

“Progressivist Pilgrimage Beyond Borders:

The Norwegian “Nyskole” (The New School) (1919-1940)”

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Reform Pedagogy – interwar period exploratory schools

☾ Norwegian Curricula of 1939

- Dewey
- Kerschensteiner
- Jena (Peterson)
- Gøteborg
- Winnetka
- Dalton



Photos as historical sources – emphasizing the prosopography within HoE

Prosopography (combines biography – network analysis – transnational knowledge circulation)

1910s



1920s



1930s



Oslo-Haag. Jan Ligthart (1859-1916)



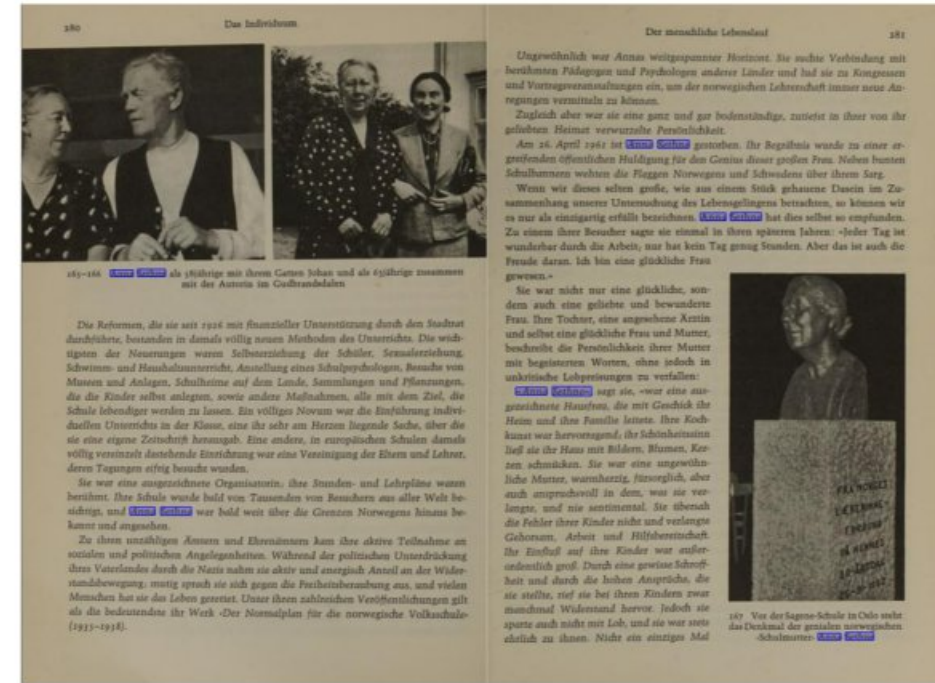
Jan Ligthart: «Memory does not live in the head, but in the heart»



1914



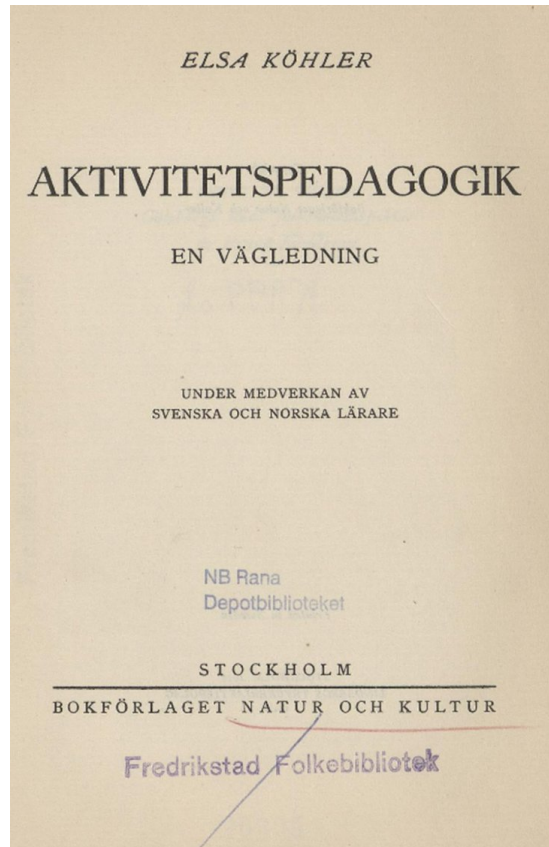
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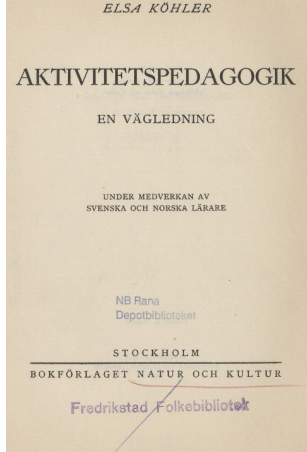




