

Regional Research in Sweden

Most of the regional research is performed at the *Universities*. University research is primarily done within departments of geography, sociology, political science and economics. This makes an effort to get an overview over research and researchers within the field a bit complicated. The approach taken here is a systematic search of the webpages of the universities and university colleges and in turn of the institution in question using the truncated term region* and list on activity/institution defined through this. The universities sometimes run *research institutes* where some specified regional research and development is conducted. Most of these institutes organise research in many fields. Relevant institutes are presented in connection with the university they are connected to.

Several *University Colleges* also run study programmes and perform research on regional matters and are listed accordingly. We have also chosen to present the webpage addresses¹ to every university college. The reason is, in light of active policies, their role as actors/motors, on their own, in regional development.

A special institution with a focus on the Nordic level is Nordregio. Mentioning it here depends upon its location in Stockholm, Sweden. In the planned future webpage for the Nordic Section of the RSA (NORSA) this organisation will be part of that webpage.

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Universities

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

<http://www.slu.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.slu.se/?id=580> (English)

Department of Urban and Rural Development

At the Department of Urban and Rural Development we teach and carry out research in the fields of landscape architecture, environmental impact
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¹ Webpage addresses are, when possible, presented, in both Swedish and English.

assessment, environmental communication, rural development and agroecology. The Swedish EIA Centre is also a part of our department.

We are united by our interest in the relationship between man and environment, and the sustainable use of natural resources.

<http://www.sol.slu.se/index.asp> (Swedish)

<http://www.sol.slu.se/indexe.asp> (English)

University of Göteborg

Department of Human and Economic Geography

When the School of Economics was incorporated into Göteborg University in the early 1970s, the two existing departments of human and economic geography were amalgamated into one large unit. Research within Human Geography has traditionally been centred around physical and regional planning in Sweden, particularly transport and infrastructure, migration flows, travel mobility, traffic safety, spatial impacts of the new information and communication technology, the rural landscape and time geography. Furthermore, there is a long tradition of studies within development geography, particularly in Africa. Economic Geography has traditionally specialized in international trade and maritime transport, reflecting the city of Göteborg's position as the Nordic centre for shipping and trade. Other important research areas are geographical patterns of foreign direct investment, and economic integration in Europe and East Asia. West Sweden's role as the leading Nordic cluster of automotive industries has created a natural research specialization in car and truck production systems.

<http://www.handels.gu.se/hgeo/> (Swedish)

<http://www.hgu.gu.se/item.aspx?id=1794> (English)

CEFOS - Center for Public Sector Research

The Center for Public Sector Research – CEFOS – at University of Gothenburg was established in 1991 as part of a national long-term program for multidisciplinary research on the public sector. CEFOS is a research center within University of Gothenburg with a board and director appointed by the Vice-Chancellor of the University.

CEFOS' purpose is to bring researchers and groups of researchers from a variety of disciplines together in a creative academic environment. The present research staff includes senior researchers from the disciplines of social anthropology, human ecology, history of ideas and theory of science, business administration, economics, public administration and political science. Researchers from other departments and centers are also involved in research programs at CEFOS. Most research at CEFOS is funded by science councils and other research grants. In addition, CEFOS has a research budget for supporting studies of the public sector as well as for project planning and publication.

Research Profile, Programs and Projects

CEFOS initiates, encourages and supports research on the public sector, with special focus on the local and regional levels. From the beginning, CEFOS has supported research projects in the following three areas: The public sector in a macro-perspective, Administrative and organizational aspects of the public sector. More recently, perspectives on the public sector

have broadened and another three areas have been added: The welfare state and the social insurance system, Local citizenship and democracy and Risk and society.

<http://www.cefos.gu.se/?languageId=100000&disableRedirect=true&returnUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cefos.gu.se%2F&disableRedirect=true&returnUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cefos.gu.se%2Fenglish%2F%3FlanguageId%3D100001%26disableRedirect%3Dtrue%26returnUrl%3Dhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.cefos.gu.se%252F> (Swedish)

<http://www.cefos.gu.se/english/?languageId=100001&disableRedirect=true&disableRedirect=true&returnUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cefos.gu.se%2F> (English)

Kommunforskning i Västsverige (KFi)

Kommunforskning i Västsverige (KFi) is a research-organisation doing applied research within the field of accounting and management focusing different kind of local governments. KFi is a joint venture between local governments, county councils and universities in West Sweden and started 1989 and does now include 45 local government, one county council, one university and two university colleges.

