



Newsletter to all CHILDer at Jönköping University and Mälardalen University

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Wendesday May 12th

CHILD Agenda



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May 24th - May 28th
Researcher from University of Pretoria, South Africa visit CHILD in Jönköping

May 25th,
Margareta Adolfsen part time seminar, School of Education and Communication, lecture room Ha208

June 7th, 1pm-2.30pm
Part time seminar for Ylva Ståhl, School of Health Sciences, lecture room Gc509

June 10th, 1 pm
Part time seminar for Marita Falkmer - more information coming shortly

September 2nd, 1pm-3pm
CHILD meeting and final seminar for Stefan Nilsson

The fathers and the motives. Swedish paid parental leave in a geographical perspective.

In 1974, it became possible for fathers and mothers to share the paid parental leave in Sweden. Still, fathers only use slightly more than 22 percent of the days. Differences between fathers' use exist between the northern and southern part of the country. The aim was to investigate Swedish parents' attitudes and experiences in two counties, concerning the use of paid parental leave. The counties Västerbotten has the highest and Skåne the lowest paid parental leave use among fathers. Two municipalities with high and low parental leave use among fathers were studied in respective county, Umeå and Lycksele (Västerbotten), as well as Lund and Tomelilla (Skåne). The methodology was inspired by grounded theory. Data was collected during 2008 and comprised of 32 interviews with fathers and mothers, 20 interviews with key persons like midwives and HR-managers at male dominated enterprises. It also included basic statistics on the municipalities.

Traditional division of household labor is strong in Skåne

The results indicate that a traditional division of household labor is a stronger pattern in Skåne couples compared with Västerbotten couples. The same pattern occurs in municipalities with a low parental leave use among fathers compared with those with a high use. A more positive attitude to the parental insurance is found in the municipalities with a high parental leave use among fathers compared to those with a low use. One explanation could be that changes tend to first occur in heterogeneous environments with a relatively young and well educated population, which is the case for Umeå and Lund. In Västerbotten, the Swedish Social Insurance Agency and enterprises had campaigns during the 1990s to increase men's parental leave use which may have contributed positively. Fathers in both counties express positive experiences from having been on parental leave. A dominant impression is that employers overall have shown a positive attitude to fathers' leave taking.

The report is published in the Swedish Social Insurance Agency's Working Papers in Social Insurance (2010:1), on their website: www.forsakringskassan.se

/Anna-Lena Almqvist, CHILD research at Mälardalen University



Anna-Lena Almqvist was recently in a radio interview. [You can listen to the interview with Anna-Lena Almqvist here.](#)



Summer school in Ireland



Centre for Disability Law and Policy, National University of Ireland, Galway welcomes to their annual summer school in International & Comparative Disability Law – Global & Regional Perspectives on May 24th to June 4th, 2010. [Read more about the summer school here.](#)

Coming up:
National conferences and meetings



Photo: Karina Huus

- The Royal Swedish Academy of Science organizes three seminars about children's psychological and mental health. [Register and read more about the seminars on BUPH Website.](#)
- Disability equipment fair "Communication and cognition" occurs on May 4th to 5th 2010 in Gävle. Read more on Hjälp.nu

Marie Golsäter in Ekot



CHILD researcher Marie Golsäter, School of Health Sciences, was in an interview in *Ekot* just a few days ago. [You can listen to the interview here.](#)

Ida on Iceland

In beginning of April CHILD research coordinator Ida Serneberg made a staff exchange at Reykjavik University, Iceland. Click on "läs" to read her travel report (in Swedish).



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Jönköping CHILD schedule fall 2010

During fall 2010 Jönköping CHILD meetings will occur every second Thursday starting on September 2nd with Stefan Nilsson's final seminar. Please sign up for the meetings before June 1st 2010. Also if you have any article or similar to discuss, don't hesitate to [contact Ida Serneberg.](#)

Lena Almqvist in interview on The Mayflower Charity Foundation for Children



There is a research interview with Lena Almqvist on The Mayflower Charity Foundation for Children website. [You can watch the interview with Lena Almqvist here.](#)

Jenny Wilder organizes a conference in Västerås

CHILD researcher Jenny Wilder and Ylva Branting will be organizing the

[website.](#)

