

## **SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE Mats Olof Widgren**

b. 1948 in Stockholm

Professor in Geography, especially Human Geography.

Fil. dr. (Ph.D) 1983 Human Geography, Stockholm University

Docent competence 1988

2007-2012: Granted “Long-term support for leading researchers” from Swedish Research Council

Member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters and Antiquities, 2002 - , member of board 2013 -

Member of the Royal Gustavus Adolphus Academy for Swedish Folk Culture, 2007 -

### **Employments at Stockholm University**

July 1973 - June 1983      Assistent (assistant lecturer)

June 1983 - Nov 1989      Forskarassistent (junior research fellow)

Dec 1989 - June 1991      Forskare (research fellow)

July 1991 - Dec 1998      Högskolelektor (Lecturer)

Appointed *Biträdande professor* 1997 (New Senior Associate Professor)

Jan 1999 – Dec 2001      Professor in Human geography, especially Historical landscape research

Jan 2002- Sept 2015 (retirement) Professor in Geography, esp. Human geography

July 2001 – Aug 2007, August 2013 – July 2015      Head of Department

### **Norwegian institute for Cultural Heritage Research, Oslo**

Sept 1995 – Oct 1996      Forsker 1 (professorsnivå), Programkoordinator (Researcher, Programme Coordinator)

### **Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters**

July 2002 – June 2003      Invited participant in the research group *Landscape, Law and Justice*

### **Persons who have completed the doctoral degree under Widgren as main supervisor**

Ulf Jansson 1998

Emma Liwenga 2003.

Johan Berg 2003.

Hans Antonson 2004.

Elisabeth Gräslund Berg 2004.

Helen Nyberg 2004. .

Lowe Börjeson 2004

Aadel Vestbö Franzén 2005.

Anders Törnqvist 2008

Annika Björklund 2010

Camilla Årlin 2011

Maja Lagerqvist 2011

Annika Strandin Pers 2012

## Recent publications (2010-2018)

### Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- Widgren, M. (2010) 'Besieged Palaeonegritics or Innovative Farmers: Historical Political Ecology of Intensive and Terraced Agriculture in West Africa and Sudan', *African Studies*, 69: 2, 323 — 343
- Widgren M. (2012) Landscape research in a world of domesticated landscapes: the role of values, theory, and concepts. *Quaternary International*. 251, 117-124
- Widgren, Mats (2013) Climate and causation in the Swedish Iron Age: Learning from the present to understand the past. *Geografisk Tidsskrift-Danish Journal of Geography* 112:2. pp.126-13
- Sejersen, F., Hastrup, K., Brooks, N. Widgren, M., Rasmussen, L.V. and Rasmussen, M.B. (2013). History and the understandings of causal relations. *Geografisk Tidsskrift-Danish Journal of Geography* 112(2), 203-205
- Li, B.-B., Jansson, U., Ye, Y. & Widgren, M. (2013). The spatial and temporal change of cropland in the Scandinavian Peninsula during 1875–1999. *Regional Environmental Change*, 1-12
- Widgren, Mats (2014) Furrows in Africa – canals in the Americas. *Azania*. 49, 4, 524-529
- Widgren, Mats (2015) Linking Nordic Landscape Geography and Political Ecology. *Norwegian Journal of Geography*, 69,4, 197-206
- Widgren, Mats, Tim Maggs, Anna Pliikk, Jan Risberg, Maria H. Schoeman, Lars-Ove Westerberg (2016), Precolonial agricultural terracing in Bokoni, South Africa: Typology and an exploratory excavation. *Journal of African Archaeology* 14(1) , 33-54
- Bergius, Mikael, Benjaminsen, Tor A. & Widgren, Mats (2017) Green Economy, Scandinavian Investments and Agricultural Modernization in Tanzania, *Journal of Peasant Studies* <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/03066150.2016.1260554>

### Books and book chapters

- Widgren, M. (2010). Reading the prehistoric landscape. *Ymer* 130, 69-86
- Pedersen, Ellen Anne and Widgren, Mats (2011). Agriculture in Sweden 800 BC – AD 1000, in Myrdal, Janken and Morell, Mats (eds) *The agrarian history of Sweden: 4000 BC to 2000 AD*. Lund: Nordic Academic press, 46-71, 273-274 + bibliog.
- Widgren, Mats (2012). Resilience thinking vs. political ecology: Understanding the dynamics of small-scale labour-intensive farming landscapes. Ch 5 in Plieninger, T. and Bieling, C. (eds.) *Resilience and the Cultural Landscape: Understanding and Managing Change in Human-Shaped Environments*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.
- Widgren, Mats (2012) Slaves: Inequality and sustainable agriculture in pre-colonial West Africa. In *Ecology and Power: Struggles over Land and Material Resources in the Past, Present, and Future* (eds. Alf Hornborg, Brett Clark and Kenneth Hermele.). Routledge
- Widgren Mats (2014) Hur drevs den vikingatida-medeltida storgården? Några frågor från Lägerbovada, Ydre. I *Medeltida storgårdar i Sverige – ett tvärvetenskapligt forskningsområde*. Olof Karsvall och Kristofer Jupiter (red). Uppsala : Kungl. Gustav Adolfs akademien för svensk folkkultur, 59-72

Håkansson, T. & Widgren M. (eds.) (2014) *Landesque Capital: The Historical Ecology of Enduring Landscape Modifications*. Left Coast Press.

Widgren, Mats and Håkansson, Thomas (2014). Landesque capital: What is the concept good for?. In Håkansson, T. & Widgren M. (eds.) *Landesque Capital: The Historical Ecology of Enduring Landscape Modifications*. Left Coast Press.

Widgren, Mats (2014) Department of Human Geography. In Dahl, G. and Danielson, M. (eds) *Faculty of Social Sciences at Stockholm University 1964-2014*. Stockholm: Stockholm University. 145-173

Widgren, Mats (2016) Four myths in global agrarian history. In Bondesson, M., Jarrick, A., Myrdal, J. (eds) *Methods in World History: A Critical Approach*. Lund: Nordic Academic press

Andersson, Hans & Mats Widgren (2016). *Kan man leva på en ödegård? Huvudgårdar, landbotorp och odlingsystem under medeltid i Lägersbybygden, Östergötland*. Kungl. Vitterhets-, historie- och antikvitetsakademiens handlingar. Antikvariska serien 53.

Widgren, Mats (2017) Agricultural intensification in sub-Saharan Africa 1500 to 1800. In Gareth Austin (ed), [\*Economic Development and Environmental History in the Anthropocene: Perspectives on Asia and Africa\*](#). Bloomsbury Academic.

### **Conference proceedings**

Widgren, Mats 2010. Mapping Global Agricultural History. In Kinda, A., Komeie, T. Mnamide, S., Mizoguchi, T. and Uesugi, K. (eds) *Proceedings of the 14th International Conference of Historical Geographers*, Kyoto 2009. Kyoto University Press 2010. 211-212.

Widgren, M. (2011) A World of Domesticated Landscapes. – Peil, T., Lang, V. and Kull, K. (eds) *The Space of Culture – The Place of Nature: Approaches to Culture Theory I*. Tartu University Publishers, Tartu.

Widgren, Mats (2014) De gyllene åren: Om samarbete mellan kulturgeografi och kulturmiljövård i ett 40-årsperspektiv. I Klang, L. och Nilsson, L.B. *Landskapsarkeologiskt symposium i Luleå 2012*. Rapport 2014:1. Landskapsarkeologerna s. 5-6