

# Sweden School Transitions and the concept Rites of Passage

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- 10 million people (24 AUS)
- Stockholm, 2,2 million
- 0,45 mln km<sup>2</sup> (7,69 AUS)

*Preliminal  
phase*

*Liminal  
phase*

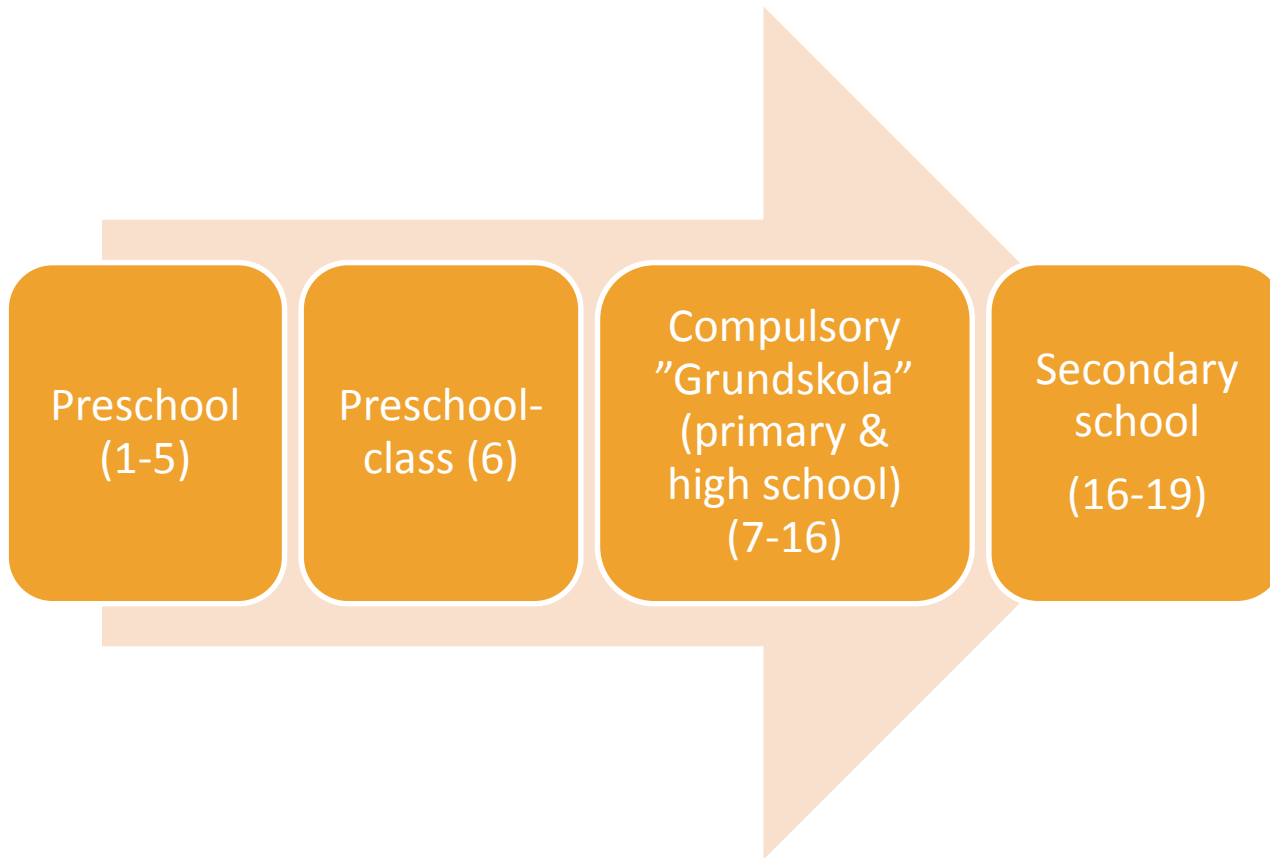
*Post-liminal  
phase*

# Transition in School

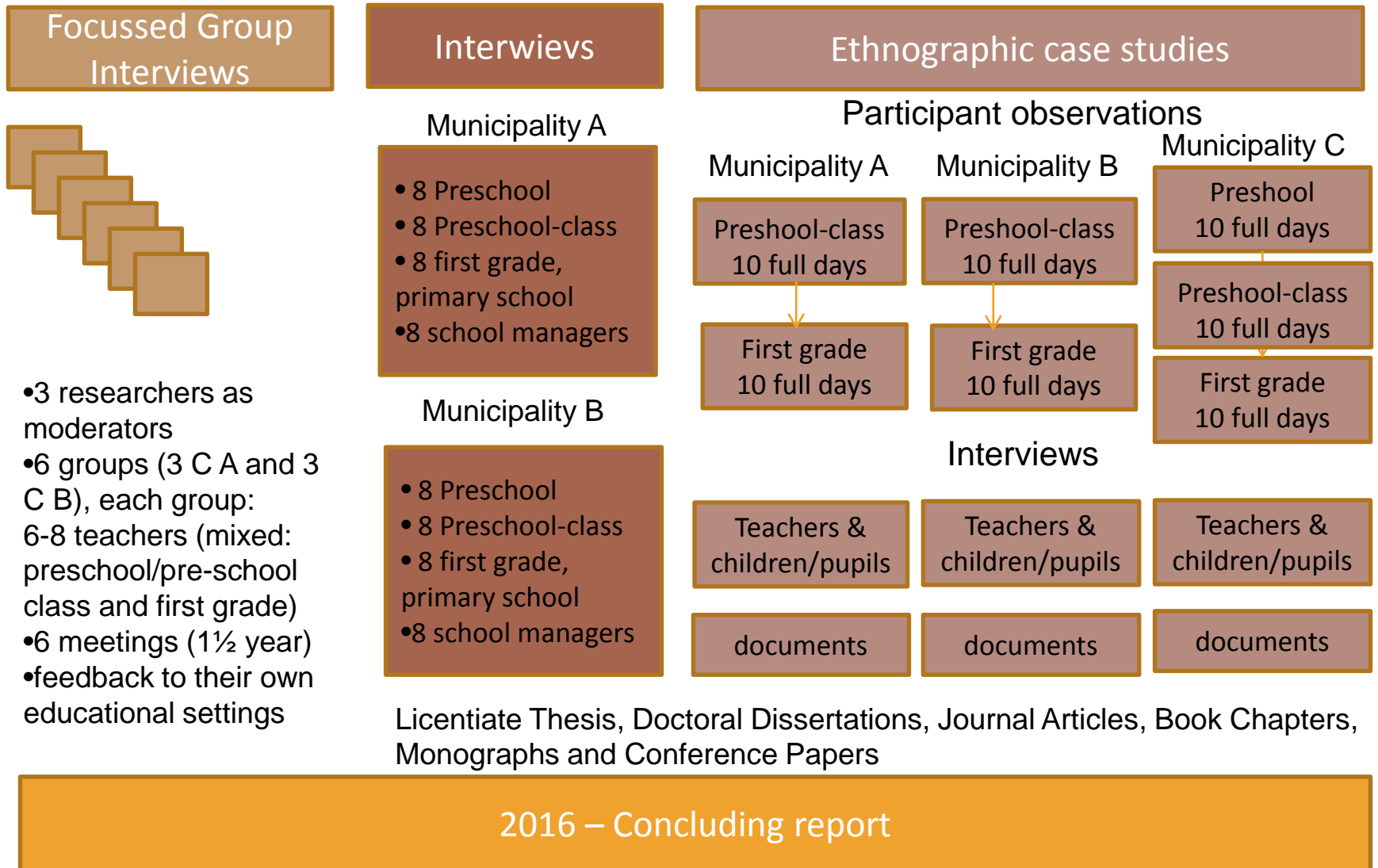
*Primary  
school  
separation*

*Summer  
vacation  
transition*

*Lower secondary  
school  
incorporation*



# The Swedish POET research project 2011-2016



*Preliminal  
phase*

*Liminal  
phase*

*Post-liminal  
phase*

# When do Swedish Children Start School?

*Preschool  
(separation)*

*Summer vacation  
(transition)*

*Preschool- class  
(incorporation)*

*Preschool- class  
(separation)*

*Summer vacation  
(transition)*

*Primary school  
(incorporation)*

*Preschool  
(separation)*

*Preschool- class  
(transition)*

*Primary school  
(incorporation)*

*Separation*

*Transition*

*Incorporation*

## What can Australia learn from our research?

- Sweden can serve as a warning example
  - Preschool-class a political compromise
  - One year on the bridge
  - Uncertainty for children, parents, teachers
- Transitions from a teacher perspective
  - Borderlands for teachers as shared spaces of understanding:
    - of each other's pedagogical work
    - of critical challenges from the perspective of inclusive education
- The Right for Rites of Passage from a child perspective
  - Recognising transitions as rites of passage with three phases
  - marked transitions together with others
  - a celebration day entering the world of school children
  - positive experiences help manage later transitions in school and life