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Education

2004 Ph.D. in Political Science, Stockholm University.
1997 BA in Political Science, Stockholm University.
1994 MSc in International Economics, Lund University.

Current position

2026- Research Director and Deputy Program Director of the Democracy and Higher Education Program at Uppsala University.
2019- Professor, Department of Government, Uppsala University.

Previous positions

2023 Visiting scholar at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. Fall term.
2022 Visiting scholar at Nuffield College, Oxford, UK. Spring term.
2022 SCAS Fellowship, Uppsala University. Fall term,
2011-19 Associate Professor, Department of Government, Uppsala University.
2016 Invited fellowship at STIAS, Stellenbosch, South Africa, April to May.
2008-9 Visiting scholar, the Department of Political Science, Columbia University, USA. Full academic year.
2006-10 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.
2005-6 Post-doc, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.
2004-5 Post-doc, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy.
1997-2004 PhD studies, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University

Major research awards and fellowships

As PI:

2027 “Academic Actors Defending Democracy: Vocational Dilemmas”, *Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study* (HIAS). Fellowship. Fall 2027.
2023 “Democracy and the Social Question”. *Riksbankens jubileumsfond*. One year sabbatical.
2022 “Democracy and the Social Question”, *Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study* (SCAS). Fellowship. Fall 2022.

- 2019-22 “Democratic Self-Defense: The Social Model”, *Marianne & Marcus Wallenberg Foundation*.
- 2014-2017 “Right to Citizenship: The Problem, Principle and Politics of a New Law”. *The Swedish Research Council*.
- 2006-2010 “Post-National Representation: On the Foundations of Representative Democracy”. *The Swedish Research Council*.
- 2004-05 STINT fellowship at the Political and Social Sciences Department at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy. Full academic year.

As co-applicant:

- 2026-27 “Demagoguery and Democracy: A Theoretical and Historical Reconstruction”, FCT (Foundation for Science and Technology), Portugal.
- 2025-26 “Academic actors as guardians of democracy?” Democracy and Higher Education Research Program, Uppsala University.
- 2017-18 “Reason and affect in divided societies: the Nordic case.” Collaborative network financed by NOS – HS:
- 2016-2018 “Who are ‘We, the people’? A Study of National and Indigenous Peoples’ Constitutions”, *The Swedish Research Council*.
- 2008-2013 “Democracy beyond the Nation-State?” Transdemos. *The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation*.

Other research grants

2025: Atmers stiftelse; 2021: CIRCUS workshop grant; 2020: Borbo Hansson; 2020; Lars Hiertas minnesfond; 2020: Uppsala Forum Fellowship Award for Guest Professor Cristobal Rovira Kaltwasser; 2018: Uppsala Forum Fellowship Award for Guest Professor Jason Frank; 2016: Harald and Louise Ekmans forskningsstiftelse, Sigtunastiftelsen, Sigtuna; 2014: Borbos Hansson stipend; 2008: American Scandinavian Foundation; 2008: Sweden America Foundation, Elof Hanssons stiftelse; 2008: Jubileumsdonationen, K A Wallenbergs stiftelse; 2004: Helge Ax:son Jonsson Foundation; 1999/01: Ahlström & Tersérus Foundation; 1998/99: Widar Bagge, PhD research scholarship; 1995: Hans Werthén Research Scholarship, IVA.

Prizes

- 2021 Disa Prize for *Demokrati. En liten bok om en stor sak* (Lund; Historiska Media 2021).
- 2019 The Pedagogical Prize by UPS, the Political Students’ Association at Uppsala University.
- 2014 The Pedagogical Prize by UPS, the Political Students’ Association at Uppsala University.

Referee assignments for academic presses and journals

Cambridge University Press; Edinburgh University Press; Harvard University Press; Oxford University Press, Palgrave MacMillan; ECPR Press; American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Arendt Studies; British Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Politics and International Relations; Constellations; Contemporary Political Theory; Democratization; Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory; Ethics & Global Politics; European Journal of Political Theory; European Political Science Review; ECPR

Press; Global Networks: A Journal of Transnational Affairs; International Studies Quarterly; International Theory; Perspectives on Politics; Political Theory; Redescriptions; Review of International Studies; Social Theory and Practice; Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift; The Journal of Political Philosophy; The Journal of Politics.

Referee assignments for research positions, grants, fellowships and prizes

2026: General call in the program “Uncertainty” Zeit Stiftung Bucerius, Hamburg, Germany.
2025: Grant, ERC Synergy Grants, European Commission.
2025: Docent Promotion, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.
2025: Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany.
2025: General call in the program “Uncertainty” Zeit Stiftung Bucerius, Hamburg, Germany.
2025: Docent promotion, Faculty of Social Sciences, Helsinki University, Finland.
2024: General call in the program “Uncertainty”, Zeit Stiftung Bucerius, Hamburg, Germany.
2023: General call in the program Democracy and Higher Education, Uppsala University.
2022: General call in the program Democracy and Higher Education, Uppsala University.
2022: Jury Disapriset, Uppsala University
2022: General call for fellowship at Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies.
2020: Grant, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NOW), the Netherlands.
2017: General call in political science, Academy of Finland, Helsinki, Finland.
2016: Prize Committee for best article in the journal *Contemporary Political Theory* 2015.
2016: Prize Committee for best paper by young scholar at SWEPSA.
2013: Grants, *The French National Research Agency* (ANR), France.
2012: Position, *The Swiss National Science Foundation*, Switzerland.
2012: Position, *Research Foundation Flanders*, (FWO), Belgium.
2012: Position, Linnéuniversitetet, University position, Sweden.