The main purposes with the joint venture is to initiate research that take bearing on problems in substantial for both practitioners and researchers. The model for KFi is a network based organisation including both practitioners and researchers.

www.kfi.se (Swedish)

Centrum för Regional Analys (CRA)

The development of a Centre for Regional Analysis (CRA) is a step towards satisfying a demand for an increased knowledge on regional issues. In a first phase priority is given towards elaborating and identifying competence and cluster profiles, where research already enacted is an important part.

The purpose is to provide a multifaceted knowledge about local and regional preconditions for the competitiveness of Västra Götaland. A wider purpose is to increase the knowledge on how regions competitive powers are conditioned by changes in the surrounding world which could simplify the work on priorities within the realms of the regional growth program. In this work there is a clear need for empirical foundations and qualified analytical work on the complex causalities that are characteristic of successful regions.

<http://www.hgu.gu.se/item.aspx?id=12081> (Swedish)

University of Karlstad

<http://www.kau.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.kau.se/eng/> (English)

Cerut (Centre for Research on Regional Development)

Cerut is a research centre at Karlstad University whose task is to generate knowledge on regional development issues in a broad dialogue with the community as a whole. The research and social dialogue focuses on people's total life situation, i.e. work, leisure and social relationships. Key concepts are the region as a living environment, sustainable development and growth.

Cerut's research and development activities are concentrated on four thematic areas:

- production, consumption, identity and culture
- welfare, health and quality of life
- forms of control, influence and ability to take action
- evaluation.

Several disciplines are involved in the research, including human geography, political science, sociology, public health science and economics.

http://www.kau.se/forskning/forskdb/index.lasso?to_do=show_group&id=1059 (Swedish)

University of Linköping

<http://www.liu.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.liu.se/en/> (English)

Centrum för kommunstrategiska studier (CKS)

<http://www.isak.liu.se/cks/> (Swedish)

Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO)

REMESO pursues a critical understanding of multi-ethnic societies influenced by transnational migration. The institute's research, teaching and capacity building target key scientific and strategic political issues from an interdisciplinary approach.

Research

REMESO develops a multilevel approach to the understanding of migration, ethnicity and society, relating individual experience, local community development and civil society involvement to changing patterns of working life and the restructuring of the labour market, to education and health, as well as to changing frameworks of citizenship and welfare. These themes are examined from a variety of perspectives: policy and practices of governments, public agencies, non-governmental organisations, the media, firms and trade unions, in terms of their consequences for labour migrants, asylum seekers and ethnic minorities. At the same time, the issues of migration, ethnicity and society are contextualised by an exploration of nation state transformation, processes of globalisation and regional integration. Most of REMESO's current research takes place within a long-term programme [Migration, Labour Market Restructuring, and Social Inclusion](#).

<http://www.isv.liu.se/remeso> (Swedish)

<http://www.isv.liu.se/remeso?l=en> (English)

University of Lund

<http://www.lu.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.lu.se/lund-university> (English)

Department of Social and Economic Geography

The Department of Social and Economic Geography is a dynamic entity of the University of Lund with a strong international reputation for both research and education in Human

Geography. The Department is active in economic geography, historical and landscape geography, environmental geography, urban/social/political geography, and development geography.

The Department's researchers are well-known at national and international level through publications, conference participation, invited speeches, and through national and international cooperation in research networks and organizations. A prime example of this is the Department's strong involvement in the Lund-based interdisciplinary research centre CIRCLE (Center for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy) (www.circle.se) – the world's largest centre of its kind.

<http://www.keg.lu.se/index.aspx> (Swedish)

<http://www.keg.lu.se/eng/index.aspx> (English)

Centre for Innovation, Research and Competence in the Learning Economy (CIRCLE)

CIRCLE is an interdisciplinary research centre spanning several faculties at Lund University and Blekinge Institute of Technology funded by VINNOVA, Lund University and Blekinge Institute of Technology. CIRCLE has since its creation in July 2004 established itself as the leading national centre for research on R&D, innovation, entrepreneurship and economic dynamics and is today the largest of the four national research Centres of Excellence funded by VINNOVA.

CIRCLE has well established connections with some of the most renowned research environments in the fields of innovation, entrepreneurship and economic growth. For further development of CIRCLE's international contacts, guest researchers and visiting scholars are invited to enhance the already exciting international research and teaching milieu through presentations and seminars.

<http://www.circle.lu.se/> (English)

Mid Sweden University

http://www.miun.se/default_16731.aspx (Swedish)

http://www.miun.se/default_22057.aspx (English)

Human Geography

Among research areas of interest we find migration and colonization of the s k Finnbygderna in Sweden and in other countries. International areas of research, from a development perspective, are found in Southeast Asia, Russia and South Africa. The Nordic countries are focussed when it comes to regional development and problems in sparsely populated areas. Ecotourism, cultural tourism, the travelling and demand habits of tourists and the development of destinations in tourist areas are examples of applied research.

http://www.miun.se/MHTemplates/MHPage_9133.aspx (Swedish)

http://www.miun.se/mhtemplates/MHPage_8862.aspx (English)

Political Science

Some of the Mid Sweden research project focus on the role of the regions in setting the agenda in EU, and the outcome of their efforts on the Swedish, and other comparative EU regions, and how this could vitalize the regions as political actors in the new Swedish regional structure. Most of the research project focus on the local level and how to turn the negative

trends in the peripheral regions of Jämtland and Trøndelag, where co-operation in terms of corresponding Euroregions, is built up. The question of developing regional autonomy in a global setting, but with focus on Sweden, is another topic being dealt with. Within the public sector, the trends toward co-operative and private nursing arrangements, like pre-school and kindergarten, as well as private and semi-private schools in the peripheral Swedish areas are two connected projects. Another is the municipal branding as one way of strengthening the municipals that are now in a downward phase, and the strategic aims and processes to overcome the negative trends are studied within an international project, where Mid Sweden has a leading role. Likewise in studying the new entrepreneurial modes in peripheral areas, which is also a project in co-operation with the universities of Linköping and Örebro.

http://www.miun.se/MHTemplates/MHPage_9137.aspx (Swedish)

http://www.miun.se/mhtemplates/MHPage_8862.aspx (English)

ETOUR – Turismforskningsinstitutet

The ETOUR research staff represents a broad range of academic competences and research is often interdisciplinary.

Three broad themes make up the research focus of ETOUR:

- Destination development: covering themes such as local and regional development, business and society, seasonality, governance and organisation, human resources, accessibility and information.
- Nature and culture-based resources: covering themes such as tourism in protected areas, heritage tourism, eco-tourism, resource management, indigenous peoples and planning for tourism.
- Tourism in the experience economy: covering themes such as information and communication technology, product development, innovations and customer satisfaction.

http://www.miun.se/default_28516.aspx (Swedish)

http://www.miun.se/default_28626.aspx (English)

Skandinaviska institutet för social och offentlig ekonomi (SISE)

Is a network of different interests and organisations that work with research, information, publication and development of the social and public economy in Sweden and Scandinavia. Internationally it is named **CIRIEC-Scandinavia**. SISE is found in Östersund.

SISE's objectives are to describe, develop, stimulate and simplify:

The importance of the social and public economy for societal, regional and local development:

The importance of the social and public economy in female entrepreneurship;

The role of the social and public economy in the renovation of the public sector;

The role of the social and public economy in creating new opportunities to work; and to contribute to the exchange of experience in Sweden and internationally.

<http://socek.se/> (Swedish)

University of Stockholm

<http://www.su.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.su.se/english/> (English)

Department of Human Geography

The research in the Stockholm University Department of Human Geography concentrates on historical geography and landscape studies; urban and regional planning: environment, equity and gender; population geography, quantitative methodology and GIS; and urban space-economies.

<http://www.humangeo.su.se/pub/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=1388> (Swedish)

<http://www.humangeo.su.se/pub/jsp/polopoly.jsp?d=1403> (English)

University of Umeå

<http://www.umu.se/> (Swedish)

http://www.umu.se/umu/index_eng.html (English)

Department of Social and Economic Geography

The research profile of the Umeå department has an emphasis on migration, settlement patterns and regional development. This is combined with a special interest in methodological development. Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and geographical systems analysis are important and growing elements in geographical education and research as, too, are methods for analysing large databases with localised information about individuals and the development of models for geographical consequence analysis.

