

The Humanities at LiU and in Sweden: Strategies and Futures

Tuesday 28 February 2023, 13—16

Location: Key 1, Campus Valla

What kind of strategic thinking on the humanities does LiU have and need?

In connection with the release of the new Humtank's report on the strategies of the humanities at Swedish universities, LiU Humanities together with Humtank invites you to a discussion of the opportunities and challenges of the humanities at LiU.

At LiU, the breadth and variety of different strands of the humanities makes us think of how to accommodate all of them in the best way. Considering LiU's tradition of interdisciplinary environments and institutions, are there even any strategic advantages to distinguishing the humanities from its next of kins interpretative social sciences or inter- or postdisciplinary forms of inquiry?

The changing research policy landscape, both nationally and locally at LiU, also raises a series of questions on the role and space of the humanities with their specific publishing and collaboration practices in resource distribution models, priorities, quality and development work. How do LiU's university, faculty and department administration view humanities in relation to the overall national university policy, for example, the new resource distribution model based on profile areas? What place is given to the humanities in the implementation of the LiU's Strategy 2030? How does LiU face the exiting challenges with funding humanities education outside the large and popular programs?

The event will be in English.

Humtank's report is available via: http://humtank.se/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/rapport_7_2022_a5_final.pdf.

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/e/i0FpL7W5ym>

Program

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- 13.15 'Strategies of the Humanities in Sweden.' Presentation by Anna Friberg (Assistant professor of History and LiU's Humtank representative).
- 13.45. Panel: What are the ways for researchers and educators in a broadly defined humanities field to develop and practice their activities? What strategies are needed to make it happen?
- Participants: Leelo Kavalik (Professor of Interactional linguistics IKOS), David Ludvigsson (Senior Associated Professor of History IKOS), Johanna Sköld Professor of Child Studies TEMA) and Cecilia Åsberg (professor of Gender, Nature and Culture, Gender Studies TEMA).
- 14.30 Fika.
- 15.00 Panel: What is the LiU's administration view of the opportunities to practice and develop humanities in relation to LiU's strategy and national university policy?
- Participants: Jan-Ingvar Jönsson (Vice-Chancellor), Karin Axelsson (Deputy Vice-Chancellor), Ulf Melin (Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy), Mathias Broth (Deputy Dean, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences), Håkan Löfgren (Dean of Faculty of Educational Sciences), Maria Simonsson (Deputy Dean of Faculty of Educational Sciences), Per Gyberg (Head of the TEMA department) and Jesper Olsson (Deputy Head of the IKOS department)