U-CARE Venue:
How to define, measure and promote relevant research in academia

16 April 2018
Navet, SciLifeLab (Entrance C11), BMC, Uppsala

11.30-12.30 Lunch

12.30-12.45 Welcome
-Erik Olsson, Associate Senior Lecturer, PhD, U-CARE, Uppsala University

12.45-13.30 Science audited: The use of performance indicators on academic research, practices and effects
-Björn Hammarfelt, Senior Lecturer, PhD, University of Borås

13.30-15.00 ‘So what?’ Research with relevance and meaning in social science
- Mats Alvesson, Professor, PhD, Lund University

15.00-15.30 Coffee

15.30-16.15 Meaningful measures? Evaluation and ranking in higher education
-Linda Wedlin, Professor, PhD, Uppsala University

16.20-17.00 Panel discussion based on questions from the audience
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Björn Hammarfelt
Is Senior Lecturer at University of Borås. Björn divides his academic interests in to three main topics; scholarly communication, organization of research and the governance of science. In the latter topic, Björn is interested in the current debate about how academic research should be evaluated, with bibliometric measures as an option.

Mats Alvesson
Is Professor of Business Administration at Lund University focusing on leadership, functional stupidity in organizations and experiences of bureaucracy and management work in universities. Mats is co-author to the book “Return to meaning: A Social Science with Something to Say” in which the authors highlight and question the purpose of and contribution to today’s research within social science.

Linda Wedlin
Is Professor of Business Studies at Uppsala University with research focusing on Organization theory. Linda is interested in institutional change and development and the changing governance of the public sector, most notably in the field of higher education and research. Research on the increasing role and prominence of ranking systems for the governing and identity-building of higher education organizations has earned Linda 2006 Nils Klim prize for young Nordic researchers.