

# P R O G R A M M E

## Conference programme

# How to improve school results? Policy design, implementation and evaluation

**Venue: Uppsala Konsert och Kongress (room K4), Vaksala torg 1, Uppsala**

**Tuesday 24 May 2016**

Facilitator: Sara Martinson, IFAU

**9.00–16.30 Implementation and evaluation of education policy**

**9.00 Coffee**

**9.30 Welcome**

Olof Åslund, Director General, IFAU

Anna Sjögren, Associate Professor, IFAU

**9.45 School change and policy evaluation – introductory lecture**

Susan Dynarski, Professor, University of Michigan

*Discussion: Views on evidence based school development*

Anna Ekström, Helén Ängmo, Susanna Loeb, Helena Holmlund

**10.45 Implementation and evaluation of education policy – recent experiences from Denmark**

Helena Skyt Nielsen, Professor, Aarhus University

*Discussion Implementation and conditions that allow for evaluation*

Lena Adamson, Anna Ekström, Susan Dynarski

**11.45 Lunch**

**13.00 Ongoing policy evaluations at IFAU**

Björn Öckert– "Evaluation of national school initiatives"

Caroline Hall – "Can investing in teachers raise outcomes in disadvantaged schools?"

**13.45 Lecture on examples of policy implementation and evaluation design**

Susanna Loeb, Professor, Stanford University

*Discussion Design and content of interventions*

Lena Adamson, Helén Ängmo, Helena Skyt Nielsen, Björn Öckert

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# PROGRAMME

- 14.45 Coffee**
- 15.15 Presentations and reflections on previous speakers**  
Anna Ekström, Director General, the Swedish National Agency for Education  
Helén Ångmo, Director General, the Swedish Schools Inspectorate  
Lena Adamson, Director, Swedish Institute for Educational Research
- 16.00 Comments/reflections from research panel**  
Susan Dynarski, Susanna Loeb, Helena Skyt Nielsen and Björn Öckert.
- 16.15 Discussion**
- 16.30 End**
- 17.45 Guided tour, mingle and dinner**

## Wednesday 25 May 2016

### 9.00 –16.15 Workshop in economics of education

- 9.00 Coffee**
- Session 1 Chair: Erica Lindahl**
- 9.30 Does grade configuration matter for school performance? Short- and long-run effects of school organisation**  
Helena Holmlund, Associate Professor, IFAU
- 10.15 Evaluation of the Ny Giv Initiative**  
Lars Kirkebøen, Statistics Norway
- 11.00 The effects of retention on educational outcomes**  
Alex Solis, Assistant Professor, Uppsala University
- 11.45 Lunch**
- Session 2. Chair: Helena Holmlund**
- 13.00 The impact of upper-secondary voucher school attendance on student achievement. Swedish evidence using external and internal evaluations**  
Jonas Vlachos, Professor, Stockholm University
- 13.45 Quality of upper secondary schools in Finland – Evaluating persistent and non-persistent differences in value-added**  
Mika Kortelainen, Associate Professor, VATT
- 14.30 Teacher gender and student achievement**  
Louise Beuchert, Ph.D. student, Aarhus University

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- 15.15      Coffee and closing discussion**  
Susan Dynarski, Anna Sjögren and Jonas Vlachos
- 16.15      End of conference**