

Fieldwork Seminar of Decolonizing Research Methodologies

*A Research School Programme on empirical data collection, fieldwork relations,
ethical challenges, and transnational approaches, 2022-2025*

Monday 13 October – Friday 24 October 2025

PROGRAMME

Version 12 Oct. 2025

Uppsala University's Forum for Africa Studies

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The Fieldwork Seminar on Decolonizing Research Methodologies aims to bring together participants from the six partner universities (UNB, Burkina Faso; ISH, Mali; SORRECE, Tanzania; SLU, Sweden; SU, Sweden; and UU, Sweden) for a two-week intense course on decolonization in practice and on fieldwork methodology.

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Participating Universities and Research Institutes

[Forum for Africa Studies](#) at Uppsala University, Sweden;

[Dept. of Urban and Rural Development](#), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences;

[Dept. of Social Anthropology](#), Stockholm University, Sweden;

[Laboratoire d'études rurales sur l'environnement et développement économique et social](#),

Université Nazi BONI of Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso;

[Institut des Sciences Humaines](#), Bamako, Mali;

[Society and Religion Research Centre](#), University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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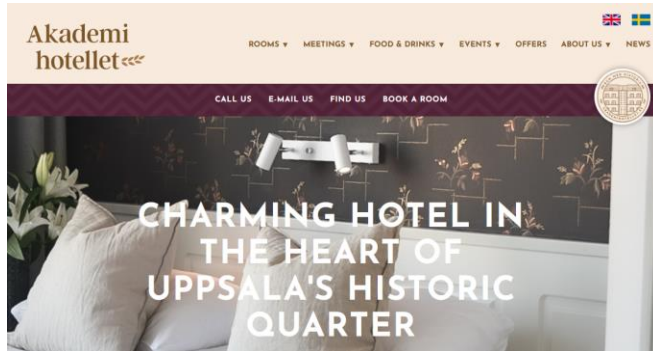


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Saturday 11 October 2025

Arrival of participants from Burkina Faso, France, Germany, Mali, and Tanzania. Taxi pick-up at Stockholm Arlanda Airport, Accomodation: Akademihotellet, Övre Slottsgatan 5, SE-75310 Uppsala, Sweden; Telephone: +4618155190; Fax: +4618102917; info@akademihotellet.se <https://akademihotellet.se/en/>



