

Debating Research Together

Explorations in the excellence and the shoddiness in how we in academia engage in cross-cutting scholarly debates



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

Date: 6 December 2021

Venue: Humanities Theatre

Session 1	How and why do we debate research together?
10:00-11:15	Welcome <i>Professor Tora Holmberg, Vice-rector at the Disciplinary Domain of Humanities and Social Sciences at Uppsala University</i>
	Opening remarks <i>Professor Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Director at CIRCUS</i>
	Pendulums of Regret: Revisiting Ideals for Academic and Public Discussion <i>Karen Tracy, Professor Emerita in Communication, University of Colorado, Boulder</i>
	Peer Review and the Management of Controversy: A Short History <i>Alex Csiszar, Professor of the History of Science, Harvard University</i>
11:15-11:30	Break
Session 2	Caring for the scholarly debate in different arenas
11:30-12:30	Caring for the Academic Commons: Colloquia, Conferences, Corridors and Canteens <i>Marie Cronqvist, Associate Professor of Journalism and Media History, Lund University</i>
	Editorial Practices and the Caring for the Scholarly Conversations: Reflections from a Re-tired Editor <i>Professor Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Director at CIRCUS</i>
	Chair: <i>Dr. Ingrid Berg, Project coordinator at CIRCUS</i>
12:30-14.00	Break for lunch
Session 3	Shoddiness and challenges
14.00-15:30	Equality in the Higher Seminar <i>Ulrike Schnaas, PhD in German Literature and Educational Developer at the Division of Quality Enhancement, Uppsala University.</i>
	Disagreements in Scientific Peer-Review: Challenges and Opportunities <i>Lambros Roubanis, Associate Professor of Sociology, Stockholm University</i>
	Open discussion on shoddinesses and challenges Chair: <i>Professor Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Director at CIRCUS</i>
15.30-16.00	Break
Session 4	How can we care for the scholarly debate?
16.00-16:45	Panel discussion with all presenters Chair: <i>Professor Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Director at CIRCUS</i>
16:45-17.00	Concluding remarks Lead by: <i>Professor Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Director at CIRCUS</i>

Registration by 28 November!

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Should We Just Accept This Dismal State of Public Debate?

– Or can academia constructively contribute to improve on the present societal condition?

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Session 1	New collaborations between research institutions and external actors
9:00-10:30	<p>Opening remarks <i>Professor Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Director at CIRCUS</i></p> <p>Exploring future(s) through interdisciplinarity and mixed methods: Experiences from the LU Futura initiative <i>Marie Cronqvist, Associate Professor of Journalism and Media History, Lund University</i></p> <p>The art of vibrant intellectual debate <i>Professor Ann-Katrin Bäcklund, Director at The Pufendorf Institute for Advanced Studies, Lund University</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Dr Ingrid Berg, Project coordinator at CIRCUS</i></p>
10:30-11:00	Break
Session 2	Debate climate - diagnosis of the present state and ways forward
11:00-12:15	<p>Discursive Shifts in Contemporary Public Debates: Resisting Challenges of Radicalisation and Polarisation <i>Michal Krzyzanowski, Professor of Media and Communication Studies, Uppsala University</i></p> <p>Timeout - Why do we need ground rules for constructive societal discussions? <i>Laura Arikka, Chief Executive Officer at Dialogpaus, Finland</i></p> <p><i>Chair: Professor Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Director at CIRCUS</i></p> <p>Closing remarks</p>

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