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I'm a researcher in psychology and metascience, mainly focusing on research ethics, psychological methods and investigative (forensic) psychology. I'm the founding director of [Institute for Globally Distributed Open Research and Education](https://www.igdore.org) (IGDORE), an independent research institute dedicated to improving the quality of science and quality of life for researchers, students, and their families. I live with my two children and three dogs in Sweden.

Employment and Education

2018–current	Researcher, Ronin Institute
2016–current	Founding Director & Researcher, IGDORE
2016	PhD in Psychology (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
2015	Visiting Scholar for 5 months (Psychology & Law Lab; Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada)
2015	Licentiate in Psychology (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
2011	Accepted as a Ph.D. Student (University of Gothenburg, Sweden; on parental leave during 2013)
2010	M.Sc. in Psychology (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
2010–2016	Member of the research unit for Criminal, Legal and Investigative Psychology (CLIP; University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
2008–2011	Research Assistant in Psychology (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)

Professional affiliations

[Society for Personality and Social Psychology](https://www.spsp.org) (SPSP)

Publications (incl. manuscripts & preprints)

Rohrer, J. M., Tierney, W., Uhlmann, E. L., DeBruine, L. M., Heyman, T., Jones, B. C., ..., Willén, R. M., ..., Yarkoni, T. (In press). Putting the Self in Self-Correction: Findings from the Loss-of-Confidence Project. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*. Preprint available at <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/exmb2>

Willén, R. M. (2017). [Därför väljer jag att vara oberoende forskare \[Why I choose to be an independent scientist\]](#). *Tidningen Curie*. **Scholarly debate**.

Willén, R. M., & Nilsson, G. (2017). [Psykologin i framkant för öppen vetenskap \[Psychology in the frontline of open science\]](#). *Psykologtidningen [The Swedish Journal for Psychologists]*, 3, 28-

31. (Full list of references available [here](#); oops, this link is now dead.) **Scholarly debate.**

Willén, R. M., Granhag, P. A., & Strömwall, L. A. (2016). [Factors Affecting Two Types of Memory Specificity: Particularization of Episodes and Details](#). PLoS ONE, 11, e0166469. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0166469

Nilsonne, G., & Willén, R. M. (2016). [Öppna data kan öka kunskapsmassan och motverka fusk \[Open data can increase our knowledge and counteract cheating\]](#). Läkartidningen [The Swedish Journal for Medical Doctors], 113; ELCU. **Scholarly debate.**

Willén, R. M. (2016). [Counting on the Details: Inquiring Into Past Events of Cooperative Interviewees](#). Doctoral Thesis. University of Gothenburg, Sweden. URI: <http://hdl.handle.net/2077/43236>

Willén, R. M. (2015). Recollection of Repeated Events: Difficulties and Possibilities. Licentiate Thesis. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Willén, R. M., & Granhag, P. A. (2015). [Data from interviews with 95 respondents recollecting repeated dental visits](#). Journal of Open Psychology Data, 3: e7, DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5334/jopd.an>

Willén, R. M., Granhag, P. A., Strömwall, L. A., & Fisher, R. P. (2015). Facilitating particularisation of repeated similar events with context-specific cues. Scandinavian Journal of Psychology, 56, 28-37. DOI: 10.1111/sjop.12180

Landström, S., Ask, K., Sommar, C., & Willén, R. M. (2014). Children's Testimony and the Emotional Victim Effect. Legal and Criminological Psychology. DOI: 10.1111/lcrp.12036

Granhag, P.A., Strömwall, L.A., Willén, R.M., & Hartwig, M. (2013). Eliciting cues to deception by tactical disclosure of evidence: The first test of the Evidence Framing Matrix. Legal and Criminological Psychology, 18, 341-355.

Willén, R.M., & Strömwall, L.A. (2012). Offenders' lies and truths: An evaluation of the Supreme Court of Sweden's criteria for credibility assessment. Psychology, Crime and Law, 18, 745-758. DOI: 10.1080/1068316X.2010.548815

Willén, R.M., & Strömwall, L.A. (2012). Offenders' uncoerced false confessions: A new application of statement analysis? Legal and Criminological Psychology, 17, 346-359. DOI: 10.1111/j.2044-8333.2011.02018.x

Landström, S., Willén, R.M., & Bylander, E. (2012). Rättspraktikers inställning till modern ljud- och bildteknik i rättsalen – en rättspsykologisk studie [Legal practitioners' beliefs about modern audio and video technique in the courtroom – a legal psychology study]. Svensk Juristtidning [Swedish Law Review], 3, 197-218.

Strömwall, L.A., & Willén, R.M. (2011). Inside criminal minds: Offenders' strategies when lying. Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling, 8, 271-281.

Willén, R.M. (2011). Statement analysis in criminal cases and asylum procedures. In G. H. Gudjónsson, A. K. Newton, & J. F. Sigurdsson (ed:s), *Perceptions: Victims, Offenders and Witnesses*. Gothenburg, Sweden.

Reviewing

I have peer reviewed for the following scientific journals:

- American Journal of Psychology
- Collabra
- Journal of Investigative Psychology & Offender Profiling
- Journal of Open Psychology Data
- Journal of Social Psychology (review of shared data and material)
- Law & Human Behavior (student reviewer as per editorial practice)
- PLOS ONE
- Psychiatry, Psychology and Law
- Psychology, Crime, & Law
- Scandinavian Journal of Psychology
- The European Journal of Psychology Applied to Legal Context

Received funding

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| 2017 | Angel investment from Daniel Berntsson (software developer and openness enthusiast) for the startup of IGDORE – Institute for Globally Distributed Open Research and Education (70.000 euro). |
| 2015 | Kungl. Vetenskaps- och Vitterhets-Samhället i Göteborg [The Royal Society of Arts and Sciences in Gothenburg]. Grant for research visit at Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada (≈ 1100 euro). |
| 2015 | Filosofiska fakultetens gemensamma donationsnämnd, Göteborgs Universitet [The Joint Donation Committee for the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Gothenburg]. Grant for research visit at Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada (≈ 3200 euro). |
| 2015 | Helge Ax:son Johnsons stiftelse [The Helge Ax:son Johnson Memorial Foundation]. Grant for conference participation (≈ 2200 euro). |
| 2014 | Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas minne [The Lars Hierta Memorial Foundation]. Grant for research visit at Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John's, Canada (≈ 3200 euro). |

Invited talks and seminars

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| 2018 | Reinventing University: The IGDORE Project and New Academia. 2018 Australasian Open Science Conference. University of Queensland School of Psychology, Brisbane, Australia. 24-25 September. |
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- 2018 Open Scientific Practices: Restoring Trust in Science. Keynote Speech at the Annual Symposium of Western Alliance, Melbourne, Australia. September 12-14, 2018.
- 2017 Transparent och replikerbar vetenskap – en pågående revolution. Rättsmedicinalverket [National Board of Forensic Medicine] / Centre for Ethics, Law and Mental Health (CELAM), University of Gothenburg, Sweden. December, 13.
- 2017 Transparent and replicable science – an ongoing revolution. Physical Resource Theory, Department of Space, Earth and Environment, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden. December, 19.

Conference Presentations (not updated since 2018)