- Nordic conference 2010 "*Fra psykisk lidelse til psykisk sundhet*" occurs on May 6th til May 8th on Århus Universitetshospital, Risskov. The conference is hosted by *Center for Oligofrenipsykiatri, Denmark, Samordningsrådet for arbeid for mennesker med psykisk utviklingshemning (SOR), Norway and Nordens Välfärdscenter, Sweden.* [Read more about the Nordic conference here.](#)
- Day of Child health 2010, arranged by *Landstinget Jönköpings län,* occurs on May 31st 2010. [Find more information and register here.](#)
- HSO invites to several meetings. [Find more information on HSO website.](#)
- Intradagar in Stockholm occurs on September 27th til 28th. It is two course days about support and service to people with mental disabilities. [Read more about the conference here.](#)



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Editorial information

Newsletter #5 will be published on June 4th. Please send your contributions by the latest on June 3rd to [Ida Serneberg.](#)

conference "*Barnperspektiv i LSS-handläggningen*" on May 19th 2010 at Aros Congress Center in Västerås under the management of "The National Board of Health and Welfare". Margareta Adolfsson will be participating as expert on ICF-CY. [Read more about the conference here - or download the instructions as PDF here.](#)

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- Anna Ullenhag will give a poster presentation at the EACD conference in Brussels between May 27th and May 29th 2010.
- Ylva Ståhl will have her part time seminar on June 7th at 1pm til 2.30pm at School of Health Sciences in lecture room Gc509.
- Berit Björkman, Karin Enskär, Elisabeth Ericsson, Marie Golsäter, Ylva Ståhl, Mats Granlund and Karina Huus gave presentations during Barnveckan at Elmia on the 22nd of April. In addition Marie Golsäter gave a presentation on the 20th of April at the same conference.
- Margareta Adolfsson, Mats Granlund, Eva Björck-Åkesson, Nina Klang and Mia Pless have got their article "Exploring changes over time in how habilitation professionals perceive and apply the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health, version for Children and Youth (ICF-CY)." accepted for *J of Rehabilitation Medicine.*
- During the 12th research and development conference (*Örebrokonferensen*), Margareta Adolfsson functioned as conference hostess. Anna Ullenhag gave the presentation "*Kulturell validering av bedömningsinstrument som mäter barns och ungdomars delaktighet i fritidsaktiviteter*". Parik Arvidsson gave the presentation "*Självskattnig av delaktighet hos ungdomar och vuxna med lindrigt intellektuellt funktionshinder*". Gunnel Janeslätt and Iréne Alderman gave the presentation "*Tidsuppfattning: Mäter KaTid-Ung samma förmåga som KaTid-Barn?*"

GEDS students at UNC Chapel Hill

Monica Maia and Susana Castro are GEDS students placed at UNC Chapel Hill during spring 2010. Click on "[Läs](#)" to read their travel report.



You can also read the last report from Margareta Adolfsson, GEDS student at UNC Chapel Hill during fall 2009 [here.](#)

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Part time seminars in the near future

- Margareta Adolfsson will have her part time seminar on May 25th at 1pm-3pm at School of Education and



Communication, lecture room Ha208. Reviewers are Professor Juan Bornman, Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication, University of Pretoria, MD Mikael Thyberg, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Linköping University and MD Karina Huus, School of Health Sciences, Jönköping

! Marita Falkmer will have her part time seminar on June 10th. More information coming shortly.

! Ylva Ståhl will have her part time seminar on June 7th at 1pm-2.30pm at School of Health Sciences, lecture room Gc509. External reviewers is Professor Ania Willman and internal reviewer is senior lecturer Berit Hedberg, AFO, School of Health Sciences.

Vårdalinstitutet offers a course in Academic leadership

Vårdalinstitutet offers a course in Academic leadership to all junior and senior researchers with a Ph D. degree. [Read more about the course here.](#)

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Spring semester is ending at UNC Chapel Hill

It is celebration time for most of the students in Chapel Hill. The roads are more crowded than ever and there is a fusion of music sounds and barbecue “perfume” coming everywhere from little commemorations on student’s residencies. The weather also seems to be welcoming the holidays, a bright sun shines almost every day.