Faculty opponent and dissertation juries

2025: Jury, Ece Tekbulut, Political Science, Columbia University, New York, USA.
2020: Jury, Naima Chahboun, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.
2020: Jury, Markus Furendal, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.
2019: Jury, Marie Sépulchre, Department of Sociology, Uppsala University.
2018: Jury, Marcel Mangold, Department of Political Science, Södertörns Högskola.
2018: Faculty opponent, Ditte Maria Brasso Sørensen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
2016: Jury, Niklas Altermark, Department of Political Science, Lund University.
2014: Jury, Max Waltman, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University
2013: Jury, Per Algander, Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University.
2013: Jury, Johan Hyrén, Department of Political Science, Gothenburg University.
2012: Jury, Erika Sigvardsdotter, Department of Geography, Uppsala University.

Supervision of PhDs

Ongoing: Felicia Warttinen, Department of Government, Uppsala University.
Ongoing: Amal Bourhous, Department of Government, Uppsala University.
Ongoing: Isa Lappalainen, Department of Government, Uppsala University.
Ongoing: Markus Adolfsson, Department of Government, Uppsala University
Siri Sylvan, Department of Government, Uppsala University, 2024.
Sofia Helander, Department of Government, Uppsala University, 2021.
Yunjeong Choi, Department of Politics, New School of Social Research. 2019.

Charlotta Friedner Parrat, Department of Government, Uppsala University, 2017.
 Jonna Pettersson, Department of Political Science, Lund University, 2015.
 Andreas Gottardis, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, 2014.

Visiting post-docs

Dr. Dr. Hasib Nasiri, Department of Theology, 2024-25.
 Dr. Corrado Fumagalli, May-June 2023. Lerici scholarship.
 Dr. Benjamin Ask Popp-Madsen, Jan 2019-dec 2019. Carlsberg Foundation.
 Dr. Arda Gucler, Jan-Sep 2016. SI, The Swedish Turkish Scholarship Program.
 Dr. Anthoula Malkopoulou, 2014-2015. Marie Curie Fellowship.

Other professional assignments and cooperations (selected)

2025-	International advisory board, the Institute of Philosophy at the Czech Academy of the Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic.
2024-	Advisory board for the PhD program “Uncertainty”, <i>Zeit Stiftung Bucerius</i> , Hamburg, Germany.
2025-26	Board member of the <i>Democracy and Higher Education</i> Research Program at Uppsala University.
2021-25	Advisory board, Chair Artificial Intelligence and Democracy, EUI, Florence, Italy.
2018-21	Advisory board, cluster on “Democracy”, School of Transnational Governance, EUI, Florence.
2008-13	Associate editor of the journal <i>Ethics & Global Politics</i> .
2013-2016	Steering committee of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Representation.
2011-2013	Associate Faculty for the European doctoral program on “Globalisation and Legal Theory” at the University of Antwerp, Kiel, Glasgow and Tilburg.
2010-2011	Member of the board, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.
2005-2007	Member of the board, <i>Swedish Political Science Association</i> , and the election committee, 2007-9.
2010-2011	Co-chair of the Higher Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University

Organization of workshops, seminars and panels (selected)

2026	Workshop: “Demokratiska aktörer i akademien”, Sigtunastiftelsen, Programmet Demokrati och högre utbildning.
2023	International workshop “What is the social bond of democracy?” Uppsala University. Funded by Uppsala Forum.
2022-	Co-founder of a new lecture series at the Humanistic Theatre, Uppsala University: <i>The Uppsala Lectures on Making Sense of our Time</i> .
2022	International workshop: “Democracy under Duress”, Uppsala university. Funded by CIRCUS.
2020	Workshop, “Democracy and the Social Question”, Department of Government Uppsala University.
2019	Workshop “People, Constituent Power and Revolution”, Department of Government, Uppsala University.
2018	Workshop “Conflicts on Constituent Power”, Stockholm, Skeppsholmen, November.

- 2018 Workshop on “Reason and Affect in Divided Societies”, Department of Government Uppsala University. Co-organizer.
- 2018 Workshop on “Naturalization and Citizenship”, in the 19th Nordic Migration Research Conference, Norrköping, Sweden. With Sara Kalm. August.
- 2017-18 Seminar series on “Social Integration Today: On what Grounds?”, Department of Government, Uppsala University.
- 2017 Workshop, “Democratic Self-Defence: Populism and Militant Democracy”, Department of Government, Uppsala University. September 12.
- 2016 SWEPSA, organizer of the Political Theory Section. With Johan Tralau.
- 2014 Uppsala Forum Workshop, ”Constitutional Challenges to Democracy”, Uppsala, Sweden. Co-organized with Patrik Bremdal.
- 2014 Workshop “New Directions in Political Representation” at the Department of Government, Uppsala University. Co-organized with Anthoula Malkopoulou.
- 2012 *Colloquium* Panel on “The Will, Voice and Eyes of the People: Emancipation in a Time of Diffusion”, Prague. Co-organized with Dario Castiglione.
- 2011 Workshop on “Political Equality in Transnational Democracy” within Transdemos, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2011 APSA panel on “Politicising the Right to Political Community”, Seattle, USA.
- 2011 ECPR Joint Sessions workshop on “We, the People: A New Object of Democratic Analysis”, St Gallen, Switzerland. Co-organized with Dario Castiglione.
- 2008 NOPSA workshop on “Democracy and Disagreement”, Tromsø, Norway. Co-organized with Eva Erman

Publications

Books:

- Näsström, Sofia. *Democracy and the Social Question*. Contracted with Cambridge University Press.
- Näsström, Sofia, *Democracy in Ten Questions* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2025).
- Näsström, Sofia, *The Spirit of Democracy: Corruption, Disintegration, Renewal*. (Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2021).
- Näsström, Sofia, *Demokrati. En liten bok om en stor sak* (Lund: Historiska Media, 2021). Literary agent: Bonnier Rights.
- Näsström, Sofia, *The An-Archical State. Logics of Legitimacy in the Social Contract Tradition*, PhD, Stockholm Series in Politics 99, Stockholm University 2004.

