

Lars Sörqvist

Lars Sörqvist has, since 1995, been affiliated with Sandholm Associates AB as a partner and senior consultant. Today he leads the business as CEO. Additionally, Sörqvist works as an associate professor at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), where he runs coursework and research in quality management and systematic improvement work.



Sörqvist is also a professor at the Shanghai University and the Member of Advisory Committee within the Shanghai Association for Quality (SAQ) and thereby deeply involved in Chinese quality work. He is also a board member of the US national quality organization, the American Society for Quality (ASQ), as well as the Member of ASQ's Global Advisory Committee (GAC) and the Member of ASQ Award Board. Lars Sörqvist has, since 2011, also been vice president and board member of International Academy for Quality (IAQ), which is the organization that since 1966 has the task of coordinating the quality work globally.

Sörqvist holds both a Masters of Business Administration and a Masters of Engineering through his studies at Stockholm University and the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) and earned his Doctorate in Quality in 1998. In 2008 he became an associate professor at KTH. Sörqvist is also a qualified auditor for ISO 9001, a Six Sigma Master Black Belt and has been the examiner for the Swedish Quality Award. He has extensive experience in Lean, among other things, through his previous responsibility for KTH's production engineering education. He is also part of the KTH Lean Center.

As an advisor and educator, Lars Sörqvist has conducted training and management seminars in a large number of companies and organizations in a large number of countries on most continents. He is a member of the judging committee for the Swedish Quality Award for Schools and is on the jury for the Swedish Team Award. Sörqvist has an active role within the board of SQMA (Swedish Quality Management Academy) and BES (Business Excellence Sweden).

As an author, Sörqvist has written a large number of articles and books in the area of quality management and continual improvements. Some of the best-selling books are "Lean - Process development with a focus on customer value and efficient flows" (2013), "Six Sigma" (2007), "Continuous improvements" (2004), "Customer satisfaction and customer surveys" (2000) and "Poor quality costs" (1998). In 2017, the book "Handbook for Black Belts" was published in Chinese.

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