<http://www.umu.se/> (Swedish)

http://www.umu.se/soc_econ_geography/index_eng.html (English)

Department of Economics (Regional economics)

Transportation Flows and Spatial Structures
Integrated analysis of transportation and regional structural change
Multisector network models
Networks and barriers to trade
Valuation of infrastructure improvements

<http://www.econ.umu.se/> (Swedish)

http://www.econ.umu.se/index_eng.html (English)

Department of Political Science

Research within the Department of Political Science covers the following main areas:

- Scandinavian policy and politics
- Politics of environment and sustainable development
- Local and regional politics/governance
- Comparative democratic institutions and party politics
- Politics of the European Union
- International relations/peace and conflict studies
- Gender politics
- School leadership
- Formulation, implementation and evaluation of public policy

Comparative research is common within several of those above areas.

<http://www.pol.umu.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.pol.umu.se/English/> (English)

Centre for Regional Science (CERUM)

The Centre for Regional Science (CERUM) is a multidisciplinary research unit within Umeå University. Initially CERUM was established by the Swedish government in 1983. The mission is to initiate and carry out qualified spatial research and hence to engage researchers from many different fields of research. CERUM aims for a long-term build up of competence within the following areas:

- Spatial theory (urban, regional and rural)
- Qualitative analysis of spatial processes
- Simulation of spatial structures and dynamic processes
- GIS, spatial statistics, and data
- Spatial policy, implementation, and evaluation

Since the research field often is of major interest for policy oriented agencies and the industry, CERUM has a long tradition of collaboration with actors outside the university.

<http://www.cerum.umu.se/index.html> (Swedish)

http://www.cerum.umu.se/index_eng.html (English)

University of Uppsala

<http://www.uu.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.uu.se/en/> (English)

Department of Social and Economic Geography

In economic geography, the study of dynamic processes in industrial systems, innovation milieus and cluster structures, the “cultural” industries, and local and regional development have been prominent themes.

In population and social geography, the focus has been on the relationship between demographic transitions and economic development, the consequences of a more multicultural society in terms of residential segregation, labor market performance and ethnic entrepreneurship, and labor market structures in marginal areas in a gender perspective.

Research in settlement geography primarily focuses on urban areas, and in large measure overlaps with social geography in studies of residential mobility, ethnic residential patterns and urban renewal, but there is also an interest in the role of rural areas in a dominantly urban society.

Although the bulk of recent research has dealt with topics at the national level, there has been a constant growth of projects carried out within a European Union context. Also, post-soviet societal transformation in Eastern and Central Europe has been the subject of several projects in the Baltic countries, Russia and Romania. Recent research on developing countries has primarily dealt with Sri Lanka, different regions in Africa and Central America.

<http://www.uu.se/Adresser/HS7.html> (Swedish)

<http://www.kultgeog.uu.se/english/default.htm> (English)

Centre for Research on Innovation and Industrial Dynamics (CIND)

CIND is a multi-disciplinary research initiative, aiming to establish a strong environment for cluster and innovation system studies at Uppsala University.

CIND was established in March 2003 and is funded by The Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (Vinnova), the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation and Uppsala University.

The ambition is that CIND will be in operation over a ten-year period. The first research programme - Clusters and innovations Systems in Time and Space - runs over the first four years, 2003-2006.

CIND is organized as an independent research programme within Uppsala University. The activities are located in the Ekonomikum Campus, where all research and education activities in the economic disciplines at Uppsala University are co-located.

In disciplinary terms, CIND is situated at the intersection of business studies, economic geography and economic history.

CIND is largely a virtual organization. The 13 senior scholars and 7 PhD students that are engaged in the research activities of CIND are employed by the Departments of Business Studies, Economic History or Social and Economic Geography. In administrative terms, CIND is linked to the Faculty of Social Science and the Department of Social and Economic Geography.

<http://www.cind.uu.se/index.htm> (Swedish)

<http://www.cind.uu.se/eng/index.htm> (English)

University of Örebro

http://www.oru.se/start_2232.aspx (Swedish)

http://www.oru.se/templates/oruExtIntroPageLevel2_4965.aspx (English)

The Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (CUREs)

The multidisciplinary Centre for Urban and Regional Studies at Örebro University, Sweden, comprises 43 researchers in such various fields as Architecture, History, Human geography, Media & Communication Studies, Public health, Political Science and Sociology.

In focus of research at the Centre are processes and outcomes related to the interplay between society, nature and the built environment. The current research of CUREs could roughly be categorized according to five themes:

- Regions of growth and stagnation
- Place and identity
- Urban development and place-making
- Governance, networks and democracy
- Environmental regulation and planning

http://www.oru.se/templates/oruExtIntroPageLevel2_50036.aspx (English)

Chalmers

<http://www.chalmers.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.chalmers.se/en/> (English)

R&D, Innovations and Dynamics of Economies (RIDE)

RIDE is a research Center focusing on the connection between 'R&D and Innovation' and 'Dynamics of Economies'. It is primarily located at Chalmers University of Technology and was set up after being awarded a VINNOVA grant within the program Centers of Excellence for Innovation Systems, R&D and Growth in 2004.

