedish Academy proposing their names, thus being a precious source of information for scholars of literature from all over the world.

La mythification d'un écrivain étranger

la réception de l'œuvre de Stig Dagerman en France et en Italie

Karin Dahl

Publisher: Avdelningen för franska och italienska, Institutionen för romanska språk, Göteborgs universitet

Published: 2008

Pages: 260

Stig Dagerman est l'un des écrivains nordiques les plus lus et les plus commentés en France et en Italie, alors qu'il connaît un succès plus mitigé ailleurs. Le but de cette thèse est d'analyser la réception de l'œuvre de Dagerman en France et en Italie. Nous évoquerons trois raisons principales pour sa popularité: 1) la mythification de l'auteur, 2) l'effort investi par ses introducteurs et 3) certaines qualités intrinsèques aux textes dagermaniens. Cette étude examine des comptes rendus et des articles de la presse, mais aussi des revues et des livres sur Dagerman publiés en France et en Italie, pendant la période 1950-2000. En outre, cette investigation adresse l'issue plus large de la lecture de la littérature étrangère.

La thématique de l'eau dans l'œuvre de Marguerite Duras

Mattias Aronsson

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Published: 2008

Series: Acta philosophica Gothoburgensia;

Pages: 202

The aim of this thematic study is to examine how the water motif is used in Marguerite

Duras's literary work. The study shows that water has multiple functions in these texts: it is linked to major themes and creates an enigmatic atmosphere by its association with the unknown, the inexplicable and the unconscious. The strong presence of water in Duras's texts is striking. References to the water element can be found in several titles throughout her career, from early works such as *Un barrage contre le Pacifique* (1950) to *La mer écrite* (1996), published just after her death. Almost all of her fiction take place near water and the rain or the sound of waves serve as leitmotifs in specific novels. The water motif can play a metonymic as well as a metaphoric role in the texts and it sometimes takes on human or animalistic characteristics. Several emblematic Durassian characters (e.g. the beggar-woman, Anne-Marie Stretter and Lol V. Stein) have a close relationship to water. The water motif is linked to many major Durassian themes, and illustrates themes with positive connotations, for example, creation, fecundity, maternity, liberty and desire, as well as themes with negative connotations such as destruction and death.

Finally, the role of the water element in psychoanalytic theory is discussed (Chapter 8), and a parallel is drawn between the Jungian concept of the mother archetype and the water motif in Duras's texts. The suggestion is made in this last chapter that water is used to illustrate an oriental influence (Taoist or Buddhist) of some of the female characters in Duras's work.

Metaistorija Bulata Okudz'avy

Obraz dokumenta v romane Puteshestvie diletantov

Svetlana Ouarova

Publisher: Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis
ISBN: 9789171558039
Published: 2009
Series: Stockholm studies in Russian literature; 40
Pages: 226



This study examines Okudzhava's depiction of the process of documentalization of the past as a defining feature of the novel *Puteshestvie diletantov*, giving reason to consider it a form of metahistory, or an artistic statement on the subject of historical knowledge.

Media studies

African Media, African Children

Norma Pecora, Enyonam Osei-Hwere, Ulla Carlsson (eds.)

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ISBN: 9789189471689
Published: 2008
Pages: 243

African Media, African Children is the title of the tenth Yearbook of the International Clearinghouse on Children, Youth and Media.



Over the years, we have focused attention on a wide range of topics, but this is the first Yearbook with a geographical focus, and a vast continent at that. A focus on Africa seems both timely and important. When issues about children and media are discussed, all too often the frame of

reference is the media culture of the Western world. There is an urgent need for the agenda to become open to non-Western thoughts and intercultural approaches to a much higher degree than is the case at present.

Transnational Media Events

The Mohammed Cartoons and the Imagined Clash of Civilizations

Elisabeth Eide, Risto Kunelius, Angela Phillips (eds.)

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Published: 2008
Pages: 290



In September 2005, a newspaper in Denmark published 12 cartoons depicting Mohammed, the holy Prophet of Islam. Soon after publication, these pictures became part of various events, political projects and diplomatic action. All over the world, the cartoons – or interpreta-

tions of them – were connected to discursive struggles that pre-existed their drawing and publication. The cartoon event thus extended well beyond its immediate dramatic phase of spring 2006, both into the past and the future, and became at least a small landmark case of post-9/11 global media history.

