

- Where are we going?
  - Why go there?
  - (Whats in it for me?)
  - Where are we?
- How do we get there?
- What's happening in the environment?

#### Common sense

## Is not always common practise!



## Good Leadership?

"The only definition of a leader is someone who has followers."

Drucker

"Leadership is about the *direct contact* between the leader and the co-workers and it adresses the process in which a person *influence* others to achieve *established goals.*"

Bruzélius & Skärvad

### HOW?



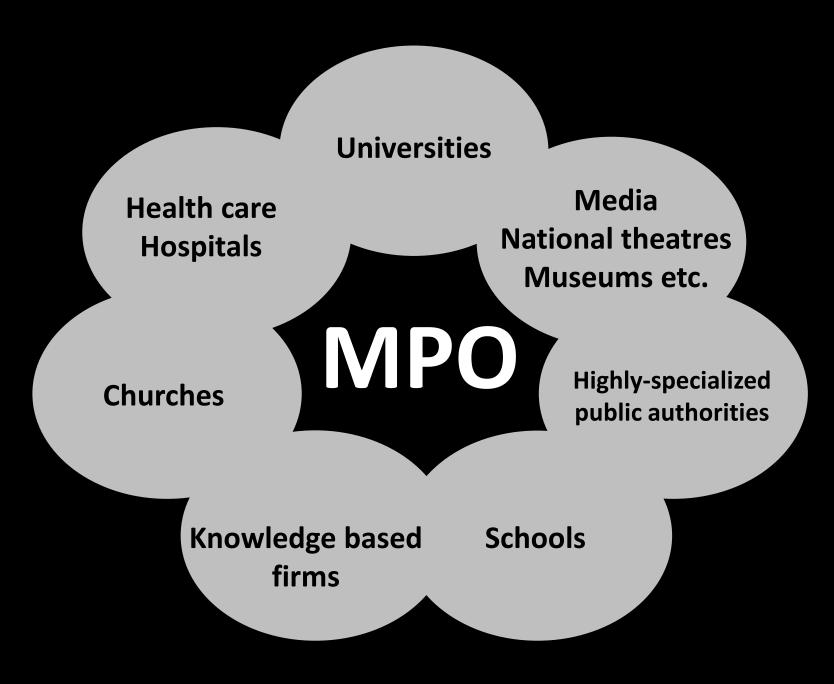
## Academic Leadership?

# Are universities as unique as they think they are?

# Multiprofessional Organizations "MPO:s"



Magnus Söderström



#### Three main challenges

- Understanding what motivates the professional worker
- Understanding the "logic" of the organization
- Balancing shared values, visions and concepts with academic freedom

## What motivates the professional worker?

Autonomy – the desire to be self directed

**Mastery** – the urge to get better at something

**Purpose** – wanting to be the best for the world

Leadership?

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## Understanding the logic of the organization

The industrial organization

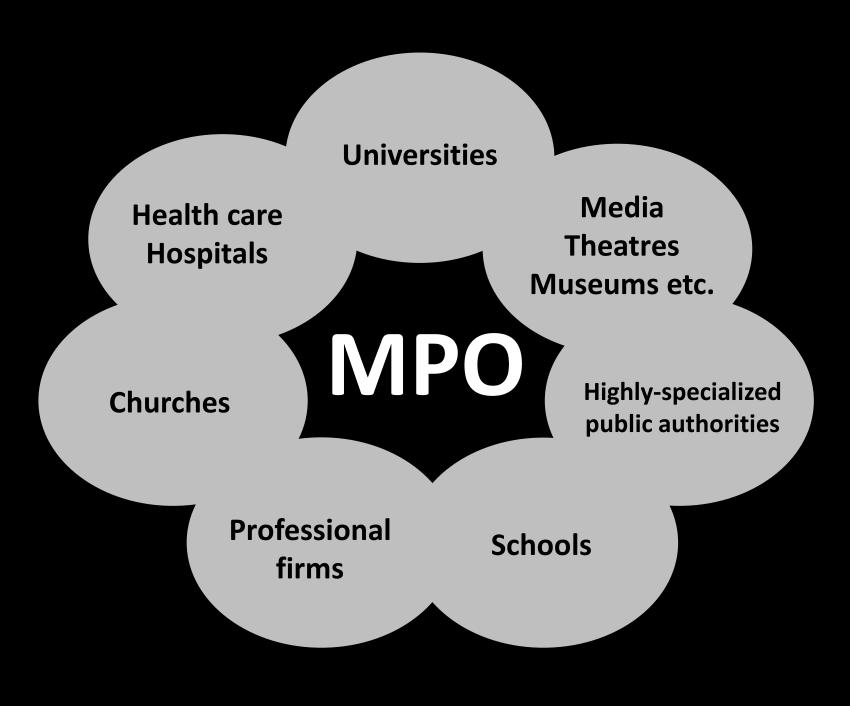
Focus on the product

The service organization

Focus on the customer

The knowledge organization

Focus on the specific problem



### Multiprofessional organizations

- Important societal roles and tasks
- Unclear (often conflicting) aims/objectives
- Based on different professions
- Difficult to evaluate results and effects
- Parallel (and sometimes counteracting)
   management systems
- Mixed forms of funding
- Competence is the main production resource

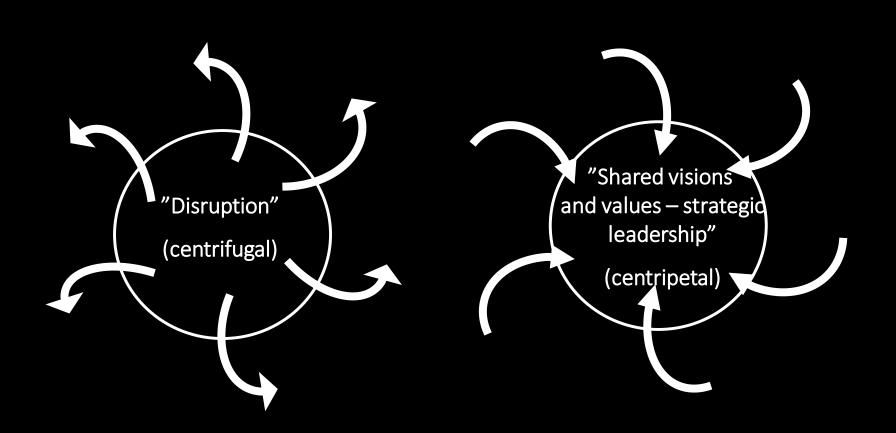
#### University characteristics

- Decentralized organisation
- "Primus inter pares" (collegial governance)
- Part time managers
- Unclear roles
- We swap/change managers often
- Reluctant leaders

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## Counteracting forces to balance within the organization



#### Mission impossible?

- Prioritize strategy
- Why, whats in it for me?
- Trust and earn trust

### Herding cats

#### Focus on leadership!



#### The Skagen painters

#### What can we learn?

- Professionally attractive
- The rumour
- Fantastic artists
- Arena for sharing knowledge
- Common ideas vision
- Space for autonomy
- The cycle of life

## Focus on trust rather than NPM

## Managing uncertainty

# Organizations <a href="https://doi.org/10.22/10.15">hate</a>

uncertainty





#### Control systems

## "how do we know if we are doing the right thing?"

Implementation of "management" in the public sector

Standards for monitoring performance in quantifiable goals



Focus on output/results rather than on processes within

