

Motivations – Honorary doctors Luleå University of Technology 2022

Peter Englund, Honorary Doctor of Technology

Peter Englund is an historian, author and a member of the Swedish Academy, of which he has been the permanent secretary.

He was awarded a doctoral degree at Uppsala University in 1989; his doctoral thesis centering on the world view of the 17th century Swedish nobility: “Det hotade huset” (A house in peril). His CV contains a wide range of activities, missions and distinctions exceeding what is normal for an historian.

His research contributions comprise an extensive production of popular-historical literature that combines historical-scientific stringency and an absorbing narrative in an unparalleled way. He has received many distinctions throughout his career, for example the Swedish Augustpriset (the August Prize).

Based on a broad international historical-scientific perspective, his achievements and ability to contribute new knowledge and understanding of the course of events and process of change is of profound importance in our time. This is especially so when considering the driving forces behind the rise of large-scale military conflicts, and the consequences of war and technology of war for people and communities. Peter Englund is a worthy recipient of the honorary doctorate.

Peter Carlsson, Honorary Doctor of Technology and Philosophy

In 1993, the CEO and co-founder of Northvolt Peter Carlsson was awarded the degree of Master of Science in Business and Economics with specialisation in production and quality control at Luleå University of Technology, Sweden. His career began at Kami in Kalix in northern Sweden. Later, his employments at Ericsson, Sony Ericsson, NXP and Tesla, among others, took him to Singapore and the US, before he returned to Sweden where he was a co-founder of Northvolt – the first European producer of batteries for electric cars. Northvolt, whose first factory is located in Skellefteå, Sweden, is the largest industrial establishment in Sweden in modern times and contributes to making northern Sweden the centre of Europe’s green transition.

He was earlier appointed Alumnus of the Year at Luleå University of Technology and often emphasizes the importance of his education.

With his entrepreneurial courage and leadership, Peter Carlsson is a pioneer in the green industrialisation in northern Sweden and a worthy recipient of the honorary doctorate.

Lisbeth Löpare-Johansson, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy

Lisbeth Löpare-Johansson leads the national transition towards a person-centered nursing and health care. The goal is that all regions and municipalities will respond to the challenges of welfare by employing new working methods enabling the resources in the health care system to be used effectively and to reach more persons. As a national coordinator for local health care at the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, Lisbeth Löpare-Johansson has consistently highlighted the role of research in this transition.

For many years, she has been an important voice in the health care debate and has been engaged as expert in national reports, delegations and steering committees. She is a nurse and has been the deputy chair and health care strategy manager within the Swedish Association of Health Professionals, a development director at Region Norrbotten and has participated in European and Nordic associations of the professional development of nurses.

For many years, Lisbeth Löpare-Johansson has worked for available and equal health care and for the introduction of new working methods within the field of nursing and health care.

As a health care strategy manager within the Swedish Association of Health Professionals, she was responsible for developing a model for paid education contributing to increased specialist training opportunities for nurses. With her capacity and her many years' commitment to achieve good, local health care based on knowledge, Lisbeth Löpare-Johansson is a worthy recipient of the honorary doctorate.

Christopher Weible, Honorary Doctor of Philosophy

Professor Christopher Weible is one of the top researchers in the world within the interdisciplinary field of policy process theories and methods. Through his extensive research publication and his ambition to build strong networks with both young and established researchers around the world, he has played an important role in the development, diversification and specialisation of the field. His research focuses above all on policy process theories and methods, democracy, and environmental policy, often with an applied approach. Since 2008, he is a professor at the University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs. As a true interdisciplinary researcher, he shows us that research on the global sustainability challenges of today requires a wide perspective and a capacity to work steadily across disciplinary boundaries.

He has had a significant influence on the research on environment and energy policies, policy conflicts and management of natural resources conducted today at Luleå University of Technology, but he has also played an important role for the undergraduate education, in which his theories and framework is used extensively. Through his prominent research and strong commitment to building research networks, Professor Christopher Weible is a worthy recipient of the honorary doctorate.