SEMINARS ABOUT EDUCATION IN SWEDEN
The Faculty of Education at the University of Gothenburg invites you to a series of four seminars with different introductory aspects on the Swedish educational system. The lecturers are prominent researchers in the field of education and the seminars are free of charge and will be held in English. Everybody with an interest in the Swedish educational system is welcome. The structure of the seminars is 40 minutes of presentation, followed by 20 minutes for questions.

Location: Pedagogen, Västra Hamngatan 25, Building A.

18 October 2016, 4pm–5pm, room AK2 136

**Swedish pre-school often rated as top quality**

In this seminar, Ingrid Pramling Samuelsson will give a short overview of how and why preschool has become a right for all children in Sweden from one year of age, and why Sweden is often rated as very good in international comparisons. She will also outline what is specific today from governmental intentions and present examples of what is going on in everyday practice in the preschools, where children’s participation and active involvement in their own learning process is central.

*Ingrid Pramling Samuelsson* is Professor of Early Childhood Education (ECE) at the Department of Education, Communication and Learning and has devoted her entire professional career to young children’s learning and the conditions for this in preschool.

8 November 2016, 5pm–6pm, room AK2 137

**The Swedish educational system – an overview.**

It is important to understand the educational system to be able to make early educational choices that will provide a variety of occupational opportunities. Caroline Berggren will emphasise some of the limits to the ‘individual free choice’, that is often bypassed.

*Caroline Berggren* is Associate Professor at the Department of Education and Special Education. Her research concerns how the structure of the educational system, labour market and culture in Sweden influences individuals’ aspirations.

24 November 2016, 5pm–6pm, room AK2 136

**Are there specifically Swedish values? On norms and values in Swedish school.**

In the seminar, Olof Franck will highlight what in the Swedish curricula is described as fundamental values which school should represent and impart. He will also describe characteristics of non-denominational Religious Education where ethics is a part of the core content, and relate to some international counterparts.

*Olof Franck* is Associate Professor of Philosophy of Religion and Senior Lecturer in Social Studies Education. He has taught philosophy and religious education in upper secondary school and is the author of several books and articles in the field.

12 December 2016, 4pm–5pm, room AK2 136

**Physical education – a subject with a long tradition in Sweden**

Anders Raustorp will give a background to current recommendations for physical activity and its physical, mental and cognitive benefits. He will describe characteristics of Physical Education – a subject with a strong tradition in Sweden. Since 20 years, the Swedish curriculum includes health (lifestyle) education, and boys and girls are educated together.

*Anders Raustorp* is Associate Professor of Physiotherapy and Physical Education at the Department of Food and Nutrition and Sport Science. His areas of expertise are physical activity measurement and physical self-esteem among children and adolescents.