Edited books:

- Näsström, S. & Erman E. (eds), *Political Equality in Transnational Democracy* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013).
- Näsström, S. et al, *Texter i samtida politisk teori* (Malmö: Liber, 2004, 2009).

Journal articles:

- Corrado Fumagalli, Sofia Näsström, et al “Democratic Renewal and the Spirit of Democracy” *Critical Exchange in Contemporary Political Theory* (2024), 23: 433-455.

- Näsström, Sofia. "Democratic Self-Defence: Bringing the Social Model Back In", *Distinktion. Journal of Social Theory* (2021), 22, 3: 376-396.
- Näsström, Sofia. et al, "The Democratic Production of Political Cohesion: Partisanship, Institutional Design and Lifeform", *Contemporary Political Theory* (2019), 18: 282-310.
- Näsström, Sofia. & Kalm, Sara. "A Democratic Critique of Precarity" *Global Discourse* (2015), Vol 5, Issue 4: 556-573.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Democratic Representation beyond Election", *Constellations* (2015), Vol. 22, Issue 1: 1-12.
 * reprinted in *Representation*: ed. J. Pollak, C. Lord (London: Routledge, 2017).
 *Translated into Spanish and reprinted in the journal *Revista Pléyade*.
- Näsström, Sofia, "The Right to have Rights: Democratic, not Political", *Political Theory* (2014), Vol 42, No 5: 543-568.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Where is the Representative Turn Going?", *European Journal of Political Theory* (2011), 10, 4: 501-510.
- Näsström, Sofia, "The Challenge of the All-Affected Principle", *Political Studies* (2011). Vol. 59, Issue 1: 116-34.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Folket – en normativ utmaning", *Fronesis*, (2011), 34: 161-73.
- Näsström, Sofia, "The Legitimacy of the People", *Political Theory*, (2007), Vol 35, No 5: 624-658.
- Näsström S, et al, "Är vi jämställda inom svensk statsvetenskap?", *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift* (2007), Årg. 109, Nr 4: 405-409.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Representative Democracy as Tautology: Ankersmit and Lefort on Representation", *European Journal of Political Theory*, (2006), Vol. 5, No 3: 321-342.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Konstitution som konsten att börja om", *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift*, (2006), Årg. 108, nr 4: 413-422.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Ett alternativt synsätt på demokrati", *Tidskrift för Politisk Filosofi*, (2005), No. 2: 30-46.
- Näsström, Sofia, "What Globalization Overshadows", *Political Theory*, (2003), Vol. 31, No. 6: 808-834.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Den kommunitära arkitekturen", *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift*, (1998), Vol. 101, No. 2: 257-274.

Chapters in books and volumes:

- Malkopoulou, A. Näsström, S. Sylvan, S. "Universities and scholars facing up to autocratic attacks", in *Oxford Handbook of Democratic Self-Defence*, eds. C. Rovira-Kaltwasser, A. Malkopoulou, B. Rijkema, forthcoming.
- Näsström, Sofia & Sara Hjalmarsson Gund, "Demokrati och idioti", i *Att vara med sin tid*, red. Fredrik Holm (Karlstad: Karlstads Humanistiska Förening 2025).
- Näsström, Sofia, "Behöver demokratin public service?", *I allmänhetens tjänst* (Stockholm: Premiss Förlag 2024).
- Näsström, Sofia m fl., *Demokratin och grundbulten*. Del 1 av 4 ur antologin 100 år till. Kommittén Demokratin 100 år, 2021.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Too little, too late", in *Let me vote in your country, and I'll let you vote in mine. A proposal for transnational democracy*, Joachim Blatter and Rainer Bauböck (eds.), EUI Working Paper RSCAS 2019/25, 10-13.

- Näsström, Sofia, "Representative Democracy is Classless", in Monica Brito Viereira, ed. *Reconstructing Representation*. London: Routledge, 2017.
- Näsström, S. & Kalm, S. "What is the Social Bond of Democracy? A Democratic Critique of the Production of Precarious Life", in *The Social Bond/Das Soziale Band*. Ed. Thomas Bedorf. Frankfurt: Campus Verlag: 2016. Tr. into German.
- Näsström, Sofia, "We, the People: The Problem of Foundation" in Elisabeth Gräb-Schmidt, Ferdinando G. Menga (Hrsg) *Grenzgänge der Gemeinschaft*, Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck 2016.
- Näsström, Sofia, "The Normative Power of Political Equality", in Erman and Näsström (eds), *Political Equality in Transnational Democracy* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013): 157-81.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Cosmopolitics" in *Encyclopedia of Political Theory*, ed. Mark Bevir, London, New York: Sage Publications, 2010.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Democracy Counts: Problems of Equality in Transnational Democracy", in *Transnational Actors in Global Governance*, eds. J. Tallberg, C. Jönsson, Palgrave, MacMillan, 2010: 348-383.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Frihet" in *Politiska ideal och problem. En introduktion till den politiska teorin*, (eds) U. Mörkenstam, L. Beckman, Malmö: Liber, 2009: 74-93.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Till försvar för en ofullkomlig tendens i den mänskliga anden", in U. Mörkenstam, J. Reinikainen (eds), *Perspektiv på Perspektivismen* (Stockholm: Indus Dom, 2004), 60-64.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Demokrati – ett högsta värde? En diskussion om demokrati och globalisering", in eds. P. Hallberg & C. Lernestedt, *Svenska värderingar? Att se och ompröva det invanda*, (Stockholm: Carlssons Förlag, 2002), 75-88.

