

Academic Housekeeping: Have you considered how equally team tasks are distributed?

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Welcome to the **Junior Faculty Equality Focus Group Seminar Series** at the Karolinska Institutet. We are pleased to be joined by **Sara Kalm** from Lund University, who researches international migration, international institutions, and social movements, and has written and spoken on academic housekeeping.

Academic housekeeping denotes the type of work tasks within university departments that are low-status, time-consuming, largely invisible, and that nevertheless need to be done.

Research has revealed that women carry out a disproportionate share of academic housekeeping tasks. This pattern is attributable to a complex set of factors, among them "publish or perish"-related competitive academic culture, researcher ideals, and gender norms.

Academic housekeeping chores may partially account for women's difficulties in advancing within academia, and therefore need to be taken seriously in research as well as in academic leadership.

This seminar treats academic housekeeping in a mainly Swedish context, which has been overlooked in research.

The aim is to specify the meaning of the concept, to describe the gendered aspects of how academic housekeeping tasks are distributed, and to discuss possible explanations for the identified pattern.



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