<http://www.chalmers.se/tme/EN/centers/ride> (English)

Royal Institute of Technology

<http://www.kth.se/> (Swedish)

http://www.kth.se/?l=en_UK (English)

School of Architecture and the Built Environment

The activities of the school encompass architecture, societal construction and environmental technology in a wide definition. This encompasses a synthesis of creation/formation, technical and economical knowledge in way of a systemic approach to the built environment, habitation and natural resources. Research and education has the objective to create the best possible preconditions for a sustainable society. Strategic planning, creation and support of infrastructure for transport, water and other supply systems is of central importance in this.

<http://www.kth.se/om/organisation/skolor/1.3849> (Swedish)

Luleå Technical University

<http://www.ltu.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.ltu.se/?l=en> (English)

University Colleges

Blekinge Institute of Technology

<http://www.bth.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.bth.se/eng/> (English)

The Centre for Spatial Development and Planning

(in Swedish "Center för Territoriell UtvecklingsPlanering", **CTUP**) is an interdisciplinary centre of competence established by the University Board of Blekinge Institute of Technology in 1998.

The task of the Centre is to contribute to the development of spatial planning by combining insights of social changes and knowledge of human ecology about man and environment with the competence gained from the fields of technology and architecture on the management of resources as well as on the design, shaping and formation of reality.

The Centre undertakes research, investigations, education and seminars on a commission basis in the field of spatial development and planning - including spatial planning, strategic

environmental assessment and regional development.

CTUP is an independent unit within the Institute and is led by a board appointed by and responsible to the University Board of the Institute.

In charge of the Centre's activities is a research chairperson. The secretariat also employs a part-time secretary. The largest part of CTUP's research is undertaken by PhD students and senior research staff at the [School of Technoculture, Humanities and Spatial Planning](#) (in Swedish) and the [School of Management](#).

<http://www.bth.se/tks/ctup.nsf/pages/3a4529e2472ba2b7c1256f51004cc744!OpenDocument>
(Swedish)

<http://www.bth.se/tks/ctup.nsf/pages/273c7bbb699ba91cc1256bf80044ef09!OpenDocument>
(English)

University College of Dalarna

http://www.du.se/Templates/StartPage_1622.aspx?epslanguage=SV (Swedish)

http://www.du.se/Templates/StartPage_1622.aspx?epslanguage=EN (English)

The research group in regional science at Dalarna University is an interdisciplinary research group consisting of researchers from the fields of economics, business, human geography, and industrial engineering, management and work science. The research conducted within the research group mainly focuses on three broad areas; tourism and transport research, research regarding the entry, exit and reallocation of firms, and research on how to create a good work environment.

Within the field of tourism and transportation research a project called “Sustainable tourism on forest land by means of micro payments” is trying to analyze what kind of institutions and means can be used to collect user charges for recreational services under open access. The project has been a joint venture between the tourism industry, ICT industry and academia.

Another project studies entry and exit of firms in the Swedish retail food market. According to the results from this project, entry is less frequent in highly concentrated local retail food markets characterized by a high degree of uncertainty concerning future revenues; whereas higher profit opportunities seem to increase the probability of entry.

At present, the research group consists of five professors, three associate professors, twelve researchers and ten Ph-D-students. For more information about the research group visit our webpage www.du.se/regionalaforandringsprocesser (in Swedish) or send an e-mail to Niklas Rudholm (nru@du.se).

University College of Borås

<http://www.hb.se/wps/portal> (Swedish)

http://www.hb.se/wps/portal!/ut/p/c1/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3hXX49QSydDRwMD10BzAyNjd_cwPx9PFzN3A_1wkA6zeD9_o1A3E09DQwszV0MDIzMPEyefME8Dd_xdjiLwBDuBooO_nkZ-bql-QnZ3m6KioCADgOhtz/dl2/d1/L0IDUmlTUSEhL3dHa0FKRnNBL1ICUlp3QSEhL2Vu/

(English)

University College of Gävle

<http://www.hig.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.hig.se/ufk/is/introduction.html> (English)