Critical exchanges, interviews and reviews:

- Näsström, S., Koubová, A. Život by mohl být i jiný. Jak rozumět demokracii nově. (*Life could also be otherwise: how to understand democracy anew.*) Interview for Deník N, online and printed version, Prague 2025.
- Näsström, Sofia (2025), interviewed in *The Philosophical Journal*:
<https://filcasop.flu.cas.cz/en/>
- Näsström, Sofia & Müller, Jan-Werner, "Critical Dialogue", *Perspectives on Politics* (2022), 20, 2: 653-58.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Popular sovereignty, aesthetics and emancipation". Symposium on Jason Frank's book *The Democratic Sublime. On Aesthetics and Popular Assembly*, *Democratic Theory* (2022), 9, 2: 139-155.
- Näsström, Sofia. "Divine Democracy: Three Questions", *Political Theology* (2022), 23, 3: 231-235.
- Näsström, Sofia, Review of *The Time of Popular Sovereignty: Process and the Democratic State* by Paulina Ochoa Espejo, in *Political Theory*, 2015.
- Näsström, Sofia, "What Bounds A-Legality?" *Etica & Politica* (2014) XVI: 973-980.
- Näsström, Sofia, (2012) interviewed in *Tidskrift för Politisk Filosofi*.
- Näsström, Sofia, Review of *The People* by Margaret Canovan, in *Political Theory* (2006), Vol. 34, No 6: 827-830.

Other scholarly publications (entries, comments, blogs):

- Näsström, Sofia, "Taming and tolerating uncertainty", blog for the American Philosophical Association, January 2025.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Metodstrid eller nyorientering?", *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift* (2017).
- Näsström, Sofia, "Varför valfrihet inte alltid är frihet", Gästskribenter: tema samhällsförändring:
- Näsström, Sofia, "Introduction: In Search of Political Equality", in Erman, Näsström (eds), *Political Equality in Transnational Democracy* (New York: Palgrave, 2013).
- Näsström, Sofia, "Frihet. En introduktion", *Texter i samtida politisk teori*, 2nd edition, Malmö: Liber, 2009, 63-69.
- Näsström, S. & Erman, E. "One World, Many Worlds", *Ethics & Global Politics* (2009), 2, 4: 277-279.
- Näsström, S. & Erman E. "At the Border", *Ethics & Global Politics* (2008), 1, 4: 157-58.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Demokrati och globalisering. En introduktion", *Texter i samtida politisk teori*, Malmö: Liber, 2004: 111-116.

Public debate articles, essays and reviews (selected):

- Näsström, Sofia et al. "Tilliten försvagas: en grundbult i demokratin", Aftonbladet Debatt.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Vi kan inte utgå från att demokratin finns kvar när vi vaknar", kultursidan, Upsala Nya Tidning, 2025.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Public service är viktigare än någonsin för demokratin", DN Kultur, 2024.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Genom årsringarna". Fanzine för Knutte Westers skulptur *Sammanflätade*, Strängnäs.
- Näsström, Sofia, Recension *Mitten: En måttfull stridsskrift i polariseringens tid*, av Per Svensson och Svante Weyler. SvD Kultur, 2022.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Varför går vi och röstar i höstens val?", Krönika, Uppsala Universitets nyhetsbrev, 2022.
- Näsström, Sofia, et al. "Lyft klimatet – starta ett medborgarråd", Aftonbladet, 2022.
- Näsström, Sofia "Är det något demokratin behöver är det goda förlorare", DN Kultur, 2022.
- Näsström, Sofia et al. "Låt inte rädslan sätta demokratin ur spel", Aftonbladet 2022.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Det behövs mer poesi i politiken", DN Kultur, 3/7 2021.
- Näsström, Sofia. "Vi bevitnar ett försök till statskupp i USA", DN debatt, 11/11 2020.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Det behövs en demokratiskala i politiken", Svenska Dagbladet, Kultur, 5/9 2018.
- Näsström, Sofia, et al. "Tiggarna en ödesfråga för EU", *Göteborgsposten*. 2014.
- Näsström, Sofia, "Prekariatet ett växande monster", Under Strecket, SvD Kultur 2013.

Invited talks

Keynotes and honorary lectures:

- Nov 2026 "Frihetens anda: Kampen mellan demokrati och autokrati",
Forsskålsföreläsningen, Uppsala Universitet.

