



# Writing to learn, learning to write

## Literacy and disciplinarity in Danish upper secondary education

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# Panel outline

- Writing to learn, learning to write - Aims, design, methodology and analytical models (Krogh)
- The complicated transition from secondary to upper secondary, the case of Susan (Christensen)
- The development of writer identity across multi subject coursework (Hobel)
- Discussion

# Writing to learn, learning to write

- Pilot study 2009-2010
  - 3 researchers, no external funding, focus grade 9, recruiting of participating students.
- Full scale project 2010-2014
  - 10 researchers, research grant, focus grades 10-12, expanded design.

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# Starting points and research questions

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- The new writing society (Karlsson 2006)
- A discursive turn in disciplinary didactics

What do these new conditions mean for

- the ways *school* writing is understood and realized in teaching practices
- *students'* writing trajectories and the patterns of identification with and negotiation of literacies
- the disciplinary writing didactics of school *subjects*?

# Design and data sources

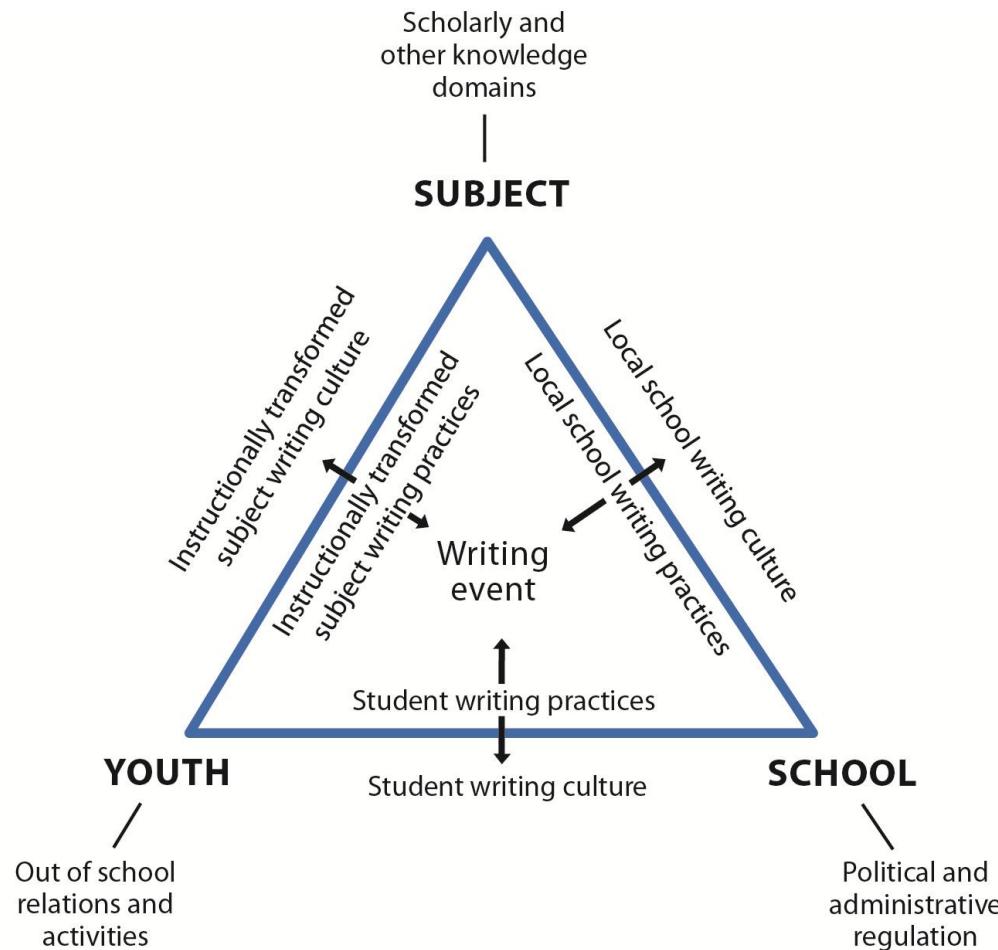
- Longitudinal studies
- Thematic disciplinary studies
- A total of 20 students and 13 schools
- Ethnographic methodology of data generation
  - Class room observations
  - Writing prompts (assignment tasks)
  - Students' assignments and other writing
  - Teacher comments
  - Interviews
  - Contextual data
- Shared data via common electronic bank