In this book, a community of international media researchers collects some of the lessons learned and questions provoked and offered by media coverage of the Mohammed cartoons in 16 countries, ranging from Denmark, Egypt and Argentina to Pakistan and Canada. The book looks at the coverage of the cartoons and related incidents through a number of conceptual lenses: political spin, free speech theory, communication rights, the role of visuals and images in global communication, Orientalism and its counter-discourses, media's relations to immigration policy, and issues of integration. Through this approach, the book aims at a nuanced understanding of the cartoon controversy itself as well as at more general insights into the role of the media in contemporary transnational and transcultural relations.

Philosophy

"Everything Important is to do with Passion"

Kate Larson

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The object of this dissertation is to highlight the influence of Simone Weil and Plato on the philosopher Iris Murdoch. This is done through an investigation of her concept of love.

The aim is to investigate the concept as it is portrayed in Iris Murdoch's work with the claim to be a central, but as such neglected, concept in philosophy.

The method of the investigation is mainly the one of exegesis. The study also puts forward the hermeneutical hypothesis that Murdoch's philosophy is fruitfully looked upon as a spiritual exercise in the spirit of the ancient view of philosophy.

Iris Murdoch is in this study considered as a Platonic thinker in dialogue with other Platonic scholars. Murdoch's concept of love is illuminated through correspondences and differences with the thinking of Simone Weil.

Central for the discussion are Plato's concept of eros and Simone Weil's concepts of attention and decreation. They are studied with the view of interpreting Murdoch's own key concepts, love and unselfing.

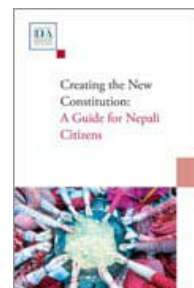
Political Science

Creating the New Constitution

A Guide for Nepali Citizens

Yash Ghai and Jill Cottrell (eds.)

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This Book presents a brief history of past constitutions in Nepal from the perspective of constitution making, and a more detailed examination of the substance of the 1990 Constitution. It identifies some of the proposals and controversies surrounding political reform and references the relevant

experience of other countries.

The Book should prove useful to members of the current Constituent Assembly, who has been tasked to draft a new Constitution of Nepal, and of civil society as well as constitutional lawyers, the media and those debating the vision that the new constitution should encapsulate and fulfil.

Psychology

A Smorgasbord of Cognitive Science

Peter Gärdenfors et al.

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This new book edited by Peter Gärdenfors and Annika Wallin is an introduction to the breadth of current research in cognitive science, with the research at Lund University Cognitive Science in focus. The result is a smorgasbord containing some of the cross-disciplinary issues in the contemporary debate.

Among the dishes: embodied cognition, learning, development and the brain, animal thinking, evolution, virtual agent, robots, interaction design, understanding, visualization, eye tracking, communication using technology, word meaning, everyday decision making, choice blindness.

Religion

Jesus and the Forgiveness of Sins

An Aspect of His Prophetic Mission

Tobias Hägerland

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This study investigates the topic of forgiveness of sins in the mission of the historical Jesus. Gospel material that pertains to the question is authenticated by the use of criteria for historicity and interpreted within the wider context of first-century Judaism as part of a broader reconstruction of Jesus' career as a healer and prophet. Questions posed and answered concern the historical plausibility of the Gospel accounts of how Jesus purported to forgive sins, the meaning that such an activity would have conveyed to his contemporaries, and its implications for his identity. The method combines criteria conventional to historical Jesus research with a tradition-historical analysis informed by ancient progymnastic rhetoric. Jesus' announcement of forgiveness is found to be attested across multiple sources, dissimilar to primitive Christian theology, and coherent with his activity as a healer and prophet. All this speaks in favour of the basic historicity of the topic. The study suggests that Jesus was guided by his distinctively literal interpretation of the Book of Isaiah's eschatological prophecies to announce God's forgiveness as part of his own mission as the Prophet-Messiah. At the same time, the alleged controversy over forgiveness between Jesus and his adversaries includes elements that are implausible within a first-century Jewish setting and incoherent with

historical Jesus traditions. An analysis of Mark 2.1-12 with the help of ancient textbooks suggests progymnastic rhetoric as the force behind the elaboration of this episode. The results carry implications for the understanding of how the gospel tradition developed, for the formulation of the criterion of discontinuity, and for the recognition of Jesus' place within early Judaism as marked by both contextual appropriateness and contextual distinctiveness.