June 2026	Workshop on “Democracy as a Form of Life”, Department of Philosophy, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain.
Nov 2024	Conference “Rethinking Representation in Times of Democracy’s Discontent”, Ideas in Politics, Prague, Czech Republic.
Oct 2024	National Research Program on Working Life, Forte, Stockholm, Sweden.
Sep 2023	International Congress on “Political Theory in Uncertain Times”. The German Association of Political Science, Bremen, Germany.
Aug 2023	World Humanist Congress: “Building better democracies through humanist values”. Copenhagen, Denmark.
April 2018	“The Spirit of Democracy: Sources of Corruption and Renewal”, School of Transnational Governance, EUI, Florence.
Dec 2017	“What is Democratic about Representation?”, in the conference “Compromise and Representation”, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.
May 2013	“Taking Representation beyond Election”, Institute of Advanced Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna, Austria.
Sep 2010	Conference on Democracy and Global Transformations, University of Helsinki, Finland.

Author meets critics:

May 2022	<i>The Spirit of Democracy</i> . Uppsala Forum, Uppsala, Sweden.
May 2022	<i>The Spirit of Democracy</i> , Department of Political Science, Copenhagen University, Denmark.
April 2022	<i>The Spirit of Democracy</i> , Center for Democratic Futures, Southampton University, UK.

Invited talks (selected):

June 2027	Conference “The Nature and Value of Social Cohesion”, Aarhus University, Denmark.
June 2026	Workshop “The History and Theory of Democracy: New Perspectives” at the Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium.
Sep 2025	Department of Business Administration, Uppsala University.
Sep 2025	The PPE Lecture, Södertörns högskola, PPE Program.
May 2025	“Empowering People in the Age of Artificial Intelligence” EUI, Florence.
May 2025	“What is the spirit of democracy?” in the workshop Protecting, Defending and Recreating Democracy and the Rule of Law: From the Weimar Constitution to the Venice Commission”, Uppsala University.
April 2025	“Democracy and the Social Question”, at the international conference Bridging Horizons: Comparative Perspectives in Socio-Political Philosophy and Theory, Miranda House, New Delhi, India.
Mar 2025	“The Spirit of Democracy”, lecture at the doctoral school <i>History of Political Thought</i> , Södertörn university.
Feb 2025	History and Theory of IR Colloquium, University of Groningen, Netherlands.
Jan 2025	Department of Political Science, Copenhagen University, Denmark.
Nov 2024	Workshop “Return to Society: Studying Social Intermediation as a Component of Democratic Representation”, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy.
July 2024	Guest Scholar, CEU Summer Course “Democracy and Inequality”, Budapest, Hungary.

May 2024	Workshop on Democratic Constitutionalism, Department of Legal Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria.
Mar 2024	“Climate, Capital and Democracy”, Barcelona Centre for Contemporary Culture, Barcelona, Spain.
Feb 2024	Center for Statecraft and Strategic Communication, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm.
Nov 2023	BIRT Colloquium, The Liberal Script, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany.
Nov 2023	Political Theory Colloquium, Hamburg University, Germany.
Nov 2023	Institute for Political Science, University of Darmstadt, Germany.
Oct 2023	Conference “Resentment and Utopia”, University of St Gallen, Switzerland.
Oct 2023	The Department of Political Philosophy and Globalization Research of the Institute of Philosophy, Czech Academy of Science, Prague, Czech Republic.
June 2023	”Migrationspolitik och demokrati”, Uppsala universitet.
May 2023	“Democracy and the Social Question”. General research seminar, Department of Political Science, Gothenburg University.
Feb 2023	“Democracy and the Social Question”. Higher Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.
Oct 2022	IPW lecture, “How is a Democracy Corrupted?”, Department of Political Science, Vienna, Austria.
Oct 2022	Workshop on the democratization of global governance, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.
Oct 2022	“Democracy and the Social Question”, SCAS, Uppsala.
June 2022	Workshop: “Democracy under Duress. What is to be done?”, Copenhagen University, Denmark.
Mar 2022	“Democracy and the Social Question”. Nuffield Political Theory Workshop, Oxford University, UK.
Mar 2022	<i>The Spirit of Democracy</i> . PRAXIS Research Centre in Philosophy, UBI, Portugal.
Nov 2021	<i>The Spirit of Democracy</i> , Score, Stockholm University.
Oct 2021	<i>The Spirit of Democracy</i> . Department of Philosophy, DAFIST, Genoa, Italy.
Sep 2021	<i>The Spirit of Democracy</i> . Department of Literature, History of Ideas and Religion, Gothenburg University.
Dec 2020	Political theory seminar, Department of Political Science, Lund University.
Dec 2019	Talk <i>The Spirit of Democracy</i> , Universidad Adolfo Ibanez, Santiago, Chile.
Nov 2019	Talk at the conference “Democracy in Europe and its Critics”, Bilbao, Spain.
May 2019	Workshop on “Precarity and democratic politics”, University of Exeter, England.
Feb 2019	“The People trap”. Department of Social and Economic Geography, Uppsala University.
Nov 2018	”Demokrati som politisk livsform”, i konferens om Demokratin och det politiska, Södertörns högskola.
Dec 2017	“The People Trap”, Oxford Political Thought Seminar, Oxford, UK.
Nov 2017	Book symposium, University of Exeter, UK.
Oct 2017	“The Spirit of Democracy”, Malmö Högskola, Malmö, Sweden.
June 2017	“The People Trap”, workshop at the Department of Philosophy, University of Leiden, Netherlands.
July 2017	“The People Trap”, at the Centre of Advanced Studies, <i>Justitia Amplificata</i> , Annual Conference, Goethe University Frankfurt, Free University Berlin, Bad Homburg, Germany.

