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**Current position**

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I am Associate Professor (docent) and hold a position as Associate Senior Lecturer at the Department of Government, Uppsala University. I am the *project leader* of the collaborative research project “The Continuation of Conflict-related Violence in Postwar Cities: Mapping violence at the street level” (Swedish Research Council, 2019-02563), which combines the collection of micro-level geocoded data with in-depth case studies to analyze intra-city patterns and dynamics of violence in postwar cities. Within this project, I oversee data collection and am main responsible for quantitative analysis and systematic case comparisons. I am also involved in the project “Urban-rural Dynamics of Community-based Conflict Management” (Formas 2019-00269), which studies conditions for conflict management and community policing in urban and rural contexts, using qualitative and quantitative analysis of empirics from Kenya; as well as two smaller projects, “Land tenure and climate resilience: Evidence from Kenya” (co-PI together with Kathleen Klaus) and “Communities at Risk: Mediation as a Tool to Defuse Ethnic Tensions in Post-War Liberia and Beyond” (PI: Anders Themnér).

**Previous positions**

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Prior to my current position I was employed as a *Researcher* at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University (2017-2022). During this period, in addition to the projects listed above, I conducted research within the projects “Vulnerable Cities” (Formas, 2016-00290, PI: Annika Björkdahl), “An Impediment or Inducement to Peace? The inclusion of civil society actors in peace processes” (VR, 2014-03847, PI: Desirée Nilsson) and “The Institutional Roots of Electoral Violence” (RJ, P16-0124:1, PI: Kristine Höglund).

2010-2017 I was a *Ph.D. candidate* at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. Within my doctoral project, entitled Durable Resolution of Communal Conflicts, I conducted several rounds of fieldwork in Kenya. I was also a *Visiting Research Fellow* at the John and Elnora Ferguson Centre for African Studies (JEFICAS), University of Bradford, in August-October 2013. The dissertation was defended on 6 October, 2017. The faculty opponent at the doctoral defense was Associate Professor Leonardo Arriola, UC Berkeley. Prior to my Ph.D. studies, I was employed as *Research assistant* with the Uppsala Conflict Data Program (UCDP), Uppsala University, 2008-2010.

## Academic degrees

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*Docent* (Reader/Associate Professor) in Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University 2022  
(see appendix 6c)

*Ph.D.*, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University 2017

Dissertation subject: Durable Resolution of Communal Conflicts

Supervisors: Kristine Höglund, Professor, and Hanne Fjelde, Associate Professor

The dissertation was defended on 6 October, 2017. Faculty opponent at the doctoral defense: Leonardo Arriola, UC Berkeley. (see appendix 6d)

*Degree of Master in Political Science* (Pol Mag), Uppsala University 2008

Major: Peace and conflict studies.

## Research grants won in competition

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2018 Swedish Research Council, Development research (U-forsk), grant number 2018-03924. “The urban dilemma: Urbanization and ethnocommunal conflict”. 4,47 mkr granted for the period 2019-2021. *Project leader*.

2019 Swedish Research Council, grant number 2019-02563. “The continuation of conflict-related violence in postwar cities: Mapping violence at the street level”. 5,97 mkr granted for the period 2020-2023. *Project leader*.

2019 The research council for sustainable development (Formas), grant number 2019-00269. “Urban-rural Dynamics of Community-based Conflict Management”. Project leader: Kristine Höglund (DPCR). 3 mkr granted for the period 2020-2022. *Project member*.

2019 Swedish Research Council, Development research (U-forsk), grant number 2019-03934. “Community-based Responses to Violent Conflict”. A network grant (Research Links) led by Kristine Höglund (Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala). *Project member* alongside Linnet Hamasi and James Nyawo (Kenyatta University, Nairobi). 572 600 kr.

2021 Crafoord foundation (Crafoordska stiftelsen), grant 20210784. “The continuation of conflict-related violence in postwar cities: Mapping violence at the street level”. 1,45 mkr granted for two research assistants (1 year each), based in Malmö, to extend the data collection (main applicant: Ivan Gusic, Malmö University).

2022 The Expert Group for Aid Studies (Expertgruppen för Biståndsanalys, EBA). “Land tenure and climate resilience”. Co-PI together with Kathleen Klaus (Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala). 699 000 kr.