# Theoretical framework

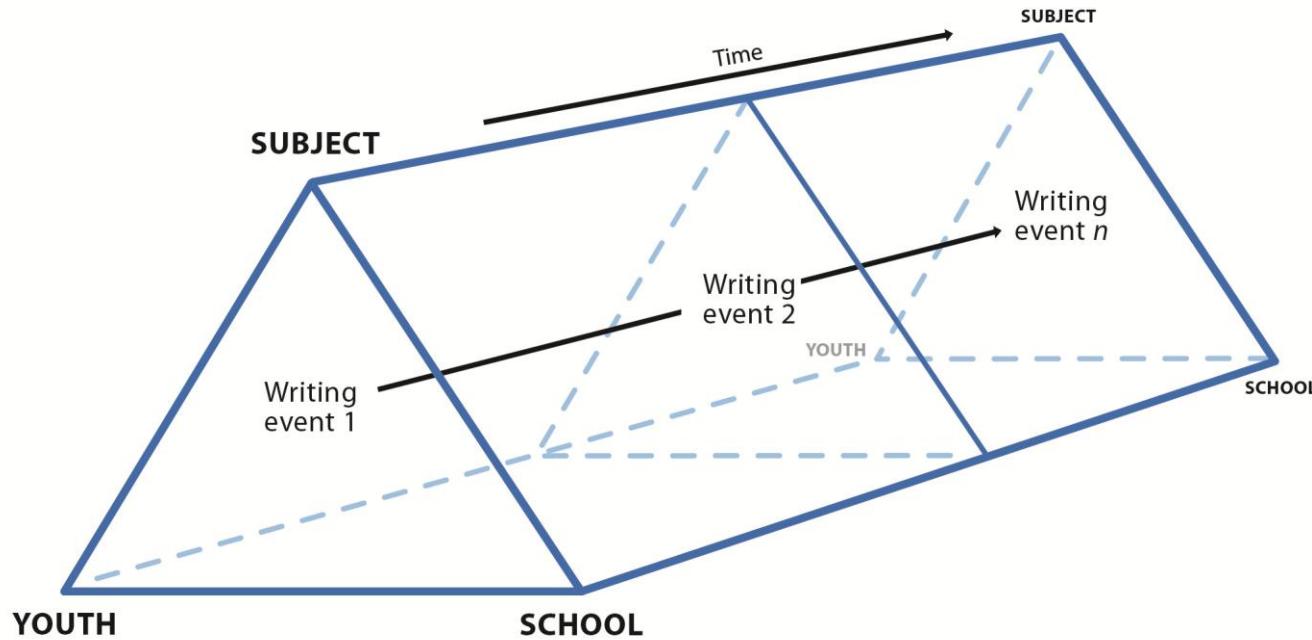
The socio cultural tradition in literacy studies (Vygotsky, Bakhtin)

- *Writing viewed as a social act*  
New literacy studies (Gee, Barton, Street, Lillis), writer identity theory (Ivanić)
- *Writing viewed from a text perspective*  
Nordic writing research (Berge, Evensen), social semiotics (Halliday, Kress)
- *Writing in the disciplines*  
Disciplinary didactics (Ongstad, Smidt), discourse studies (Lemke, Macken-Horarik, Schleppegrell)

# Modelling the research object I



# Modelling the research object II



# Constellation of literacy events

Analytical unit	Viewed as Text	Viewed as Discourse	Viewed as Social act
Writing prompt			
Student text			
Teacher's comments			
Interview with student			

# Aspects of writer identity\*

- Possibilities of selfhood available in social context
- Autobiographical self
- Discoursal self
- Self as author

\*Ivanic 1998

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# The WLWL team



# Teori og analysebegreber I

**Skrivning:** Literacies/skriftbrug som social praksis (Barton, Kress)

- Skrifthændelser og skrivehændelser
- Skriftpraktikker
- Skriftkulturer

**Skriver og skriverudvikling:** Identifikationer og identiteter – socialt mulige selvheder (Ivanič)

- Selvbiografisk skriverselv
- Diskursivt selv
- Forfatterselv

# Teori og analysebegreber II

**Tekst:** Medierende redskaber (Vygotsky, Wertsch, Blåsjö)

- Tekst
- Skrivehandling
- Diskurs
- Genre

**Fag:** Fagdidaktik/didaktisering (Ongstad)

- Faglige tekstdokumenter
- Normer for skrivning om fagligt indhold
- Fagdidaktisk skriftbrug