

CV for Gerdt Sundström April 2020



Born September 4, 1943, studied sociology, economics, and cultural geography at the University of Stockholm. He did his dissertation in social work on family care and public services for older persons (first doctorate awarded in social work in Sweden). From 1985 at the Institute of Gerontology, Jönköping University, with research and teaching. Several research projects deal with public services, their development and their local variations, which are considerable also in Sweden. Other studies concern family patterns, family care, support for carers, and demographic issues on family ties: Up till recently many older Swedes were never married and consequently also childless. Several studies are collaborations with international colleagues, especially in Spain. Sundström has been a visiting scholar in Israel, France, Spain, the United States, and Japan, and has worked as a consultant for the Swedish Federation of Retired Persons. In 2014-15 he did work for the World Bank and the Chinese Development and Research Council. Recent studies concern family caregiving and the increase in family ties of older persons.