Conf proposal

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Title: Going Green

Abstract/Relation to conf theme: The conference introduction claims that 'In the Nordic countries, there has been little research considering the questions of agency and social justice in relation to career development and transitions.' This is true to some degree, however I beg to differ in two respects:

(1) Sweden, for one, has a long tradition of research into kompensatorisk vägledning (i.e. compensating guidance) with a strong link to social justice and care for the weaker members of society, underpinned by the ethical guidelines of the Swedish Guidance Association, SVF. This seems to be a blind spot here, even though several reports over the years along with some PhD-theses are available on this pertinent issue.

(2) Moreover, the pressing nature of climate changes and other environmental issues call for a link to ‘agency and social justice’. This, too, seems to be a blind spot. Environmental, i.e. green issues form the basis for social justice in reality: climate changes, for example, hit the have-nots much worse than the ones with plenty of resources. And career choices have environmental implications, both on an individual and a societal level, thus addressing both ‘agency and social justice’.

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Help & feedback: Feedback on addressing the above-mentioned blind spots would be welcome. Both issues, (1) compensating and (2) green, are pivotal to the agency and social justice agenda. A profound paradigm change is high time and crucial, as much guidance, so far, is tied to mindless growth with no view to green issues, in particular. New environmentally conscious approaches are needed. How can this unfold?