The research profile Culture and Society encompasses two main areas that in turn contains three separate study areas:

Identity and change

Identities in the meetings between language, culture and religion

Identity and modernity/societal change

Political identity and the public sphere

Regional uniqueness and the imagined region

Regional cultural traits and expressions of culture

The utilisation of culture, regional development and the construction of identity

Pictures of Hälsingland–Gästrikland

<http://www.hig.se/hs/forsk/index.html> (Swedish)

University College of Halmstad

<http://www.hh.se/> (Swedish)

http://www.hh.se/english/research.3_en.html (English)

The University's multidisciplinary profile — building on collaborative outreach ventures of knowledge and involving three areas of strength — can be seen clearly in the university's various research environments.

The area of strength **Organisation, Region and Society** includes research into innovation and entrepreneurship, societal change, the environment, learning, management and media.

Regionalt lärande och ledarskap (Regional learning and leadership) (RELL)

The research group studies organisation and leadership in connection with innovation and development activities in a regional perspective.

RELL participates actively in the development of different aspects of cooperation between organisations at the same time as we do research on preconditions and mechanisms. The result of the research is expected to contribute to more efficient efforts of development on a regional level and an advanced knowledge on central level on how such processes can be supported and further developed. In the research group participates scientists from different disciplines – sociology, work science, political science and industrial organization.

<http://www.hh.se/set/forskning/centrumforinnovationsentreprenorskapochlarandeforskningcie/regionallarandechledarskaprell.284.html> (Swedish)

University College of Jönköping

<http://www.hj.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.ihh.hj.se/eng/> (English)

University College of Kalmar

<http://www.hik.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.hik.se/english/> (English)

University College of Kristianstad

<http://www.hkr.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.hkr.se/Default.aspx> (English)

University College of Malmö

<http://www.mah.se/> (Swedish)

http://www.mah.se/default_12978.aspx (English)

Malmö Institute for Studies of Migration, Diversity and Welfare (MIM)

MIM was established in January 2007 as a new research institute at Malmö University. Researchers affiliated to MIM focus on the processes of inclusion and exclusion and research on:

- populism, nationalism, xenophobia, democracy and citizenship
- diversity, multicultural cities, public areas, organisations and societal change
- school, leisure, sport and health

University College of Skövde

<http://www.his.se/> (Swedish)

<http://www.his.se/templates/ClearStartPage.aspx?id=43046> (English)

University College of Gotland

<http://mainweb.hgo.se/index.nsf/index?OpenForm> (Swedish)

[http://mainweb.hgo.se/adm/eng.nsf/\(\\$all\)/DB52D035D82A2107C1256E2900471081?OpenDocument](http://mainweb.hgo.se/adm/eng.nsf/($all)/DB52D035D82A2107C1256E2900471081?OpenDocument) (English)

University College West

<http://www.hv.se/extra/pod/> (Swedish)

http://www.hv.se/extra/pod/?action=pod_show&id=1&module_instance=9 (English)

University College of Södertörn

<http://webappo.web.sh.se/> (Swedish)

<http://webappo.web.sh.se/C1256C8A0066623D/tmt.view/472C6E80B755CC26C1256C8B0015AEB5> (English)

Regional Research Institutes

Nordregio

Nordregio, the Nordic Centre for spatial development, undertakes applied research in the areas of urban and region planning, sustainable development, climate change and energy as well as the innovation and knowledge industries. Geographically the focus is on the Nordic countries, the Baltic Sea region, the High North, the Arctic and the regions of Europe.

<http://www.nordregio.se> (English)

The Board of Regional Research in West Sweden (REVÄST)

Reväst is an information platform and network for regional research both in West Sweden and its surroundings. We function as a link between researchers and those who uses the research results. Our perspective is regional but we are also involved in national enquires. Reväst arranges seminars, conferences and study tours.

<http://www.revast.org.gu.se/english/?languageId=100001&disableRedirect=true&disableRedirect=true&returnUrl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.revast.org.gu.se%2F>

Other relevant institutions

The Swedish National Rural Development Agency (Glesbygdsverket)

Rural areas make up more than half of Sweden. Distances from workplaces and various service outlets are long. Altogether the rural population of Sweden numbers two million people. Of these, 200 000 live in particularly sparsely populated areas. They are the main concern and focus of Glesbygdsverket, the National Rural Development Agency.

<http://www.glesbygdsverket.se/site/default.aspx> (English)

Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (Svenska Kommun och Landstingsförbundet)

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