

Symposium

Making Education Wider and Higher Educational Reforms in the Last Half-Century

April 9th, 2015 14:30 to 18:00 h

Haute École des Science Politiques , Paris
117 Bld St Germain, 6th arrondissement (Metro Odeon, Bus 6)
Room #740, 4th floor

The first and main part of the Symposium will focus on the work and influence of Dr. Jarl Bengtsson, who has contributed greatly to the development of adult education, lifelong learning and, more generally, to the relationship of education and a changing society. Most of this work was done during his 30-year-long tenure (1971–2002) at the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); in particular as director of the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI), a think-tank, innovation laboratory, network of academics and policy makers, and policy advocating body.

The second part will concentrate on work that Bengtsson, after leaving the OECD, helped to initiate and coordinate under the auspices of PASCAL International, a loosely organized network of former associates from within and without the OECD, and a small number of research universities as well as local government organisations. This group works on issues relating to learning regions and cities and, more generally, the design and implementation of learning-based regional development strategies that balance economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability.