

NORDIC PIAAC CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

12 -13.30 Arrival and lunch

Location: Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads 2G,
1448 Copenhagen K, Denmark

13:30

Welcome

Moderator: Senior Researcher Torben Fridberg,
SFI – The Danish National Centre for Social Research

Anders Geertsen, Head of Department/Knowledge & Welfare,
The Secretariat to the Nordic Council of Ministers

Ann-Charlotte Larsson, Head of the Nordic PIAAC network,
Senior Statistician, Statistics Sweden

13:45

Basic skills in Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Norway and Sweden: How do these countries perform in an international context?

Antero Malin, Professor, Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

14.15-14.45 Coffee

14:45-16.15 Three parallel workshops: Basic skills in Nordic countries: New PIAAC results at Nordic level.

ROOM IV

Workshop 1: *The distribution of basic skills: Who have good and poor skills? Are skills dependent on e.g. gender, age, education or immigrant status? Are the same groups low-skilled in all Nordic countries? Is participation in adult education related to skills?*

Moderator: Birgit Bjørkeng, Senior Advisor, Statistics Norway

- *Equity and inequity in skills*, Aune Valk, Head of the Department of Analysis, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research
- *Weak and strong performers in literacy and numeracy*, Hanne Størset, Senior Adviser, Vox, the Norwegian Agency for Lifelong Learning
- *Participation in adult training and education*, Antero Malin, Professor Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

ROOM III

Workshop 2: *Skills at work and outcome of basic skills: How are skills associated with economic and social well-being in the Nordic populations? Are basic skills related to labour market position? How important are basic skills for the hourly wage at Nordic level? How does social trust and self-reported health vary with basic skills?*

Moderator: Ann-Charlotte Larsson, Senior Statistician, Statistics Sweden, Sweden

- *Basic skills and the labour market*, Vivika Halapuu, Programme Analyst, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research
- *Skills and earnings*, Raija Hämäläinen, Adjunct Professor Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- *Social outcomes*, Torben Fridberg, Senior Researcher SFI – The Danish National Centre for Social Research

ROOM II

Workshop 3: *PIAAC, PISA and work experience: Are results from PISA and PIAAC consistent across the Nordic countries? Are the good readers in PISA at the age of 15 also the best in PIAAC at 27? How is work experience related to basic skills?*

Moderator: Anna Eriksson, Senior Advisor, Statistics Sweden, Sweden

- *A comparison of PISA and PIAAC results*, Sari Sulkunen, Professor Finnish Institute for Educational Research, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- *The Danish PISA 2000 students in PIAAC 2011-12*, Anders Rosdahl, Senior Research Fellow SFI – The Danish National Centre for Social Research
- *Education, work experience and skills*, Erik Mellander, Associate Professor, Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU), Sweden

16.15

The PIAAC challenges in a Nordic context. How many people have insufficient basic skills in the Nordic countries? Can we identify these people? Are they motivated for learning? Do they have any chances to improve their skills? What does PIAAC tell us about the role of formal and non-formal training and education? Anders Rosdahl, Senior Research Fellow SFI – The Danish National Centre for Social Research

16.45-18.15 Reception

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FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

8.00 -9.00 Arrival and coffee

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9.00 *Welcome*
Moderator: Associate Professor Erik Mellander, Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU), Sweden

9.05-9.50 *Adult learning systems in comparative international perspective: How do institutions and public policy frameworks impact participation in adult education?*
Richard Desjardin, Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Education, formerly PIAAC analyst at OECD

9.50 -10.30 *Strategies for effective lifelong learning in the Nordic countries.*
Søren Ehlers, Associate Professor, Dr. Paed Department of Education Science, University of Aarhus, Denmark

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-11.50 National perspectives. Brief interventions from six key persons involved in development of policy and practice. The interventions will be related to:

- The approach to adult training in basic skills in the country
- What can we learn from PIAAC at national level?
- Can we learn from other countries?
- Are new initiatives relevant? Which? From whom? For whom?

•*Denmark:* Lars Lindahl, Consultant, Ministry of Education

•*Estonia:* Ellu Saar, Professor, Social and International Studies, Tallinn University

•*Finland:* Ulla-Jill Karlsson, Special Government Advisor, Min. of Education and Culture

•*Island:* Gudfinna Hardardottir, Specialist, Education and Training Service Centre

•*Norway:* Margrethe Marstrøm Svensrud, Director of department for basic skills, Vox - Norwegian Agency for Lifelong Learning

•*Sweden:* Maria Skoglöf, Director of Education, Swedish National Agency for Education

11.50-12.10 Discussions in groups formed around tables in the plenary room. Groups prepare plenum interventions.

12.10- 12.50 Plenary discussion

12.50-13.00 Concluding the conference
Anders Rosdahl, Senior Research Fellow, SFI – The Danish National Centre for Social Research

13.00-14.00 Lunch – departure

Analysing PIAAC data: Session for actual/ potential PIAAC researchers.

Location: Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads 2G, 1448 Copenhagen K

14.00-15.30 *The Nordic PIAAC database*

Moderator: Anna Eriksson, Senior Advisor, Statistics Sweden
(Coffee is served during the session)

- *The Nordic PIAAC database: Content and Quality*,
Ann-Charlotte Larsson, Senior Statistician, Statistics Sweden
- *Analysing basic skills in PIAAC with plausible values*,
Vivika Halapuu, Programme Analyst, Estonian Ministry of Education and Research
- *Guidelines for the database*,
Torben Fridberg, Senior Researcher, SFI – The Danish National Centre for Social Research

15.30-16.00 Networking and departure