Sunday 12 October 2025

Free time & Individual reading papers for text seminars

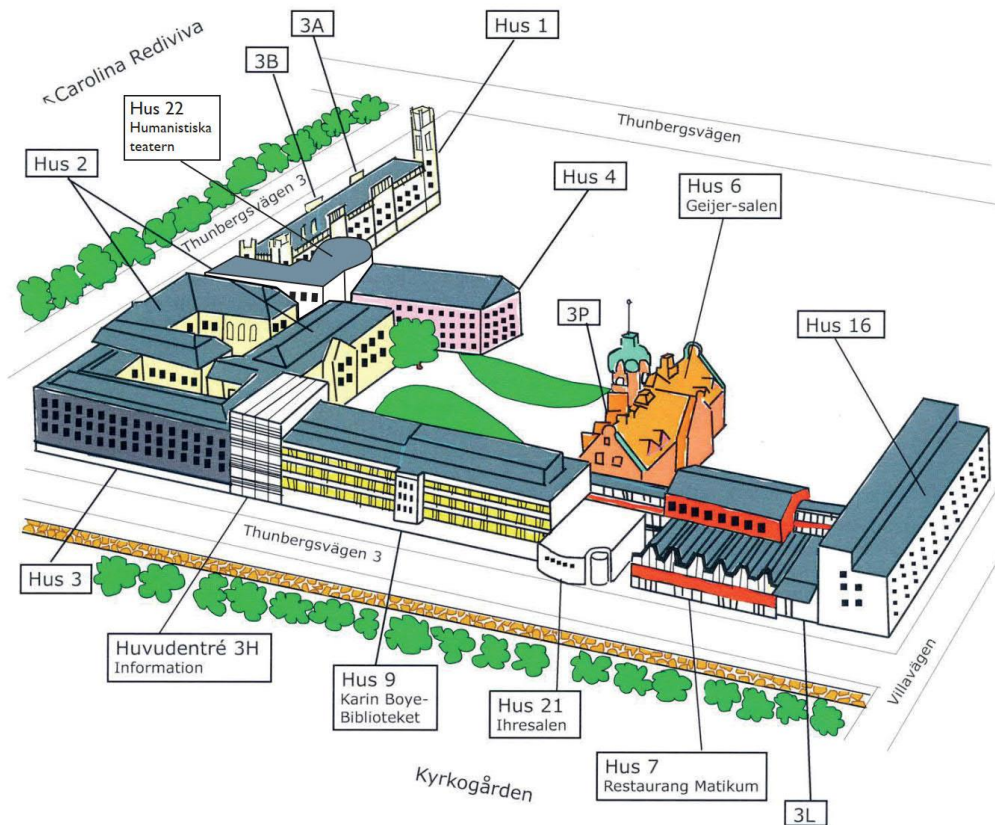


18.00 Walking from Akademihotellet to the restaurant
18.30 **Dinner** at Indian Kitchen, Kungsgatan 25, 753 32 Uppsala, +4618126071
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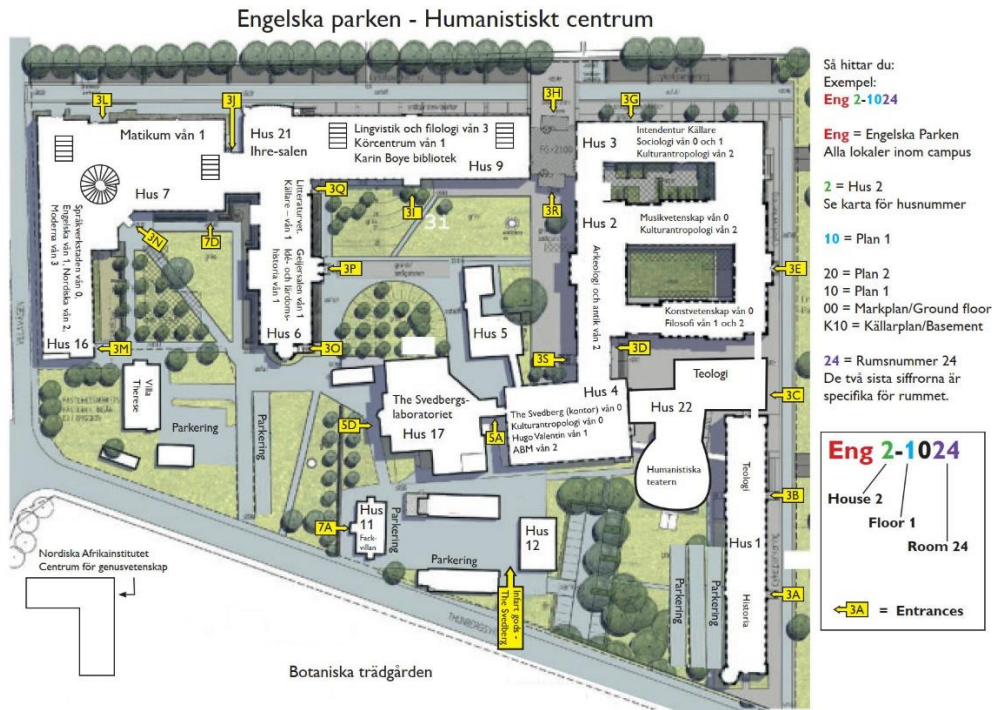
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Overview of Campus Engelska Parken, Uppsala University.



