

Current appointment: Professor of sociology
Affiliation: Environmental Sociology Section, Örebro
Degree: University PhD in sociology, (1994), PhD in ethics
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PhD-thesis sociology: *Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Management in Sweden. Movements, Politics and Science*, Sociology, Uppsala University, 1994 (supervisor professor Tom Burns)

PhD-thesis ethics: *The City, Violence and Trust. On Social order in a Multicultural Society* (in Swedish), Ethics, Uppsala University, 2007 (supervisor professor Carl-Henrik Grenholm)

Research interests: Rolf Lidskog is a sociologist with expertise in environmental regulation, environmental sociology and risk communication. Central issues of his research concerns how actors perceive, evaluate and manage risks, where there are high demands on safety, while science and technology often cannot guarantee it in a satisfactory manner for all. To answer this question, he has studied a variety of environmental areas: climate change, air pollution, nuclear waste, hazardous waste, biodiversity, intensive forestry and urban transport. He has been co-founder of two multidisciplinary research centres: [Research Centre Man-Technology-Environment](#) (Örebro University) and [Centre for Urban and Regional Studies](#) (Örebro University). He is the founder of the [Environmental Sociology Section](#) at Örebro University, which is the largest environmental sociology unit in the Nordic countries. He has also been a part of the national research program [Future Forests](#) and the Environmental Humanities national research program [The Seed Box](#).

Professional experience and research interests: Environmental sociology; Science and technology studies; Expert sociology; Risk sociology; Environmental policy and politics; Urban sociology; Crime prevention; Multiculturalism.

Visiting fellow: [Centre for the Study of Environmental Change](#) (CSEC), Lancaster University (November 2014); [Environmental Policy Group](#), Wageningen University (April 2013); [Centre for Technology, Innovation and Culture](#), Oslo University (May 2012); [Department of Thematic Studies](#), Linköping University (November 2011); [Centre for the Analysis of Risk and Regulation](#) (CARR), London School of Economics and Political Science (May 2002, January 2003).

Supervision: Supervised 16 doctoral students to PhD-degree. **Faculty opponent:** 13 times. **Member of examination committee of PhD-thesis:** 26 times. **Postdoctoral projects:** Leader of 11 postdoctoral projects.

Special commission: Board of *Swedish Environmental Research Council Formas* (2019-24); Board of *Swedish Forest Agency* (2013-16), Board of *Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences* (2011-13); Board of *Örebro University* (2011-12); Scientific advisory board, the national research program *Future Forests* (2008-11); Scientific council, *Swedish Rescue Services Agency* (2003-06); Steering committee for the research programme International climate policy, *Swedish Energy Agency* (2001-06), Preparatory committee for research programmes on global climate change research, *Swedish Foundation of Strategic Environmental Research* (2002), Programme council for environmental sciences, *Linköping University* (1999-2010)

International Sociological Association: Research committee 24 Environment and society (vice President 2018-23, board member 2014-18); **European Sociological Association:** Research network 12 Environment and society (Senior Advisory Board, 2019-).

Nordic Sociological Association: Coordinator for its working group “Environment, expertise and risk” (1995-); **Swedish Sociological Association:** board member (secretary 1994-96, vice chairman 1997). Editor-in-Chief for its journal *Sociologisk Forskning* (1997-98). Coordinator for its working group “Environment and Risk Sociology” (1997-)

Editorial commitments: *Society & Natural Resources* (associate editor 2016-18), *Environmental Sociology* (International Advisory Board, 2015-), *Sociologisk Forskning* (Editor in Chief, 1997-98). Editor of special issues for *Environmental Sociology* (2016), *Acta Sociologica* (1996) and *Sociologisk Forskning* (1995). Reviewed +100 papers for +60 journals.

External grants: leader of 30 externally granted projects (granted in total 5M euros), part of the steering board of 6 multidisciplinary research programme (granted in total 28M euros)

Publication record: 295 publications: 8 monographs, 11 edited books or special issues of journals, 113 articles in peer review journals, 52 book chapters, 29 scientific reports, 25 book reviews, 57 popular-scientific articles. Publication list at https://www.oru.se/english/employee/rolf_lidskog

Citation index: *ISI Web of Sciences*: h-index 27, citations +2,200, papers 111. *Scopus*: h-index 29, +2,800 citations, papers 113. *Google Scholar*: h-index 44, citations +6,000, papers 271. *Researchgate*: +4,000 citations, +40,000 reads, 154 publications. <http://orcid.org/0000-0001-6735-0011>

Recent publications

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Lidskog, R. & Zinn, J. (forthcoming) Reflexive modernization and risk society thesis. In Overdevest, C. (ed.) *Edward Elgar Encyclopedia of Environmental Sociology*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar

Lidskog, R. & Sundqvist G. (forthcoming) Environmental expertise. In Overdevest, C. (ed.) *Edward Elgar Encyclopedia of Environmental Sociology*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar

Gustafsson, K & **Lidskog R.** 2023. Expertise for policy-relevant knowledge. IPBES’s epistemic infrastructure and guidance to make environmental assessments, *Journal of Integrative Environmental Sciences* 20(1): 2187844 <https://doi.org/10.1080/1943815X.2023.2187844>

White J & **Lidskog R.** 2023. Pluralism, paralysis, practice: Making environmental knowledge usable. *Ecosystems and People* 19(1) <https://doi.org/10.1080/26395916.2022.2160822>

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Lidskog, R., Strandberg, A. & White, J. 2022. Environmental expertise for social transformation: Roles and responsibilities for social science. *Environmental Sociology*, 8(3): 255–266. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2022.2048237>

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White, J. & **Lidskog, R.** 2022. Ignorance and the regulation of artificial intelligence, *Journal of Risk Research* 25(4): 488–500. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13669877.2021.1957985>

Lidskog, R. & Sundqvist, G. 2022. Political context. Chapter 22 (pp. 209-216) in De Pryck, K. & Hulme, M. (eds.) *A Critical Assessment of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press <https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009082099.028>

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Lidskog, R. & Strandberg, A. 2022. COVID-19 and the environmental crises: Knowledge, social order and transformative change, pp. 267-293 in Brown, P.R. & Zinn, J.O. (eds.) *Covid-19 and the Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty. Studies of Social Phenomena and Social Theory Across 6 Continents*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-95167-2_11