However, the diversity of purposes and programs that Chapel Hill University incorporates makes some celebrate the end of a study year and others welcome and engage new courses and opportunities – for the majority of graduate students it is time to continue the research and to restart learning. UNC academic year is mainly composed by a fall semester – between August 22 and December 20 – and by a spring semester – between January 8 and May 9. But, when you think there is nothing new until next year, “here comes the sun”... new and rich opportunities of learning with summer sessions. Between May and July UNC students can attend all kind of courses in the first and second summer sessions. Between all of this, here we are, two international students from GEDS program walking on the crowded campus, finishing the attendance of some courses and starting others. The agreement established between European and US Universities opens all tracks that we want to take – you can freely attend the courses that better fit your interests. The variety of choices and the flexibility to accomplish them is really promissory for you to return back home with a “double size” of knowledge. As my home university supervisor uses to say, it is just the right time to get the bag full of experiences to later reflect and integrate all of them. On the directory of classes of UNC website www.unc.edu/clsched you can find the courses that you can attend on each semester and summer session. From this general picture, we would like to “zoom in” one outstanding piece: the conclusion of our course “Communicating in the American University Classroom”. This course focused on topics necessary for effective interaction in the American classroom and it is part of the Preparing International Teaching Assistants Program. In this last three weeks we have been engaged on microteaching experiences. We had to face particular challenges like accomplishing tasks as define a term, explain a visual or teach a process to the audience. These presentations were videotaped and commented by the instructors and colleagues. This brings a brand new life to the way that you disseminate and express your knowledge, which is a precious part of your research job. “Zooming out” from this piece, here we are again among thousands of students circulating 24 hours between UNC’s libraries. Carolina’s libraries are distributed across campus in more than a dozen locations. Among Davis, Wilson and Undergraduate Libraries you have a lot of students engaged on their goals. All this diversity on life tracks and goals seems to base a common feeling of happiness to be part of this

student community.

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Staff exchange på Island

Det här är berättelsen om när informatören Maria Augustsson och forskningskoordinatören Ida Serneberg skulle göra ett s.k Erasmus staff exchange på Reykjavik University. Det hela skedde efter den isländska finanskrisen, men före vulkanutbrottet som lamslog hela Europa.

Vår flygkris började en vecka tidigare

Även om alla andra européers flygkris började först den 14 april, när Eyjafjallajökull fick sitt andra utbrott, började vår flygkris redan en vecka tidigare, på Gardemoen. Dimman över Norges huvudstad låg så tät att den flygresan som egentligen skulle tagit 55 minuter varade i 4 timmar. När det lilla helikopterflygplanet äntligen kunde landa hade vårt plan till Island redan lyft. Eftersom vi ganska snart blev ombokade på ett annat flyg hade eländet kunnat sluta där. Norrmännen hade emellertid inte vett nog att skicka vårt bagage till Reykjavik, utan det hamnade i Köpenhamn. Vi inledde därför vår Reykjavik-vistelse med att beskriva utseendet på inte enkom våra anonyma grå, medium-size bagage, utan också en HLK-quick-screen. "It looks like number 52 (= vapenväska) but without gun in it".

Efter en irrfärd till Hotel Odinsve utan bagage, i något sunkig utstyrsel men med humöret på topp fick vi beskedet att samtliga affärer i Reykjavik stänger kl 18; bortsett från en bokaffär (?) och Seven Eleven. Det blev till att handtvätta strumporna. Lyckligtvis anlände bagaget inklusive quick-screen-bag (fortfarande utan vapen) nästa morgon. Vi kunde således ta på oss våra businesskavajer och göra oss representativa för besöket.

"Mae, mae flott" besök på Reykjavik University

Första dagen på Högskolan träffade vi marknadsavdelningen på Reykjavik University som varit vår kontakt före resan; marknadschef Eva Thengilsdottir och PR-specialisten Arna Schram. De följde med oss under dagen när vi bland annat deltog i ett MBA-program casemeeting, som Miss Island 1995 basar över, gjorde ett studiebesök på deras Science park, med "brain picking" i grupp, och slutligen tog en kaffe med deras director och international affairs som tyckte att vårt besök var "mae, mae flott".

Kommande dag var det vår tur att ge en presentation av HLK, och även HJ. Vi märkte att vi inte ligger så dumt till i jämförelse med våra nordiska grannar i fråga om marknadsföring eller forskning. Efter en mycket ambitiös presentation från vår sida (2 timmar) märkte vi att våra isländska kollegor tagit till sig två saker:

- Har ni nyhetsbrev? Skriver ni ut dem och delar ut eller hur distribuerar ni dem?
- Hur fungerar ert Science Park, och särskilt den där 24-timmars-tävlingen ni beskrev (tur att Ida varit student på HLK...)