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Monday 13 October 2025

- 8.30-9.45 **Opening**
 Venue: ENG22-0008, Humanistiska teatern, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsv. 3H
Welcome and Opening
 Sten Hagberg and Jennifer Lorin, Uppsala University
- 9.45-10.15 Coffee Break
- 10.15-12.15 **Plenary Session 1 (Hybrid)**
 Venue: ENG22-0008, Humanistiska teatern, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsv. 3H
<https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/62094404151>
- 10.15-10.45 *Concepts, Collaborations, and Careers: The Decoloniality of Engaged Research and Joint Learning*
 Sten Hagberg, Uppsala University
- 10.45-11.15 *Vers une décolonisation des Instituts de recherche africains issus de la colonisation ? : interrogations et perspectives à partir du cas de l'Institut des Sciences Humaines, Bamako, Mali*
 Baba Coulibaly, Institut des Sciences Humaines, Mali

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- 11.15-11.45 *Decolonizing qualitative research methodologies in academia: Creating spaces for transformative learning*
Emil Sandström, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- 11.45-12.15 Discussion
- 12.15-13.15 Lunch, Mingle Area, Humanistiska teatern, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsvägen 3H
- 13.15-16.30 **Plenary Session 2 (Hybrid)**
Venue: ENG22-0008, Humanistiska teatern, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsv. 3H
<https://uu-se.zoom.us/j/62094404151>
- 13.15-13.45 *Beyond Belief: Spiritual Conviviality, Epistemic Decolonization, and Fieldwork Relations*
Paula Uimonen, Stockholm University
- 13.45-14.15 *Dialogue and cooperation between religions: Decolonizing the understanding of religious coexistence in Tanzania*
Thomas Ndaluka, University of Dar es Salaam
- 14.15-14.45 *Le retour de l'anthropologie à domicile ou le détour du regard d'un anthropologue africain à Gotland (Suède)*
Patrice Toé, Université Nazi BONI
- 14.45-15.15 *Language and the limits of decolonization*
Oulia Makkonen, Uppsala University
- 15.15-15.45 Coffee Break
- 15.45-16.30 Discussion
- 16.45-18.00 Reception, Humanistiska teatern, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsvägen 3H

Tuesday 14 October 2025

9.15-10.30 **Parallel Session 1**

Venues: ENG2-1024 (English); ENG3-2028 (French), Engelska Parken

Text Seminar on Decolonization, and Decoloniality – conceptual conversations turning into buzzwords?

Reading:

1. Mbembe, A. 2016. Decolonizing the university: New directions. *Arts Humanities in Higher Education* 15(1) 29–45.
- 2a. Mignolo, W.D. and Walsh, C.E. 2018. Introduction. *On Decoloniality: Concepts, Analytics, Praxis*. Duke University Press.
- 2b. da Silva Mathias, A. 2018. « La formation de la pensée décoloniale ». *Études littéraires africaines* 45 : 169–173. <https://doi.org/10.7202/1051620ar>
3. Nyamnjoh, A.N. 2023. Is decolonisation Africanisation? The politics of belonging in the truly African university. *Social Dynamics* 49(2): 349-368.
4. Tonda, J. 2012. L'impossible décolonisation des sciences sociales africaines. *Mouvements* 2012/4, 108-119
5. Fúnez-Flores, J.I. 2025. Introduction. In *The Sage Handbook in Decolonial Theory* (eds) J.I. Fúnez-Flores, A.C. Díaz Beltrán, S.J. Ndlovu-Gatsheni, S. Bakshi, A. Laó-Montes and F. Rios. Thousand Oaks: Sage: xxv-lii.
- 6a. Mignolo, W.A. 2011. Epistemic Disobedience and the Decolonial Option: A Manifesto. *Transmodernity: Journal of Peripheral Cultural Production of the Luso-Hispanic World* 1(2): 44-66.
- 6b. Mignolo, W.A. 2021. Parce que la colonialité est partout, la décolonialité est inévitable. *Multitudes* 2021(3), 84, 57-67.

