

## Curriculum vitae Mats Benner

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Degrees:

2001 Docent (Habilitation) in sociology, Lund University  
1997 PhD in sociology, Lund University  
1995 MA (fil lic) in sociology, Lund University  
1988 BA in political science and sociology, Lund University

University Positions:

2003- Director, Research Policy Institute, Lund University  
Senior lecturer, Research Policy Institute, Lund University  
1999-2000 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Lund University  
1998 Visiting fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Essex, UK  
1997-98 Post-doc, Department of Technology and Social Change, Linköping  
University  
1993-97 PhD candidate, Department of Sociology, Lund University  
1989-92 Research associate, Research Policy Institute, Lund University

## Main lines of research:

My main specialization is research policy, in particular policy formation and implementation, in Sweden and in other countries. I have also studied research organization, especially the management of large-scale research groups, as well as leadership and organizational change within the academic system. This has also included a number of evaluation tasks, see below. Another important area in my work is the sociology of scientific practice, especially the interaction between research activities (publications, collaboration, research-teaching, extramural activities, etc.) and changes in research policy and research funding. Finally, I have studied the interaction between academic research and corporate activities – in the form of academic entrepreneurship as well as academic-industrial collaboration - in selected areas, such as biotechnology and biomedicine (diabetes and neurology).

## Research evaluation experience:

Jointly responsible for evaluation of network/centres programme for diabetes research in Sweden, Wallenberg Foundation/Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 1998-2003.

Responsible for evaluation of the organization of social science research at Lund University, 1999.

Responsible for evaluation of research organization at Lund University, 2001.

Member of external evaluation panel, Faculty of Medicine, Lund University, 2002-.

## Head of research projects:

Evaluating the relevance of working life research, funded by the National Institute for Working Life, 1997-1998

The universities within the new landscape for research, funded by the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation, 1998-2003.

The role of the universities for employment, funded by the Council for Working Life Research, 1999.

The effects of the new research foundations, funded by a consortia of research foundations, 2002-2004.

The controversies of the knowledge society – research organization and practice as controversial fields, funded by the Science Council, 2003-2004.

## Administrative tasks:

Head of several research projects

Director of the Research Policy Institute, 2003-

Selected publications:

Recent articles in refereed journals and edited volumes:

1. "Biotechnology and Governance in Australia and Sweden: Path Dependency or Institutional Convergence?", *fc.* in *Australian Journal of Political Science*, 38 (1), 2003 (with Hans Löfgren).
2. "The Scandinavian Challenge: The Future of Advanced Welfare States in the Knowledge Economy" *fc.* in *Acta Sociologica*, 46 (1), 2003.
3. "Institutionalizing the triple helix: research funding and norms in the academic system", *Research Policy* 2 (2000): 291-301 (with Ulf Sandström)
4. "Inertia and Change in the Scandinavian Public Sector Research Systems: the Case of Biotechnology". *Science and Public Policy*. 26 (4), 2000, 443-454 (with Ulf Sandström)

Monographs:

1. *Controversy and Consensus: Science and Politics in Sweden in the 1990s.* (In Swedish). Nora: Nya Doxa 2001.
2. *The Politics of Growth. Economic Regulation in Sweden 1930-1994.* Lund: Arkiv 1997. (dissertation)
3. *Coordinated Technical Research.* (In Swedish). Stockholm: Fritzes 1996. (with Ulf Sandström)

Plus about 30 articles and reports in Swedish.