### On the accuracy of testimony

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Personlighets-, social- och utvecklingspsykologi

**Presentation/abstract**  
In courts all over the world, judges and jurors must decide whether eyewitness testimonies are correct, at times with the fate of people’s lives as the outcome. The majority of psychological research on eyewitness testimony have focused on lie detection. Less studied—but perhaps more common—are sincere eyewitness testimonies. Although sincere testimonies may be seen as less problematic than deceptive accounts, they can be just as devastating, as subjective sincerity does not guarantee objective truthfulness.

This half-time seminar presents inquiries into the accuracy of sincere testimonies, studied from a metacognitive perspective. More specifically, the content of this seminar will include discussions of testimony accuracy in relation to (1) memory retrieval effort and subjective confidence (2) time and repetition (3) people’s ability to judge accuracy.