10.30-11.00 Coffee break, ENG3-2028

11.00-12.15 **Parallel Session 2**

Venues: ENG2-1024 (English); ENG3-2028 (French), Engelska Parken

Text Seminar on Knowledge and Knowledge Productions in Decolonial Practice

Reading:

- 7a. Deridder, M., E. Eyebiyi et A. Ménard 2022. Hiérarchies des savoirs et rapports de pouvoir dans les milieux académiques en contextes postcoloniaux : pour des *praxis* décoloniales et féministes. *Recherches sociologiques et anthropologies* 53(2), 1-34. <http://journals.openedition.org/rsa/5576>
- 7b. Deridder, M., E. Eyebiyi and A. Ménard 2022. Presentation – Hierarchies in Knowledge Production and Power Relations in Academic Postcolonial Settings: Investigating Decolonial and Feminist Praxis. *Recherches sociologiques et anthropologies* 53(2), 35-66. <http://journals.openedition.org/rsa/5604>
8. Ouattara, F. 2022. Une anthropologue noire dans l'état d'un partenariat en Afrique subsaharienne. *Recherches sociologiques et anthropologies* 53(2), 203-226. URL : <http://journals.openedition.org/rsa/5809>

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9a. Thiam, C., Frehiwot, M. 2023. La question du panafricanisme : liberté épistémique, production de savoirs et décolonialité. *Global Africa* 3, 44-58. <https://www.globalafricasciences.org/numero-03/art-03-03-fr?lang=en>

9a.Thiam, C., Frehiwot, M. 2023. On Pan-Africanism: Epistemic freedom, knowledge production and decolonizing politics. *Global Africa* 3, 68-75, 60-73. <https://www.globalafricasciences.org/number-03/art-03-03-en?lang=en>

12.30-13.30 Lunch, Feiroz Parken, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsvägen 3H
<https://www.restaurangfeiroz.se/>

13.30-15.00 **Plenary Session 3**
Venue: ENG3-2028, Engelska Parken

Decolonization and Decoloniality in Practice?: The Africa charter for transformative research collaborations
Kajsa Hallberg Adu, Uppsala University

Reading:

10a. Africa Charter for Transformative Research Collaborations: <https://bpb-eu-w2.wpmucdn.com/blogs.bristol.ac.uk/dist/1/627/files/2024/05/Africa-Charter-web-new-cover-52e5a047925be9dc.pdf>

10b. Charte africaine pour des collaborations de recherche transformatrices : <https://bpb-eu-w2.wpmucdn.com/blogs.bristol.ac.uk/dist/1/627/files/2023/10/Charter-in-French.pdf>

15.00-15.15 Coffee Break

15.15-16.30 **Walk and talk** in the surroundings of Campus Engelska Parken – the Castle, the Cathedral, Carolina Rediviva, etc.



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Wednesday 15 October 2025

9.15-10.45 **Plenary Session 4**

Venue: Humanistiska teatern, ENG22-0008, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsv. 3H

Decolonizing Resilience and Resistance

Emil Sandström, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences; and Patrice Toé, Université Nazi BONI

Reading:

11. Glynn, K. and J. Cupples 2024. Stories of decolonial resilience. *Cultural Studies* 38(4): 537-566. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09502386.2022.2144398>

12. Damome, É. et N. Soubiale. 2018. « Imaginaires médiatiques de la résilience pastorale en Afrique subsaharienne », *Communiquer*, 23, 2018 : 1-20

<https://journals.openedition.org/communiquer/2865#quotation>

13. Amo-Agyemang, C. 2021. Decolonising the Discourse on Resilience. *International Journal of African Renaissance Studies - Multi-, Inter- and Transdisciplinarity* 16(1): 4–30.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/18186874.2021.1962725>.

14. Mahieddin, E. 2023. « Anthropologie, option « postcolonial – décolonial ». *Lectures anthropologiques* [En ligne], 10 : <https://www.lecturesanthropologiques.fr/1292>.

