Jan Bengtsson (1949-2013) In memoriam

Jan Bengtsson, professor of philosophy of education at the University of Gothenburg, passed away 30 August after serious illness. Jan Bengtsson specialised in phenomenology as applied to education. He wrote about reflection, practice and theory, teaching and the lifeworld to name some of the subjects he was interested in in philosophy of education. He used phenomenological methods and concepts to inquire into the phenomena he wanted to understand. He was a successful teacher at the Faculty of education at the University of Gothenburg and took an active part in developing the Faculty.

Jan Bengtsson wrote and published several books, for example, *Sammanflätningar* (1993) and *Fenomenologiska utflykter* (1998). He edited a number of books within the field of philosophy of education, for example, *Utmaningar i filosofisk pedagogik* (2004) and *Med livsvärlden som grund. Bidrag til utvecklandet av en livsvärldsfenomenologisk ansats i pedagogisk forskning* (2005). He published widely in international journals and presented papers at scientific conferences on his interests. He was also often engaged as keynote speaker, and was supervisor of many PhD students.

Jan Bengtsson was instrumental in establishing the The Nordic Society for Philosophy of Education in 1996 and was its first chairman from the beginning until 2008.

Jan Bengtsson was a kind and generous man, deeply interested in education and philosophy, always prepared to discuss interesting ideas, to assist his friends and contribute towards what he believed to be of value.

On behalf of the Nordic Society for Philosophy of Education I express our gratitude for his contributions to developing philosophy in education in the Nordic countries and for his selfless work for the society.

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