**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

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| **9:00-10:30** | **Opening remarks**  
Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Professor and Research Director at Circus, Uppsala University  
**The contours of interdisciplinarity**  
Erin Leahey, Professor and Director, School of Sociology, University of Arizona  
**Interdisciplinarity and impact**  
Sven Widmalm, Professor, Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University  
**Asymmetries in Interdisciplinarity**  
Uskali Mäki, Professor of Practical Philosophy and Director of Centre for Philosophy of Social Science, University of Helsinki |
| | **Break for coffee and small talk** |

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| **11:00-12:15** | **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  
Mikael Börjesson, Professor, Department of Education, Uppsala University  
Exploring Citizenship – A Research Programme  
Johan Wejryd, Researcher at Department of Government, Uppsala University  
**Challenges in Assessing Interdisciplinary Research**  
Veronica Strang, Professor in Cultural Anthropology and Executive Director at Institute of Advanced Study, Durham University |
| | **Lunch** |

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| **13:30-15:00** | 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? |
| | **Break for coffee** |

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| **15:30-16:15** | A **template for multidisciplinary research projects**  
Michael Dunn, Professor of General Linguistics, Department of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University  
**Compounding the problem: Methods in interdisciplinary research**  
Celia Lury, Professor, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, University of Warwick |
| **16:30-17:00** | **Concluding discussion** |
| **17:00 -** | **Mingle with refreshments** |

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Register by 16 September! (The event is free of charge)