10.45-11.15 Coffee Break

11.15-12.45 **Parallel Session 3: Workshop with Early Career Scholars**

Time	ENG2-1024	ENG2-1077
11.15-12.00	Toussaint Daman, Université de Toulouse, France: <i>Les Koglweogo au Burkina Faso face au contrôle de l'État et aux politiques nationales de gestion de la violence</i> Discussants : Jennifer Lorin, and Patrice Toé	Beatus Saulo, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: <i>Missional Church and Social Development: Exploring the Missional work of the Free Pentecostal Church of Tanzania (FPCT) in provision of healthcare services</i> Discussants: Laura Stark, and Rasmus Rodineliussen
12.00-12.45	Bintou Koné, University of Bayreuth, Germany ; Institut des Sciences Humaines, Mali : <i>Une cohabitation inhabituelle : vivre avec les assaillants</i> Discussants : Patrice Toé, and Jennifer Lorin	Gitta Shrestha Thapa, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences: <i>Changing rural youth aspirations amid rising national pride mega irrigation projects in Nepal</i> Discussants: Ernest Ako, and Vincent Jumbe

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12.45-14.00 Lunch at Matikum

14.00-16.15 Parallel Session 4: Workshop with Early Career Scholars

Time	ENG2-1024	ENG2-1077
14.00-14.45	<p>Laurent Gnimian Koudougou, Université Nazi BONI, Burkina Faso: <i>Adoption de la Chimio-prévention du Paludisme Saisonnier à l'épreuve des normes sociales et du genre au Burkina Faso</i></p> <p>Discussants : Baba Coulibaly, and Jennifer Lorin</p>	<p>Jossias Humbane, Uppsala University, Sweden: <i>Agriculture and climate change adaptation in Magude</i></p> <p>Discussants: Emil Sandström, and Thomas Ndaluka</p>
14.45-15.30	<p>Marcelo Pablo Pacheco Camacho, Uppsala University, Sweden: <i>Life Histories and Internal Migration in Colquencha</i></p> <p>Discussants: Patrice Toé, and Thomas Ndaluka</p>	<p>Mahamadou Kanté, Institut des Sciences Humaines, Mali: <i>ANC attendance: leveraging human-centred design and global maternal health insights for an SMS and voice call intervention in Mali</i></p> <p>Discussants : Rasmus Rodinliussen, and Jecinta Okumu</p>
15.30-16.15	<p>Saikou Ouma Sagnane, University of Bayreuth, Germany: <i>Rassemblement pour le développement. LANYI – La cohésion. L'État qui rassemble une nation pour développer un pays</i></p> <p>Discussants : Sten Hagberg, and Baba Coulibaly</p>	<p>Alexander Laison Kamwela, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: <i>Reimagining Student Support: A Bourdieusian Analysis of Academic Services and Institutional Habitus in Tanzanian Universities</i></p> <p>Discussants: Emil Sandström, and Jecinta Okumu</p>

Thursday 16 October 2025

- 9.00-10.30 **Plenary Session 5: Workshop with Early Career Scholars**
Venue: ENG3-2028, Engelska parken, Thunbergsv. 3H
- 9.00-9.45 Asma Ben Hadj Hassen, University of Bayreuth, Germany: *Ethnography through walking in the context of border violence: “We Walk day and night towards the destination”*
Discussants: Jesper Bjarnesen, and Thomas Ndaluka
- 9.45-10.30 Márcia Manhique, Uppsala University, Sweden: *High-risk pregnancy and perinatal care in Maputo*
Discussants: Laura Stark, and Paula Uimonen
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00-11.45 Jacqueline Sow, Université Nazi BONI, Burkina Faso: *Transformation des représentations autochtones de l’or : entre rupture des interdits et reconfiguration symbolique*
Discussants: Sten Hagberg, and Jesper Bjarnesen
- 11.45-12.15 *Concluding Remarks*
- 12.15-13.00 Sandwich Lunch, ENG3-2028
- 13.00-14.30 **Plenary Session 6**
Venue: ENG3-2028, Engelska parken, Thunbergsv. 3H