May 2017	“The People Trap”, Seminar in practical philosophy and political theory at Gothenburg University, Sweden.
April 2017	“The Spirit of Democracy”, Sydney Democracy Network, University of Sydney, Australia.
Nov 2016	“A Democratic Conception of Freedom”, Columbia Workshop in Political Theory, Columbia University, New York, USA.
Nov 2016	“End of Citizenship, as traditional theories thought of it”, at the workshop The end of citizenship?, Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisberg, Germany.
June 2016	“Democratic representation and political conflict”, workshop at Goethe-University Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany. 23-24 juni.
April 2016	“The Spirit of the People”, Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study , STIAS, South Africa, April 28.
Feb 2016	“The Spirit of the People”. The Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University, Uppsala.
Nov 2015	“Right to Citizenship”, IMER, Malmö Högskola, Sweden. 13 November.
Sep 2015	“From communicative reason to democratic reason”. Workshop on “Conditions of Agonistic Politics”, University of Exeter, UK, 9-11 September.
Sep 2015	“Where is the representative turn going?”, talk at the workshop “The Representative Turn in Democratic Theory”, University of York, UK. September 30-October 1.
March 2015	“What is the social bond of democracy?” Conference, <i>Das Soziale Band</i> , Hagen, Germany, 23-25 March.
Sep 2014	“Right to Citizenship: The Problem, Principle and Politics of a New Law”, Remesco, Linköping University, Sweden, 24 September.
May 2014	“Public Unfreedom: Diagnosing a Complex Present”. Workshop on the Right to Citizenship, Department of Politics, Exeter, UK.
Nov 2013	“Democratic Representation beyond Election”. Department of Political Science, Linnéuniversitet, Växjö, Sweden.
Oct 2013	“What Makes Representation Democratic?”. Cambridge Seminar in Political Thought and Intellectual History, Cambridge, UK.
Sep 2013	“The Right to have Rights: Democratic, not Political”. Conference: Community: Place for Crisis, Place for Opportunities, Universität Tübingen, Germany.
May 2013	“The Right to have Rights”. University of Antwerp, Belgium.
Mar 2013	“Taking Representation beyond Election”. Workshop on Challenges to the Idea of Deliberative Democracy, University of Hannover, Germany
March 2013	“Taking Representation beyond Election”. Department of Social and Political Sciences, University of Jyväskylä, Finland.
Nov 2012	“The Principle of Representative Democracy”. Department of Political Science, Gothenburg University, Sweden.
Oct 2012	“The Right to have Rights: Democratic, not Political”. Department of Political Science, University of Lucerne, Switzerland.
Sep 2012	“The Right to have Rights: Democratic, not Political”. Workshop, Justice and Legitimacy in Global Governance, University of St Gallen, Switzerland.
Aug 2012	“The Right to have Rights: Democratic, not Political”. Workshop on the Politics of Citizenship in the Era of Human Rights, Whitlam Institute, University of Western Sydney, Australia.
May 2012	“The Principle of Representative Democracy”, Department of Philosophy, Tilburg University, the Netherlands.

- May 2011 “The Normative Terrain of People-Making”. Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy, University of Western Sydney, Sydney, Australia.
- May 2011 “The Right to Political Community”. Workshop on Politics of Receptivity, Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy, University of Western Sydney, Sydney, Australia.
- Jan 2011 “The Normative Terrain of People-Making”. Conference: Towards a New Ethical Imagination in a Cosmopolitan World Society, Nordic Summer University, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Dec 2010 “What Does it mean to Justify who “We, the people”, are?”. Workshop on The Legitimacy of the People, University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands.
- Dec 2010 “What Does it mean to Justify who “We, the people”, are?”. Workshop on The Future of Political Community, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- Nov 2010 “What Does it mean to Justify who “We, the people”, are?”. Department of Politics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, USA.
- Oct 2010 Conference “Political Representation: New Directions”, at the Department of Political Science, University of Michigan, USA.
- Apr 2010 “From Law-making to People-making”. Department for Global Political Studies, Malmö University, Sweden.
- Sep 2009 “The Challenge of the All-Affected Principle”. Critical Theory Roundtable, CUNY, New York, USA.
- May 2009 “Between Natural and Positive Peoplehood”. Workshop on The People in European and American Political Thinking at the Department of Political Science, Århus, Denmark.
- Apr 2009 “Defending the People: Reason and Self-preservation in Communicative Action”. Carolina Lectures in Critical Thought, the Institute for Arts and Humanities, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA.
- Apr 2009 Roundtable (with Roberto Esposito, Michael Hardt and Tim Campbell) on “The Philosophy of Biopolitics”, the Institute for Arts and Humanities, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA.
- March 2009 “The Challenge of the All-Affected Principle”. Conference on the Cultural, Political and Economic Forms of Social Injustice in Global Perspective at the *Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies* in Madrid, Spain.
- Oct 2008 “Constituting the People: On the Limits of Communicative Action”. Department of Government, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA.

Conference and workshop presentations (selected):

- 2025 Conference “Democracy and demography”, Pufendorf institutet, Lund University, convened by Riksbankens jubileumsfond and National Research Foundation of Korea
- 2019 Invited discussant on APSA featured conference theme panel “Populism, Popular Sovereignty, and the Idea of “the People”, Washington DC, USA.
- 2018 “Rousseau’s trap”, workshop “Conflicting Claims on Constituent Power”, Stockholm.
- 2018 Citizenship: Corruption and Renewal. The 19th Nordic Migration Research Conference, Norrköping, Sweden.
- 2018 “Conflicts on Constituent Power”, *ECPR General Conference*, Hamburg, Germany.
- 2017 “The People Trap”, Melbourne Law School, Melbourne, Australia, April.
- 2017 “Reconfiguring Representative Democracy: Constituent Power in a New Key”, German Association of Political Theory conference, Trier, Germany. March.
- 2016 “Elements of political representation in digitally enabled movements”, paper co-authored with Alexandra Segerberg, *ECPR General Conference*, Prague.

