



From 1996 to 1999, Jens Rydström organized and led the Queer Seminar at Stockholm University, an interdisciplinary forum in which scholars introduced Queer Theory to Sweden and contributed to the development of research and education in this field.

Rydström's award-winning *Sinners and Citizens: Bestiality and Homosexuality in Sweden, 1880–1950* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003), based on over 2,300 court cases, was a comprehensive study of a paradigmatic shift from rural to urban male sexuality. A joint Scandinavian project resulted in *Criminally Queer: Homosexuality and Criminal Law in Scandinavia, 1842–1999* (Amsterdam: Aksant, 2007), which he co-edited with Kati Mustola.

Since 2005 Rydström has been studying the history of laws on registered partnership in Scandinavia, which in 2011 resulted in a book titled *Odd Couples: A History of Registered Partnership and Gay Marriage in Scandinavia* (Amsterdam: Aksant). The project includes a historical study of the adoption of laws on registered partnership in Scandinavia, an investigation of their effect on society, and an analysis of their impact on gay and lesbian identity.

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