Decolonizing Swedish colonialities
Jecinta Okumu, Uppsala University
- 15.00-16.00 **Guided Visit** of Uppsala University Museum Gustavianum

Friday 17 October 2025

10.15-12.00 **Plenary Session 7: Friday Seminar in Africa Studies**

Venue: ENG7-0043, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsvägen 3H

Book Launch (Eng/Fra): *Women in Politics – How to break the glass ceiling?*

Hagberg, S, Y.F. Koné, B. Koné, A. Sylla, F. Camara, B. Coulibaly, A. Diabaté, N. Traoré, L. Bello, M. Coulibaly, F. Diabaté, F. Fofana, et M. Sidibé. 2025. [Comment briser le plafond de verre ? Une recherche engagée sur la participation politique des femmes maliennes](https://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:uu:diva-564232). Uppsala Papers in Africa Studies 10. Uppsala: Uppsala University.
<https://urn.kb.se/resolve?urn=urn:nbn:se:uu:diva-564232>



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12.00-13.30 Lunch, Feiroz Parken, Engelska Parken, Thunbergsvägen 3H
<https://www.restaurangfeiroz.se/>

13.30-15.00 **Plenary Session 8**
Venue: ENG3-2028

Anthropological Team Research Methodology
Sten Hagberg, Uppsala University

Reading:

15a. Hagberg, S. 2021. Alternatives to Consultancy and NGOing: Developing Anthropological Team Research in West Africa. In: *NGOs and Lifeworlds in Africa: Transdisciplinary Perspectives* (eds) M.C. Kalfelis and K. Knodel. New York and Oxford: Berghahn.

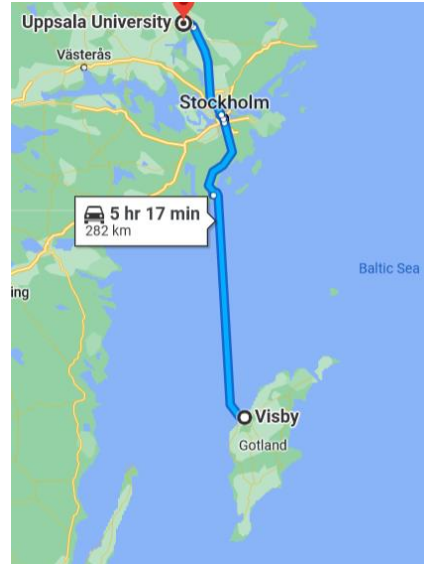
15b. Hagberg, S. 2020. *Le travail en équipe en zone rouge: Opportunités méthodologiques et épistémologiques des recherches de terrain au Burkina Faso et au Mali. Études maliennes* 89, 72-83. Bamako: Institut des Sciences Humaines.

15.00-15.30 Coffee Break

15.30-16.30 *Practical information, presentation of teams, and preparing for fieldwork*
Sten Hagberg and Jennifer Lorin, Uppsala University

Saturday 18 October

- 12.00 **Travel to Gotland via Stockholm**
Departure from Akademihotellet
- 13.30 **Lunch** at the Ethnographic Museum
- 14.30-16.30 **Visit** of the Ethnographic Museum, Djurgårdsbrunnsvägen 34, Stockholm,
<https://www.etnografiskamuseet.se/>
- 17.00 **Departure** from Stockholm University to Nynäshamn
- 20.10 **Departure** with boat from Nynäshamn to Visby, Gotland
<https://www.destinationgotland.se/>
- 23.25 **Arrival** in Visby, Scandic Hotel, +46498201280, Färjeleden 3, SE-621 58, Visby,
meeting.visby@scandichotels.com
<https://www.scandichotels.com/en/hotels/scandic-visby>



