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Research

Oskar Jonsson is particularly interested in studying issues concerning human-environment interaction. To reach a more sustainable society, an effort is to enable both people and built environments to age with dignity. His research concerns ageing and health in relation to the design of public environments, housing and household goods.

In addition, Oskar Jonsson is interested in questions about how the different forms of knowledge; research-based knowledge, people's lived experience and practitioners' practice-based knowledge can be integrated and translated into action.

The research areas are the arts and sciences of design and health, without being discipline-specific. Oskar Jonsson's prior education includes a PhD in Industrial Design, an MFA in the History and Theory of Design, a BSc in Furniture Design and a Journeyman in Cabinet Making.

Thesis

Oskar Jonsson's doctoral thesis "Furniture for Later Life" focused on how older adults act on, are influenced by, reflect on and appreciate furniture in their homes. The aim was to improve the conditions for the design of furniture with and for older adults and the housing forms in which they live with their own experiences as a point of departure.

Jonsson, O. (2013). Furniture for later life: Design based on older people's experiences of furniture in three housing forms (Doctoral dissertation). Lund University, Sweden. <http://www.lu.se/lup/publication/4146752>

Qualifications

Design Sciences, PhD, Furniture for Later Life: Design Based on Older People's Experiences of Furniture in Three Housing Forms, Department of Design Sciences
2008 Aug 1 → 2013 Dec 6
Award Date: 2013 Dec 6

Employment

Associate researcher

Active and Healthy Ageing Research Group
Lund University
Lund, Sweden
2014 Jun 1 → present

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Research outputs

Co-produced ideas for smart home technology solutions to support engagement in everyday activities in later life

Galanza, W. S., Schmidt, S. M., Jonsson, O., Offerman, J., Iwarsson, S., Malesevic, N. & Fristedt, S., 2025, In: BMC Digital Health. 3, 1, p. 1-13 83.

Co-Produced Ideas for Smart Home Technologies to Support Engagement in Meaningful Activities

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Suddenly at risk: Older adults' changes in everyday life early on during the COVID-19 pandemic

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A hundred days in confinement: Doing, being, becoming, and belonging among older people in Sweden during the COVID-19 pandemic

Carlsson, G., Granbom, M., Fristedt, S., Jonsson, O., Hägg, L., Ericsson, J. & Kylén, M., 2022, In: *Journal of Occupational Science*. 29, 3, p. 402-416

Awareness of and attitudes towards public involvement in research on ageing and health among older people in Sweden

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Östlund, B., Olander, E., Jonsson, O. & Frennert, S., 2015, In: *Technological Forecasting & Social Change*. 93, p. 82-90

Usability testing of an android app that identifies accessible housing environments

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User involvement in aging research: practical, ethical and methodological considerations

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What about furniture in Swedish Nursing Homes? A Design Perspective on Perceived Meanings within the Physical Environment

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Activities

1200 kilometers on a tandem bike – reaching the older adults in rural areas

Jonsson, O. (Invited speaker) & Szurkos, E. (Invited speaker)
2025 Nov 19

Prospects, seminarium om åldrande och funktionshinder: med stöd från profilområdet Proaktivt Åldrande

Hultqvist, S. (Organiser), Bahner, J. (Organiser), Ekstam, L. (Organiser), Axmon, A. (Organiser), Melander, S. (Participant), Axmin, M. (Participant), Stjernswärd, S. (Participant), Larsson, M. (Participant), Bruce, A. (Participant), Sandberg, M. (Participant), Nelson, B. (Participant), Nilsson, G. (Participant), Jonsson, O. (Participant) & Stjernholm, L. (Participant)
2025 Sept 22

Public talk tour on tandem bike in southern Sweden

Jonsson, O. (Organiser) & Steij Stålbrand, I. (Contributor)
2025 May 4 → 2025 May 27

Furniture Beyond Ergonomics

Jonsson, O. (Role not specified)
2025 Apr 11

Pei-Chi (Peggy) Chi

Jonsson, O. (Host)
2025 Apr 1 → 2025 Apr 13

LUCC - SUHCCC: Världscancerdagen - Webinar - "Patientens självklara roll i framtidens forskning

Berntsson, P. (Organiser), Larsson, A.-M. (Organiser), Landegren, C. (Organiser), Önerfält, K. H. (Organiser), Dieroff Hay, S. (Invited speaker), Larsson, A.-M. (Chair), Jerkeman, M. (Speaker), Abel, E. (Invited speaker) & Jonsson, O. (Invited speaker)
2025 Feb 6

Associations Between the Built Environment and Proactive Ageing

Jonsson, O. (Invited speaker)
2024 Oct 16

CASE-dagen 2024

Jonsson, O. (Organiser), Avellan, H. (Chair), Schmidt, S. (Host), Ålund, S. (Host), Johnsson, C. (Invited speaker), Iwarsson, S. (Host), Ekstam, L. (Presenter), Hultqvist, S. (Presenter) & Granbom, M. (Presenter)
2024 Apr 15

User Involvement in Research: A Longitudinal Survey of the Perspectives of Ageing and Health Researchers in Sweden

Jonsson, O. (Presenter)
2023 Nov 22

A Citizen Science Project on Housing Accessibility

Jonsson, O. (Invited speaker)
2023 Nov 2

CASE-dagen 2023

Jonsson, O. (Organiser), Iwarsson, S. (Chair), Schmidt, S. (Host) & Ålund, S. (Host)
2023 Oct 25

UserAge Final Conference

Jonsson, O. (Organiser), Iwarsson, S. (Host), Ålund, S. (Host), Phillips, J. (Keynote/plenary speaker), Frögren, J. (Presenter), Lood, Q. (Presenter), Malm, C. (Presenter), Etzerodt Laustsen, C. (Presenter), Jönson, H. (Presenter), Kylén, M. (Presenter), Denvall, V. (Chair) & Rundström, M. (Chair)
2023 Apr 20