Vi fick också tillfället att äta lunch med rektorn Ari Kristinn Jónsson, en lunch som vi sent kommer att glömma (det isländska köket lämnar ibland en hel del att önska). Efter det fick vi möta Islands Gunnar Gunnarsson - Steinn, den administrative chefen som är aktiv deltagare i internationella Iron man-tävlingar och som kopplade av med att simma 3 timmar i veckan i bukten utanför universitetet (12 grader i vattnet som varmast). En intressant man som älskade sitt administrativa system.

Dopp i den Blå Lagunen

På fredagkvällen gjorde vi dock inte som Steinn utan gav oss på

ett dopp i ett varmare alternativ än den iskalla bukten; nämligen i den Blå Lagunen. Dagen till ära var det så blåsigt att en vindsurfbräda och pälsmössa hade varit ett lämpligt attribut i det annars behagliga vattnet.

"Before the Crisis" och "After the Crisis".

Under vår Islandsvistelse var det omöjligt att undgå Finanskraschen, den som påverkat varje hushåll på Island. Många samtal rörde sig i riktningen "before the Crisis" och "after the Crisis". Islänningarna uppmanade oss också, vänligt och bestämt, att shoppa mycket, för "allt är ju så billigt för er utlänningar". Nåväl. Det är möjligt att priserna på islänningarnas signerade ullscarfar numer bara innehåller 7 siffror istället för de tidigare 8, och vi förstår om islänningarna vill få snurr på ekonomin med hjälp av svenskars fantastiskt starka (?) krona men BILLIGT är det faktiskt bara för sultanen i Brunei.



"Vill man, kan man köpa utredningen om finanskrisen (the Crisis) - en nätt utredning på 9 telefonkataloger som kostar 6 000 Iskr."

I paradox med de astronomiska priserna på Laugavegurs, huvudgatan i Reykjavik, alla designprylar var allt det goda på Island alldeles jättegratis: Gejsrar och tingplatser och vattenfall var alla kostnadsfria, så även parkeringsplatser (nästan) och offentliga toaletter - till och med de med myntkast. Inte undra på att landet är i konkurs.

Sista dagen träffade vi de ansvariga för School of Education and Health. De, likt vi, beskrev hur de ofta mötte hinder vid bland annat fördelning av medel centralt på Högskolan. De menade att School of Business och Engineering ofta fick mer medel avsatta för undervisning och forskning, något som kanske kan kännas igen även på HJ.

Efter det mötet delade vi på oss för att hinna med resterande möten. Maria stannade på Reykjavik University för att ragga studenter till HLK, medan Ida slängde sig i en taxi för att äta lunch med Lars-Åke Engbloms Islandskontakter. Efter studentrekryteringen (två tjeckiska studenter var intresserade av JIBS) begav sig Maria till Univeristy of Iceland, det största lärosätet på Island och träffade Thorbjörn Broddason, ännu en av Lars-Åkes kontakter och tidigare HLK-anställd, för att se hur MKV-ämnet är uppbyggt hos dem. Som skorpan på brosk-kycklingen avslutade vi vår Islandsvistelse med att aktivera vulkanen, men som tur var hann vi ur askan in i elden (=HLK?).

Vi kan varmt rekommendera alla att delta i ett Erasmusutbyte. Vi blev otroligt väl mottagna av våra kontaktpersoner, lärde oss massor om ett av våra partner-universitet, men också om HLK. På många områden är vi framstående och riktigt duktiga och det är nyttigt att se att det vi gör faktiskt är bra.

Takk fyrir!

Maria & Ida

Reykjavik University/Haskólinn í Reykjavik

Fakta om [universitetet i Reykjavik](#):

Totalt antal studenter: 3 000 st

Totalt antal anställda: 500 st - från 23 olika nationaliteter

Organisation: Uppdelad i fem fackhögskolor; School of Health and Communcation, School of Science and

Engineering, School of Law, School of Business och School of Computer Science.

School of Health and Communcation - erbjuder lärarutbildning (med fokus på sport) och psykologutbildning på grundnivå. På masternivå finns det 3 program, alla med fokus på social hälsa och sport, med olika profiler.

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