- 2015 “What is the plot of the revolution?” *Colloquium*, Institute of Philosophy at the Academy of Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic.
- 2013 “A Democratic Critique of the Production of Precarious Life”, *SWEPSA*, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2013 Roundtable with Guy Standing on “The Precariat”. *SWEPSA*, Stockholm.
- 2013 “A Democratic Critique of the Production of Precarious Life”, *SGIR, ECPR*, Warzaw, Poland.
- 2012 “The Principle of Representative Democracy”. *Colloquium*, Institute of Philosophy at the Academy of Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic.
- 2011 “The Right to Political Community”. *APSA*, Seattle, USA.
- 2011 “The Normative Terrain of People-Making”. *ECPR Joint Sessions*, St Gallen, Switzerland.
- 2010 “From Law-making to People-making”. *SGIR, ECPR*, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2010 “From Law-making to People-making”. *Colloquium*, Institute of Philosophy at the Academy of Sciences, Prague, the Czech Republic.
- 2009 “Democracy Counts”. *APSA*, Toronto, Canada.
- 2008 “Is the people source or object of popular sovereignty?”. *APSA*, Boston, USA.
- 2008 “The Challenge of the All-Affected Principle”. *NOPSA*, Tromsø, Norway.
- 2007 “The Legitimacy of the People”. *Annual SEP-FEP Joint Conference*, Sussex, UK.
- 2006 “The People: A Framework of Legitimacy”. *MANCEPT* workshop in political theory, Manchester, United Kingdom.

Public talks, involvements and media appearances (selected)

- 2026 ”The People and the Spirit of Democracy: Legitimacy, Constitutional Founding and Iran’s Future”. IranLifeandLiberty, podcast.
- 2026 Workshop Peace is Possible, Rotary and Peace and Conflict, Uppsala University.
- 2026 “Demokrati och idioti”, Kungsholmens gymnasium.
- 2026 Folkhögskoleforum, Clarion Hotel, Norra Bantorget.
- 2026 ”Att odla en demokratisk anda”, ViMåstePrata.
- 2026 ”Att odla en demokratisk anda”, Fackförbundet Vision.
- 2026 ”Demokrati och idioti”, Föreläsning Kulturpunkten, Gottsunda, Uppsala.
- 2026 ”Demokratin i en osäker tid”, Statens demokratinätverk, Forum för Levande Historia.
- 2026 Intervjuad i tidningen *Ergo*, Uppsala universitet.
- 2026 ”Berättelsernas betydelse för demokrati”, föreläsning för SVTs manusförfattare.
- 2026 Medverkande i serien ”Demokratin” inför valåret 2026 i P1, Sveriges Radio.
- 2026 ”Framtiden i Sverige”, SVT (Historien om Sverige), intervjuad i serien, kommer 2027.
- 2026 Föredrag efter föreställningen ”Pappan, Pogromen och Parallellen”, Teater Tribunalen.
- 2025 Föredrag om demokrati på Upsala Nya Tidnings 135-årsjubileum.
- 2025 Sveriges Radio: Intervjuad i Förmiddag i P1 med Louise Epstein.
- 2025 Föredrag om demokrati för liberala ledarskribenter, Liberala Nyhetsbyrån.
- 2025 Föredrag om demokrati för LO och TCOs fackliga demokratinätverk
- 2025 Föredrag om demokrati på Kungsholmens gymnasium
- 2025 ”Ett verkligt drama”, reflektionstext om demokratins framtid för SVT Drama.
- 2025 NordUng, Copenhagen University, Denmark.
- 2025 Föredrag för ordföranden i SACO, TCO, LO, Krusenbergs herrgård, Uppsala.
- 2024 P1 Morgon, ”Supervalåret gått mot sitt slut: hur mår demokratin?”
- 2024 Föredrag efter föreställningen ”Pappan, Pogromen och Parallellen”, Teater Tribunalen.
- 2024 Podcast Vlákna, Czech Radio in collaboration with the Czech Academy of Sciences
- 2024 ”Hur försvara demokratin?” ABF, Stockholm.