Sunday 19 October 2022

15.00-18.00 **Plenary Session 9**

Venue: B51 Åutsikten, Uppsala University, Cramérg. 3, Visby

15.00-17.00 *Gotland – an island, a region, and a municipality*

Mikael Norrby, Demonstrator Academicus, Uppsala University

To prepare, enjoy Mikael Norrby's video-clips for new students:

[Mikael Norrby on Gotland, pt 1: The Campus Gotland Premises](#)

[Mikael Norrby on Gotland, pt 2: Medieval Visby](#)

[Mikael Norrby on Gotland, pt 3: Visby here and now](#)

[Mikael Norrby on Gotland, pt 4: Exploring Gotland](#)

17.00-17.30 *Development and resilience in the municipality of Gotland*

Åsa Damberg, Development Strategist, Gotland Municipality (to be confirmed)

17.30-18.00 *Introduction to fieldwork sites: Burgsvik, Klintehamn, Östergarn, and Fårösund*

Thomas Norrby, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Reading:

16. OECD 2022. *OECD Territorial Reviews: Gotland, Sweden*. OECD Territorial Reviews. Paris: OECD Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.1787/aedfc930-en>.

17. Ronström, O. 2012. Finding their place: islands as locus and focus. *cultural geographies* 20(2), 153-165. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1474474012445446>



Campus Gotland, Uppsala University, Cramérgatan 3, Visby.

Monday 20 October 2025

Fieldwork in four teams:

Team Östergarn (Emil Sandström)

Team Klintehamn (Thomas Norrby/Kajsa Hallberg Adu)

Team Burgsvik (Sten Hagberg)

Team Fårösund (Jecinta Okumu)

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Fieldwork in four teams:

Team Östergarn (Emil Sandström)

Team Klintehamn (Thomas Norrby/Kajsa Hallberg Adu)

Team Burgsvik (Sten Hagberg)

Team Fårösund (Jecinta Okumu)

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Fieldwork in four teams:

Team Östergarn (Emil Sandström)

Team Klintehamn (Thomas Norrby/Kajsa Hallberg Adu)

Team Burgsvik (Sten Hagberg)

Team Fårösund (Jecinta Okumu)

Evening: Return to Visby, Scandic Hotel, +46498201280, Färjeleden 3, SE-621 58, Visby,
meeting.visby@scandichotels.com
<https://www.scandichotels.com/en/hotels/scandic-visby>

Thursday 23 October 2025

9.00-12.00 **Parallel Session 5**
Venue: Uppsala University, Cramérgatan 3, Visby
B26 – Team Burgsvik
B43 – Team Klintehamn
C10 – Team Östergarn
C12 – Team Fårösund

Group Work in fieldwork teams

12.00-13.00 Lunch at Maltfabriken, Campus Gotland
<https://www.maltfabriken.se/>

15.00-17.00 **Plenary Session 10**
Venue: B51 Äutsikten, Uppsala University, Cramérgatan 3, Visby

Public Seminar: Report Back / Restitution – Rural resilience and resistance in four parishes of Gotland: Fieldwork presentations, followed by a discussion
Team Östergarn, Team Klintehamn, Team Burgsvik and Team Fårösund

18.00 **Farewell Dinner**
Bageriet Mat & Bar, Stora torget 7, Visby
www.bagerietvisby.se



Bageriet Mat & Bar, Visby.

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Friday 24 October 2025

10.00-12.00 **Concluding Session**
Venue: B51 Äutsikten

Fieldwork Seminar on Decolonizing Research Methodologies: Learning, evaluating, networking

12.00 Lunch at Maltfabriken, Campus Gotland
<https://www.maltfabriken.se/>

13.00 Walking to the Destination Gotland Terminal

14.00-17.15 Departure from Visby to Nynäshamn

17.30-20.00 Travel from Nynäshamn to Uppsala

Saturday 25 October 2025

Free time in Uppsala

Sunday 26 October 2026

Departure of international participants



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