Spiritual Healing in Zimbabwe

Continuity and Change

Tabona Shoko

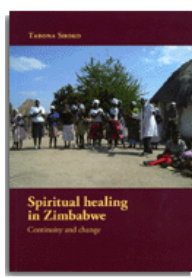
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This book examines African initiatives in introducing a new theology of spiritual healing in mainline churches in relation to traditional religious ideas in Zimbabwe. It compares the healing practices of a Traditional Religion, a Catholic, an Anglican and an African Inde-

pendent Church in Zimbabwe. Similarities and differences in approach between these religious groups, in their interpretation of the causes of disease and healing, are identified. The book contends that mainline church healing, in conformity with the biblical imperative to heal the sick, relates to but also differs significantly from traditional Shona-Kranga or independent church healing systems. The mainline churches retain their orthodox Christian orientation but are inspired by charismatic healing praxis. Apparently, mainline churches have established a new paradigm of healing in Zimbabwe.

Science Policy

Eco-Standards, Product Labelling and Green Consumerism

Magnus Boström and Mikael Klintman

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As conscientious consumers, we have become overwhelmed with alarms about food contamination, over-fishing, clear-felled forests, loss of biodiversity, climate change, chemical pollution, and other environmental and health-related risks. This book is an analysis of a

primary set of tools aimed at dealing with these risks: green labels and other eco-standards. The authors address political, regulatory, discursive, and organizational circumstances and raise the questions: how can ecological complexities be translated into a trustworthy and categorical label? Is there a mismatch between the production and consumption of green labels? Is it possible to achieve broad public participation in environmental issues through labelling? This is a timely book that provides a social and policy-oriented analysis of the challenges for green consumerism through green labelling.

Social Sciences

Asia's New Multilateralism

Cooperation, Competition, and the Search for Community

Michael J. Green and Bates Gill (eds.)

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Traditionally, stability in Asia has relied on America's bilateral alliances with Japan, Australia, and the Republic of Korea. Yet in recent years, emergent and more active multilateral forums—such as the Six-Party Talks on North Korea and the East Asia Summit—have taken

precedence, engendering both cooperation and competition while reflecting the local concerns of the region.

Some are concerned that this process is moving toward less-inclusive, bloc-based "talking shops" and that the future direction and success of these arrangements, along with their implications for global and regional security and prosperity, remain unclear. The fifteen contributors to this volume, all leading scholars in the field, provide national perspectives on regional institutional architecture and their functional challenges. They illuminate areas of cooperation that will move the region toward substantive collaboration, convergence of norms, and strengthened domestic institutions. They also highlight the degree to which institution building in Asia—a region composed of liberal democracies, authoritarian regimes, and anachronistic dictatorships—has become an arena for competition among major powers and conflicting norms, and assess the future shape of Asian security architecture.

Governing and Governance in Sweden

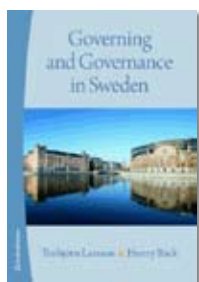
Henry Bäck and Torbjörn Larsson

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In this book a critical assessment is made of 'the Swedish way' of democracy. A presentation of the central institutions such as Parliament, the Government, the courts and the public administration is given, as well as of the main political players such as the political parties, interest organisations and the media.

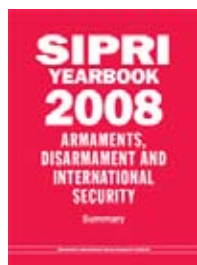
An emphasis has been put on how gradual changes have shaped the political system and how many of the institutions that make the Swedish political system unique, such as the division of the central administration into departments and government agencies, the tradition of openness and transparency and the informality of the whole system, has its roots in a long historical process.