- Willén, R. M. (2018). The IGDORE Project: Reinventing Academia with an Open (Science) Mind. Lightning Talk at the 3rd official meeting of the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS), Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, 24-26 June, 2018.
- Willén, R. M. (2018). What Difference Does a PhD Make? Building a Massive Open Online Scientist Training (MOOST). Unconference Pitch at the 3rd official meeting of the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS), Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, 24-26 June, 2018.
- Willén, R. M. (2018). The IGDORE Project. Presentation held at IGDORE's Inaugural Open Science Meetup Bali, Indonesia, 23-29 April, 2018.
- Willén, R. M. (2018). How Retroactive Disclosure Statements Can Make the Past More Useful. Brief Presentation held at IGDORE's Inaugural Open Science Meetup Bali, Indonesia, 23-29 April, 2018.
- Willén, R. M. (2017). Beyond WEIRD: Introducing an Open Psychology Laboratory in Indonesia. Lightning Talk at the 2nd official meeting of the Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science (SIPS) (Charlottesville, Virginia, USA).
- Willén, R. M., Granhag, P. A., Strömwall, L. A., & Fisher, R. P. (2015). How to measure recollections of repeated events? Paper presented at the 11th biennial meeting of the Society for Applied Research in Memory & Cognition (SARMAC) (Victoria, Canada).
- Willén, R. M., Granhag, P. A., Strömwall, L. A., & Fisher, R. P. (2013). Individualisering av upprepade övergrepp: Hur många tillfällen minns man och går det att minnas fler? [Particularisation of repeated abuse: How many events are remembered and is it possible to increase the recollection?] Brottsoffermyndighetens Viktimologiska forskarkonferens [The Victimological Conference of the Swedish Crime Victim Support Authority] (Stockholm, Sweden).
- Granhag, P.A., Strömwall, L.A., Willén, R.M., & Hartwig, M. (2011). Elicit cues to deception: The effects of different evidence disclosure tactics. Paper presented at the 8th meeting of the Nordic Network for Research on Psychology and Law (NNPL) (Oslo, Norway).
- Willén, R.M. & Strömwall, L.A. (2010). "Of course I can lie!" - CBCA and RM scores on offenders' statements. Paper presented at the 20th Conference of the European Association of Psychology and Law (EAPL) (Gothenburg, Sweden).

Teaching

- 2017 Co-supervised a bachelor thesis in psychology (Arian Jafar & Bo Jenner) at Karolinska institutet, Stockholm, Sweden. (Principal supervisor: Gustav Nilsson).
- 2015 Initiated a new course in research methodology on doctorate level and developed the course curriculum. Course: "Open Science". Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2015 Responsible for a seminar for researchers and graduate students. Topic: Transparent research methods. Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2014-2015 Lecturer at two recurring courses (incl. examination). Course: Personality and Social Psychology on undergraduate level. Topics: Introduction to psychological research methods. Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2014-2015 Responsible for a recurring half-day seminar (incl. idea, planning, creation and examination). Course: Introductory forensic psychology on undergraduate level. Topic: "Assessment of credibility in legal practice". Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2014-2015 Responsible for a recurring seminar (incl. examination). Course: Introductory forensic psychology on undergraduate level. Topic: "Extra-legal factors influencing legal decision making in courts". Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.
- 2011 Guest lecturer. Course: Introductory forensic psychology on undergraduate level. Topic: "Statement analysis in courts and asylum cases". Department of Psychology, University of Gothenburg.

Popular Media

Reflections on the Need for Open Science in Forensic Psychology. Blog post. <https://medium.com/@IGDORE/reflections-on-the-need-for-open-science-in-forensic-psychology-a963436d7379>

Nya institut utmanar traditionella akademien [New institutes are challenging traditional academia]. Interview. <https://universitetslararen.se/2018/10/24/nya-institut-utmanar-traditionella-akademien/>

Scientists Rarely Admit Mistakes. A New Project Wants to Change That. Interview. <https://undark.org/article/loss-of-confidence-project-replication-crisis/>

'New academia' - a safe harbour for researchers who love science. Blog post. <https://medium.com/@IGDORE/new-academia-a-safe-harbour-for-researchers-who-love-science-c4baa87c1ebe>

Everything Hertz Podcast. Episode 57: Radical Transparency (with Rebecca Willén).
<https://soundcloud.com/everything-hertz/57-radical-transparency-with-rebecca-willen>

Retroactive Disclosure Statements Make the Past More Useful. Blog Post.
<https://medium.com/@IGDORE/retroactive-disclosure-statements-make-the-past-more-useful-c1b2e73f4bae>

Rebecca Willén driver forskningsinstitutet IGDORE på distans [Rebecca Willén is running the research institute IGDORE remotely]. Interview.
<https://svenskanomader.se/arbetsliv/distansjobb/rebecca-willen-driver-det-platsberoende-forskningsinstitutet-igdore/>