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He is responsible for VIPLAN, a method to study organisations, published in his book, with Alfonso Reyes, Organizational Systems: Managing Complexity with the Viable System Model (Springer, 2011) and also as a learning system for the diagnosis and design of organisation structures. Together with Clas-Otto Wene, in the context of his work in Nuclear Waste Management in Sweden, he developed the RISCOM Model for transparency in democratic decision-making. The application of this work was extended to similar situations in several other European countries.