Elsa Köhler (1879-1940): Eine fast vergessene Pionierin der Bildungsforschung

Elsa Köhler (1879-1940): an almost forgotten pioneer of educational research





Köhler: Gøteborg - Wien - Jena - Oslo

- **1920-22 Gøteborg:** Post WW1: German children to Sweden. Köhler studied them learning Swedish (the seed of her activity pedagogy)
- **1925/27-34 Das Rote Wien:** Exploratory (university primary school in Wien with Böhlers - Sethne (daughter) and 20-30 Norwegian pedagogues visited)
- **From late 1920s Norway/Sweden:** teacher courses in activity pedagogy
- **From 1927/30- Jena, Petersen:** arbeitsgruppe für empirischen forschung - 20 studies
- **1930-34 Oslo/Gøteborg scholarship:** research 4000 Nordic children (Sethne central)
- ☾ 1935 Sethnes cabin in Norway
- ☾ 1937 Köhlers book «Aktivitetspedagogikk» (with thanks to Sethne)

à Late 1930s Köhler lived in Gøteborg. Charlotte Bühler in Oslo/Trondhjem 1938-39

à The Norwegian Curricula of 1939: **Aktivitetpedagogikk**

- Personal relations
- Network
- Centre of circulations (Jena, Winnetka,,, Sagene...
- Knowledge brokers (Petersen,,, Sethne, Ribsskog...
- Pedagogical/Educational pilgrimage...
- Pilgrim place/destination

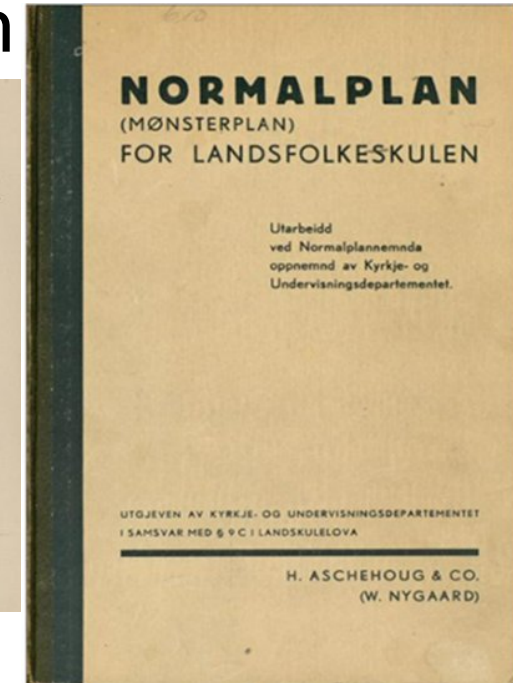


History of Knowledge

zigzagging knowledge brokers and knowledge circulation

Picture of world famous professor at the family

A personal book dedication



- ☾ Network – structure – actor (brokers)
- ☾ Biography, prosopography, collective network
- ☾ Oslo-Wienna: Close relationship personally and school research
- ☾ Elsa Köhler lifelong friendship/lived in Göteborg – her ideas seeded there post WW1
- ☾ «Das Rote Wien» 19-33, Glöckel (politics), Bühler (university), Köhler (experiment school)

P. Bruke: «Zigzagging» between faceless structures and agency

- hypothetical-deductive and hermeneutical analysis necessary to understand more
- inductive research, the «thick» analysis – the big picture (or network)
- ☾ reintroduction of the actor, protagonist, the face in HoE