2024 Senioruniversitetet, Uppsala. "Vart är vi på väg?" 2024
 2024 Föredrag under SVT-dagen om public service, SVT, Stockholm.
 2024 Porträtt i tidningen *Cirkeln*, Studieförbundet.
 2024 En kväll om public Service, Fogelstads kvinnliga medborgarskola, Galleri Bellman, Stockholm.
 2024 Hela Sverige ska leva, norrgruppen.
 2024 Karlstads humanistiska förening.
 2023 Interviewed in the Podcast 5.59, Czech Republic.
 2023 Föredrag Sveriges Kommuner och Regioner.
 2023 Sommarakademin, Ljungskile, tema bildning och tillit.
 2023 SVT Forum, Föreningen Oberoende Public Service, Stockholm.
 2023 Föredrag om demokrati, SACO Stockholm.
 2022 Hedengrens bokhandel, Stockholm, samtal och inspelning för Filosofisk podcast.
 2022 Västra Götalands Bildningsförbund, Göteborg
 2022 Föredrag Falkenbergs bibliotek
 2022 Medverkan i Nordegren & Epstein, P1, Sveriges Radio.
 2022 Intervju Upsala Nya Tidnings valbilaga.
 2022 Intervju Forskning.se
 2022 Almedalen, panel om demokrati och klimat.
 2022 Föredrag Fogelstad kvinnliga medborgarskola
 2022 Föredrag Nacka Forum Bibliotek
 2022 Föredrag Ideell Arena
 2022 Föredrag Rotary Uppsala
 2022 Föredrag Folke Bernadotte Akademin
 2021 Intervju i tidningen Folkhögskolan, utgiven av Lärarförbundet.
 2021 "Demokrati och idioti", DISA-föreläsning Humanistiska Teatern, Uppsala.
 2021 Föredrag Marks kommun.
 2021 Föredrag Sensus Studieförbund.
 2021 Föredrag Domkyrkoforum, Domkyrkan i Lund.
 2021 Aspuddens bokhandel författarintervju tillsammans med Anders Burman.
 2021 Bokmässan, Göteborg.
 2021 Se människan, samtal med Antje Jackelén.
 2021 Demokratisoppa, paneldiskussion med Mattias Gardell.
 2021 Demokratifrukost. Arr. Vimåsteprata.
 2021 Intervju i Nordens tidning.
 2021 Tidningen Läraren, författarintervju i bilaga, arr. Forum för Levande Historia
 2021 Författarbesök, Söderköpings bokhandel.
 2021 Demokratistugan, Länsstyrelsen Norrbotten
 2021 Intervju i Landets Fria Tidning
 2021 Författarintervju, Biblioteksförbundens branschdag
 2021 Paneldiskussion om grundlagens betydelse för demokratin, arr. Demokratin 100 år
 2021 Föreläsning för Lottakåren, 12 maj
 2021 Föreläsning Nacka bibliotek 11 maj
 2021 Föreläsning Bohusläns Museum Prisma 6 maj
 2021 Föreläsning Hallands föreningsliv 28 april
 2021 Bildningspodden diskussion om demokrati med Anders Burman.
 2021 P1 Kultur, SR; Intervju om demokrati 100 år, 13 maj
 2021 Intervju i populärvetenskapliga podden Allt du velat veta, Fritte Fritzon.
 2021 Expertpanel i podden "Min demokratiska röst". Föreningen Norden.
 2021 Demokrati och mänskliga rättigheter – en konflikt? MR Dagarna, Uppsala. 19 April.

- 2021 Författarintervju, SVT Forum, Politik i bokhyllan.
- 2021 P1 Morgon, SR, intervju om boken *Demokrati. En liten bok om en stor sak*
- 2021 SVT Forum, panel Trump och hoten mot demokratin, arr. Arena Idé. Januari.
- 2021 God morgon Världen! Sveriges Radio. Intervju. Januari.
- 2020 Demokrati och mänskliga rättigheter, i regi Forskarna på Slottet, Uppsala.
- 2020 Forum för Levande Historia: kommunicera vetenskap för medarbetarna.
- 2020 Political Science Perspectives on Covid 19. Uppsala University.
- 2019 Interviewed in the Chilean newspaper El Mostrador about the democratic crisis in Chile. 17 December.
- 2019 ”Demokratis självförsvar”, Upplandsmuseet, utställningen ”100% kamp”.
- 2018 ”Folkets opium eller demokratisk resurs? Religion, stat och politik”. Humanistiska teatern, Uppsala, panel tillsammans med Elena Namli och Ute Steyer, rabbin Stockholms synagoga.
- 2018 Deltagande om demokrati och valet i T1-podden Juridiska fakulteten, Uppsala universitet.
- 2017 Interviewed about my book *The Spirit of Democracy* in the Australian based podcast ”Real Democracy Now!”. May.
- 2017 Panel discussion, Forsskålssymposiet, Uppsala University. November.
- 2017 Paneldiskussion, ”Det demokratiska samtalet i post-sanningens era”, Statsvetenskapliga institutionen, Uppsala University. March.
- 2016 Intervju med Professor Nadia Urbinati i tidskriften *Respons*.
- 2016 Demokratis självförsvar, ABF. 17 february
- 2015 ”En ny klass i vardande”. Programblad för Stadsteaterns uppsättning En Handelsresandes Död, i regi av Björn Runge. October.
- 2015 Research portrait in the yearly report issued by *The Swedish Research Council*.
- 2014 ”En kväll om demokrati”, Medelhavsmuseet., Stockholm.
- 2014 ”För mycket valfrihet begränsar oss”, forskning.se.
- 2013 ”Rätten till medborgarskap: en politisk och teoretisk utmaning”, public lecture at the series ”En kvart över”, Uppsala University.
- 2012 Public talk with Bonnie Honig on ”Emergency Politics” at *Tankeverket*, Södra Teatern, Stockholm, November.
- 2012 ”Är valfrihet frihet?”, public talk at ABF-huset, Stockholm.
- 2012 ”Polis – staden som demokrati”, talk at the interdisciplinary DIN konferens, Mejan, Skeppsholmen, 28 March 2012.
- 2011 Public talk with Zygmunt Bauman on ”Times of Interregnum” at *Tankeverket*, Södra Teatern, Stockholm, Sweden, August.
- 2011 ”Global citizenship and the role of technology”, public lecture at *Utrikespolitiska Föreningen*, Linköping, Sweden.
- 2010 ”Freedom”, speaker on a roundtable on ”Freedom and Equality”, *ABF-huset*, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2003 ”The People”, interviewed in Utbildningsradion, *The Swedish Television*, SVT 2003.