

Short Biography

Steven Schmidt is an Associate Professor of Medical Psychology at Lund University. He leads the Applied Gerontology Research Group and is the Coordinator of the Centre for Ageing and Supportive Environments (CASE). CASE is an interdisciplinary centre that includes researchers from the Faculties of Medicine, Law, Engineering, and Social Sciences. Before moving to Sweden in 2011, he had many years of experience working clinically in behavioral medicine and in public health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (USA). Since joining CASE in 2012, he conducts interdisciplinary research primarily in environmental gerontology where he studies the intersection between the design of the built environment and health. His work primarily focuses on the relationships among the environment, health/function, economics, and psychosocial factors in the ageing population, and in more recent years, it has expanded to include the life course perspective. His current projects examine housing, neighborhoods, relocation, smart technologies, AI, transport systems, and economics in the housing market all to support engagement in everyday activities. To increase the relevance and impact of research findings, most projects include active user collaboration with government organizations, policy makers, industry, and private citizens.