2023 Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA). “Communities at Risk: Mediation as a Tool to Defuse Ethnic Tensions in Post-War Liberia and Beyond”. Project leader: Anders

Themnér (Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala). 400 000 kr. *Project member.*

### **Awards and scholarships**

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- 2024 Borbos Hansson scholarship, for book writing retreat in the project Postwar Cities
- 2018 Matariki stimulatory funds, for participation in the Matariki meeting on Violence, peacebuilding and the city, Durham University, UK
- 2016 Anna Maria Lundin travel scholarship, for participation in the Annual Conference of the Conflict Research Society (CRS) in Dublin, Ireland
- 2014 Anna Maria Lundin travel scholarship, for fieldwork in Kenya
- 2012 SYLFF (Ryochi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund) scholarship for internationalization for PhD candidates, for research visit at the Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, UK
- 2011 Kenneth Boulding Award, honorable mention for the conference paper “Managing communal conflicts: The role of the state”, presented at the 52nd Annual International Studies Association Convention, Montreal, Canada, 16–19 March, 2011
- 2011 Anna Maria Lundin travel scholarship, for fieldwork in Kenya
- 2011 Nordic Africa Institute travel scholarship, for fieldwork in Kenya

### **Pedagogical training**

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*Teacher Training Course* (5 weeks), 2011, Division for Development of Teaching and Learning, Uppsala University

Föreläsningar på webben [web-based lectures] (1 day), 2011, Division for Development of Teaching and Learning, Uppsala University

*Supervising Undergraduate Students* (2 weeks), 2012, Division for Development of Teaching and Learning, Uppsala University

*Supervising Doctoral Students* (3 weeks), 2021, Division for Quality Enhancement, Academic Teaching and Learning, Uppsala University

### **Professional assignments and positions of trust**

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#### *PhD grading committees*

- Fisseha Fantahun Tefera, School of Global Studies, Gothenburg University, 15 November 2024. Title: “The Aftermath of Mass Starvation: Rethinking the Politics of Accountability for and Commemoration of Famines in Africa”

- Moa Dahlberg, Department of Business Administration, Technology and Social Sciences, Luleå University of Technology, 7 June 2024. Title: “Shared Authority – More Capacity: Hybrid Governance of National Parks in Southern Africa.”
- Fei Ao, Department of Economics, Uppsala University, 2 February 2024. Title: “Essays on Taxation, Externalities, and Poverty Traps.”

#### *PhD manuscript conferences*

- Stefan Döring, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, 1 February 2021. Title: “Cooperation and Conflict amid Water Scarcity.”
- Kyungmee Kim, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, 23 October 2020. Title: “Civil Resistance in the Shadow of War: Explaining popular mobilization against dams in Myanmar.”
- Anna Ida Rock, Department of Government, Uppsala University, 14 November 2019. Title: “Statebuilding through diaspora recruitment? The role of capacity, norms and representation for legitimacy in Somaliland and Liberia.”

#### *Positions of trust*

- *Sweden Development Research Network (SweDev)*, Director and Steering Committee Member, 2024- (ongoing).
- *Statsvetenskapliga Föreningen (Uppsala Political Science Association)*, Board member, 2023-2024.
- *Governing Board*, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Board Member, October 2018-2022.
- *Peace Research in Sweden (PRIS)* network, Board member, 2016–2017.
- *Martin H:son Holmdahl Scholarship Committee*, Member, November 2014–2017.
- *Doktorandnämnden (The Doctoral Board)*, Uppsala Student Union, Vice Chairperson, June 2013–June 2015.
- *Akademiska Senaten (Academic Senate)*, Uppsala University, Presiding Committee Member, June 2013–June 2015.
- *Governing Board (Fakultetsnämnden)*, Faculty of Social Sciences, Uppsala University, Board Member, September 2010–June 2012.
- *PhD Student Association of the Faculty of Social Sciences (Sambällsvetenskapliga doktorandrådet, SDR)*, Uppsala University, Chairperson, September 2010–June 2012; election board, 2013–2014.
- *Faculty Appointment Review Committee for Lecturers*, Faculty of Social Sciences, Uppsala University, Reserve PhD student representative, September 2011–June 2012 and September 2013–June 2014.

#### **Parental leave**

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May-October 2012:	100% parental leave
October-December 2012:	80% parental leave
April-December 2015:	100% parental leave

## **Language skills**

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*Swedish*: native speaker

*English*: excellent knowledge in speech and in writing

*French*: good knowledge in speech and in writing

*German, Spanish, and Kiswahili*: some knowledge in speech and in writing