Housing design for active and independent living

Jonsson, O. (Lecturer)
2023 Mar 3

Collaboration between researchers and actors outside academia in the field of ageing and health

Jonsson, O. (Lecturer)
2022 Dec 5

Human-environment Interaction

Jonsson, O. (Invited speaker)
2021 Dec 10

Om ett samhälle där äldre kan vara delaktiga och självständiga

Jonsson, O. (Invited speaker)
2021 Nov 10

Future week 2021: Medborgarforskningens möjligheter och utmaningar

Jonsson, O. (Chair), Iwarsson, S. (Presenter), Bergman, M. (Presenter), Brounéus, F. (Presenter) & Müller, L. (Presenter)
2021 Oct 22

Framtidssäkrat boende 2021: Tema tillgänglighet

Jonsson, O. (Invited speaker) & Eriksson, J. (Invited speaker)
2021 Feb 17

Framtidens boende för äldre 2020

Jonsson, O. (Keynote/plenary speaker)
2020 Sept 23

On User Involvement in Research on Ageing and Health

Jonsson, O. (Second supervisor)
2018 → 2023

Projects

BBT: Decision Support System for Improved Accessibility in Multi-Family Housing

Iwarsson, S. (PI), Jonsson, O. (Researcher), Slaug, B. (Researcher), Schmidt, S. (Project coordinator), Haak, M. (Researcher), Olander, S. (Researcher), Skogh, E. (Project communication officer) & Frögren, J. (Research student)
2018/01/01 → 2021/12/31

Designed living environment that promotes health and well-being: Knowledge and experience exchange and new partnership research between Dalhousie University, Canada and Lund University, Sweden

Jonsson, O. (Researcher)
Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (Forte)
2024/08/12 → 2024/11/22

CAREFUL: Development of evaluation models for welfare technology in terms of user needs fulfilment and cost-effectiveness: The case of bathroom solutions

Jonsson, O. (PI), Jarl, J. (Researcher), Frennert, S. (Researcher) & Fristedt, S. (Researcher)
Familjen Kamprads Stiftelse
2025/03/01 → 2028/02/29

Development of the Swedish Wood and Furniture Industry for Consumer Oriented and Competitive PLUS-products

Jonsson, O. (Research student)
2008/08/01 → 2013/12/06

Inclusive Living Environments to Attract the Joy of Movement and Promote Physical Activity for Proactive Ageing: Theory and Method Development and Full-scale Practical Application

Jonsson, O. (Researcher), Ageberg, E. (Researcher), Johansson, M. (Researcher), Dell'isola, A. (Researcher) & Saaby Mehlum, R. (Col)
2024/04/01 → 2024/12/31

INNOVAGE - User driven housing for older people

Iwarsson, S. (PI), Slaug, B. (Researcher), Haak, M. (Researcher), Jonsson, O. (Researcher), Schmidt, S. (Project coordinator) & Svensson, T. (Researcher)
2012/12/01 → 2015/11/30

Välkommen in!: Integration of an accessibility database and research based methods for improved physical accessibility in public environments

Slaug, B. (PI), Carlsson, G. (Researcher), Jonsson, O. (Researcher), Månsson Lexell, E. (Researcher) & Olander, S. (Researcher)
2020/01/01 → 2024/06/30

LU:s Thematic Collaboration Initiative Social Rights and Housing for the Ageing Population

Iwarsson, S. (Project coordinator), Jonsson, O. (Researcher), Hedvall, P.-O. (Researcher), Jönson, H. (Researcher), Malmgren Fänge, A. (Researcher), Axmin, M. (Researcher) & Olander, S. (Researcher)

2018/01/01 → 2024/06/30

NeighbourABLE: Multiscale person-environment fit assessment to inform housing policy and planning

Terashima, M. (PI), Mahmood, A. (Researcher), Chaudhury, H. (Researcher), Thomas, R. (Researcher), Ng, K. (Col) & Jonsson, O. (Researcher)

2024/07/01 → 2027/06/30

SUN-AGE: SUN-AGE: Supportive neighborhood and housing environments for ageing populations

Slaug, B. (PI), Schmidt, S. (Researcher), Gefenaite, G. (Researcher), Jonsson, O. (Researcher), Chiatti, C. (Researcher), Granbom, M. (Researcher), Musselwhite, C. (Researcher) & Löfvendahl, C. (Project coordinator)

Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (Forte)

2024/01/01 → 2027/12/31

The At-Risk Study – Older adults' health, wellbeing, and daily life during the COVID-19 pandemic

Granbom, M. (PI), Carlsson, G. (Researcher), Fristedt, S. (Researcher), Kylén, M. (Researcher) & Jonsson, O. (Researcher)

2020/04/01 → ...

UserAge: Understanding User Participation in Research on Ageing and Health

Iwarsson, S. (PI), Edberg, A.-K. (Researcher), Dahlin-Ivanoff, S. (Researcher), Goodwin, J. (Researcher), Haak, M. (Researcher), Hanson, E. (Researcher), Jonsson, O. (Researcher), Jönson, H. (Researcher), Lamura, G. (Researcher), Lood, Q. (Researcher), Magnusson, L. (Researcher), Schmidt, S. (Researcher), Slaug, B. (Researcher), Westergren, A. (Researcher), Frögren, J. (Research student), Etzerodt Laustsen, C. (Research student), Kylén, M. (Researcher), Hultqvist, S. (Researcher), Barenfeld, E. (Researcher), Berge, I. (Research student), Andersson, S. (Researcher) & Malm, C. (Research student)

Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (Forte)

2017/01/01 → 2023/12/31