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Professor in Medieval History, Stockholm University
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Degrees:

- Dr.Phil. University of Southern Denmark 2011, with a dissertation on Crusading in Denmark and Portugal c 1000 – c 1250 (in Danish, Portuguese translation 2014, English 2017).
- Ph.D. University of Copenhagen 1992, with a dissertation on Medieval Christian writings on Islam in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.
- Cand.Mag. (Master) in History and Medieval Latin 1987, also studied Turkish, Philosophy, Theology, and some languages.

Employment:

- *Professor* in Medieval History, Department of History, University of Stockholm (since 2014), Chair of Centre for Medieval Studies, Stockholm University, comprising 19 university departments and the National Library, the National Historical Museum, the National Archives, and other institutions.
- *Associate professor* (1998-2014) in Medieval History at University of Southern Denmark.
- *Fellow* of the Danish Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, 2001-2002.

Other scientific qualifications:

- Member of the board of Birgit och Gad Rausings Stiftelse (since 2018); the board of Arvid Berghman's Foundation for Heraldic (since 2015); the Royal Society for Editing of Manuscripts for the History of Scandinavia (since 2015); Danish Society for Church History (since 2013); The Royal Danish Society for the History of the Fatherland (since 2010); the board of the Danish Institute in Rome (2010-2018).
- Corresponding member of Suomalaisen Kirjallisuuden Seura (Finnish Literature Society) (since 2008).
- Member of the Organizing committee of *International Medieval Congress in Leeds* (since 2006).
- External examiner (censor) in Medieval Latin (Copenhagen University, since 2002), and in Persian language and culture (Copenhagen University, since 1998, chair 1998-2017).
- Member of evaluation committee for associate professor (2001, 2007); assistant professor (2002); post.doc (2007); and full professors, 2 in USA (2009), 3 in Norway (2013, 2015), 1 in Estonia (2020).
- Faculty opponent at Göteborg University (2000); member of evaluation committees for doctoral thesis at Southern Denmark (2002, 2013), Göteborg (2007), Helsinki (2007); member and opponent Brest (2007), Aarhus (2010), Oslo (Faculty of Theology, 2010), Oslo (2013), Tampere (2013), Copenhagen (Theology, 2014, 2017), Visby (Arthistory, 2015), Helsinki (History, 2015), Bergen (History, 2016); Copenhagen (Theology, 2017), Oslo (History, 2019).
- Member of the editorial board of the publisher *Runica et Mediaevalia*; of the journals *Crusades*; *Journal of Medieval Monastic Studies*; *Revista de História das Ideias: Imago Temporis - Medium Aevum*; *E-Strategica*; and the scientific series *Outremer* with Brepols and *Beyond Medieval Europe* with Amsterdam University Press.
- Read scientific historical literature in all the Germanic and Romance languages; Icelandic and Romanian only slowly. Read Latin and some medieval vernacular languages, and some Finnish.

Academic prizes

- Teaching prize in Humanities (1998).

Research supervision and management

- Swedish member of management committee of Cost Action CA 18129 *Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350-1750)* (2019-2022).
- Member of the advisory board for the Argumenta project *Vihan pitkät jaljät*, Turku University (2017-2018).

- PI of the historical part of *Text till Tiden – Medeltida texter i kontext*, in cooperation with the National Library Stockholm and Uppsala University Library (2016-2018).
- Chair of the *Centre for Medieval Studies*, Stockholm University, since 2015; chair of the *Centre for Medieval Studies* at University of Southern Denmark 2003-2014, member since 1997.
- Danish PI on ESF EUROCORE project *Cuius regio* (2010-2013).
- Team leader (with Professor Torstein Jørgensen, Stavanger) for Religion team of *The Nordic Centre for Medieval Studies*, a Nordic centre of Excellence (2005-2010).
- Member of the Danish Research Council for the Humanities (2005-2011).
- Member of the advisory research boards for the National Museum of Denmark, for the Royal Danish Arsenal Museum, and for the State Archives (2006-2012).
- Member of the Danish Ministry of Research and Innovation's national reference group for Social Science and Humanities in EU's FPVII (2009-2011).
- Member of the Nordic Board for Periodicals in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, NOP-HS (2005-2009, chair 2008-2009).
- Leader Danish Research Council project *Denmark and the Crusading movement* (1998-2001).
- Danish member of *Northern European Historical Research Network* (1997-2004, secretary 1998-2000).
- Responsible for research education, Socrates exchange, member of Faculty board for research education (various periods, 1997-2014).

Scientific focus:

Crusading history, especially Iberian and Northern Crusades, ideological as well as practical aspects. Aspects of warfare throughout history. Christian mission to Muslims and Mongols in the high Middle Ages; Jewish history; church history in general. Scandinavian history as part of general European history, diachronic and synchronic aspects.

International networks:

- Referee to the Norwegian Research Council; The Estonian Research Council; the Academy of Finland; The Research Council of Iceland, The National Science Centre of Poland. Expert evaluator to European Science Foundation; to EU Framework Programme VI and VII; to COST; to NOS-HS; to Croatian Agency for Science and Higher Education.
- Research stays in United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany, Finland, and Portugal.
- Guest lecturer at universities and conferences, Scandinavia, England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Poland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Israel, Syria, Hungary, Holland, France, Romania, USA, Australia; c 100 lectures at universities since 1988.

Supervision:

- Earlier: Ane L. Bysted (defended 2004); Janus Møller Jensen (2005); Per Andersen (Århus University; co-supervisor, 2005); Johnny Granjean Gøgsig Jakobsen (2008); Christer Carlsson (2010); Emilia Zochowska (2010); Sigga Engsbro (2009–2013); Daniel Zwick (co-supervisor, Kiel University, 2016); Martin Neuding Skoog (2018); Guillaume Le Huche (Religion, Göteborg University, co-supervisor 2014, discontinued 2019).
- Present: Kim Bergqvist, Thomas Neijman, Karl Petterson; Tobias Boestad (Sorbonne, co-supervisor), Michael Otto (Uppsala, co-supervisor).
- Future: Piotr Kołodziejczak, Torun University, (co-supervisor, from spring 2020).
- Arranged or co-arranged 5 Ph.D.-schools in Copenhagen, Odense, Rome, Tallinn.

Publications:

- 163 books and articles, excluding reviews (+100) and articles for encyclopaedias and similar (c 100?). Full list of publications on <http://www.kurtvillads.dk/publ/litteratur.htm>