

## **The scientific career of Sven Ekdahl**

Swedish nationality, resident in Berlin since 1979.

Born in 1935 in the province of Småland in southern Sweden. Academic studies at the universities of Göteborg/Gothenburg (Sweden) and Göttingen (Federal Republic of Germany). MA in 1961, approved for civil service. Licentiate examina in history at the University of Gothenburg in 1967. Employment as librarian at the university library of Gothenburg (1965-1968) and as archivist at the regional archives of Gothenburg (1968-1973).

Scholarships from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (1974-1975) and the Max Planck Society (Sept. 1976-June 1979) for research in the archives of the Teutonic Order in “Staatliches Archivlager” in Göttingen, where the former State Archives of Königsberg (East Prussia) were then kept. Promotion for a doctorate in history at the Åbo Academy (Swedish University) in Finland 1977 and habilitation at the University of Gothenburg 1978. In the same year, appointed assistant professor at the University of Gothenburg.

1979-1999 archivist (scientific researcher) at the Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin, where the archives of the former State Archives of Königsberg with the Archives of the Teutonic Order in Prussia had been moved from Göttingen, in 1978/79.

From 1996 to 1999, chairman of the Nordostdeutsches Kulturwerk e.V., Lüneburg. Awarded the Stanislaw Sawicki Award by the Polish-Scandinavian Research Institute (Instytut Polsko-Skandynawski) in Copenhagen in 1998 and the Order of Grand Duke Gediminas (State Order of the Republic of Lithuania) by President Valdas Adamkus in 1999.

In 2002 appointed professor of medieval history (research professor) at the Polish-Scandinavian Research Institute, also a member of the board of that institute. In 2004 appointed honorary Doctor at the University of Vilnius and in 2005 foreign member of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. In 2013 awarded the medal Pro Meritis and appointed

secretary-general of the Polish-Scandinavian Research Institute. In 2014 awarded the Grunwald medal by the municipality of Grunwald (Poland).

Co-editor and/or member of the board of scientific reviews in Sweden, Germany, Poland, and Lithuania and editor of the jubilee book of the Swedish Parish (Victoria Parish) in Berlin, 2003. Author of scientific publications, most of which deal with the history of Prussia, Poland, Lithuania, Livonia, and Scandinavia in the late Middle Ages. Also a member of historical commissions and societies in different countries.

Special field of research: the Battle of Tannenberg (Grunwald, Žalgiris, Hrunval'd, Grjunval'd/Grünwald etc.) in 1410.

Bibliography online: [www.ekdahl.de](http://www.ekdahl.de)

Married to Heide Ekdahl since 1963. Two children and three grandchildren.

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