An important theme in the book is the tension between what the formal and official rules of the political system say and how the system actually works in practise. Membership of the European Union and increasing globalisation have also affected Sweden's political system and has forced it to adapt its traditional style of decision and policy making to the new world order - many things are no longer what they seem to be, as the authors conclude in the final chapter.

SIPRI Yearbook

Armaments, Disarmament and International Security

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The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is an independent international institute for research into problems of peace and conflict, especially those of arms control and disarmament. SIPRI was established in 1966 to commemorate 150 years of unbroken peace in Sweden.

Research is conducted at SIPRI by an international staff of researchers.

The SIPRI Yearbook was first published in 1969 and is now in its 39th edition. SIPRI Yearbook 2008 presents a combination of original data in areas such as world military expenditure, international arms transfers, arms production, nuclear forces, major armed conflicts and multilateral peace operations with state-of-the-art analysis of important aspects of arms control, peace and international security. The Yearbook is written by both SIPRI researchers and invited outside experts.

Sådan er det at elske

En kulturanalyse af parforhold

Sarah Holst Kjaer

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Pages: 187



Inden for de senere år har interessen for mand/kvinde-relationen fået en renæssance. Parforholdet er blevet livligt debatteret, og kulturelle forestillinger om harmoni og konflikt mellem mand og kvinde er blevet genoplivet.

I Sådan er det at elske opsporer forfatteren gennem interviews med mænd og kvinder

i parforhold de kulturelle vilkår, der ligger til grund for en mand/kvinde-relations projekter og praksis, livsstil og leveregler, rutiner og ritualer. Analysen udfolder de kulturhistoriske, videnskabelige og samfundsfilosofiske fantasier og realiteter, der gennem tiden har skabt idealerne for den gode livsførelse mellem mand og kvinde.

Social/Economic Geography

Industrial Dynamics and Regional Structural Change

Geographical Perspectives on Economic Evolution

Martin Svensson Henning

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Pages: 234

This thesis investigates the process of economic transformation taking place in Sweden since the mid 1970s. Especially, it is concerned with how and why benefits that firms and industries draw from regional co-location with other actors (agglomeration externalities) vary over stages of economic transformation. Drawing on recent findings within the fields of evolutionary economics and evolutionary economic geography, the thesis has a cumulative design, where three different theoretical frameworks are used to structure the research.

Sociology & Social Policy

Contagious Interactions

Essays on Social and Epidemiological Networks

Monica K Nordvik

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Published: 2008
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Pages: 200



This dissertation has two overall aims; to explore and develop the use of SNA in sociology, and to show that sociology has much to give to other sciences. Interdisciplinary collaboration is necessary because we do not live in a world in which subject areas are strictly isolated.

Human beings are social

animals, and a sociological understanding is crucial in all human-related science. The examination in this thesis of different kinds of social networks and how they affect lives of individuals (and vice versa) will provide knowledge both in the development of methods for analyzing social networks, and in their specific scientific areas.

Islamic Activism in Azerbaijan

Repression and Mobilization in a Post-Soviet Context

Sofie Bedford

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Post-Soviet Azerbaijan is often portrayed as a very secular country. Thus the mobilization of mosque communities in the late 1990s and their conflictual relationship with the authorities came as a surprise. The main aim of the dissertation is to shed light on this mobilization, focusing on the Sunni Abu Bakr and the Shi'ite Juma mosque communities in Baku. On the premise that Islamic mobilization may be interpreted as a "social movement", internal, contextual and interactional aspects of mobilization have been studied. The analysis is chiefly based on interviews conducted in Baku in 2004/2005 with Imams, worshippers, religious and secular authorities.

The thesis concludes that the role of the state in mobilization processes in non-democratic contexts is crucial but counterintuitive, as the regimes' efforts to stop the mobilization of movements actually leads to its intensification. In Azerbaijan, official pressure brings community members closer together and strengthens their resolve, rather than putting an end to mobilization. It also puts a spotlight on these communities which lights up the way for others in search of something new.

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