

Curricula Vitae ANDERS SJÖBORG (born December 17, 1965) (version June 30, 2026)

Degrees (all at Uppsala University, abbreviated UU)

MA in Social sciences of religion (1990), MA in Teaching (1992), Teologie licentiatexamen Sociology of Religion (2003), PhD Sociology of Religion (2006), Docent Sociology of Religion (2013)

Employment

Present

2014-07-01—Senior lecturer, Sociology of Religion, Dept of Theology, UU (100%)

Major project grants

As PI:

Post-doctoral grant, Swedish Research Council (VR), dnr 2007-8139: *Silence, conflict or exoticism? Views of religion and Religious Education among senior high school students and teachers in multicultural Sweden*. 1 326 000 SEK.

Project grant (with Malin Löfstedt), Swedish Research Council (VR), dnr 2013:2318, *Teaching Religion in Late Modern Sweden. Professionalism on the border between public and private*. 7 003 000 SEK.

Research initiation grant (with Hans-Georg Ziebertz), Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ) To host an international workshop on Human Rights, Religion and Education.

As co-applicant:

Assistant Coordinator for the *Impact of Religion – Challenges for Society, Law and Democracy*, a centre of excellence program at CRS, UU, funded by Swedish Research Council (VR) and Uppsala University, 2007-2017.

Partner and convenor for the NOS-HS workshop *Complexity and Beyond in Studies of Religiosity in the Nordic Countries (CBSR)*, 2021-2022.

Partner and convenor for the research program *Religion and Citizenship*, at Technical University of Dortmund, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education, 2021-2024.

Other international project experience:

Responsible for the Swedish participation in the international project *Human Rights and Religion* (2006-2011) (project leader Johannes van der Ven, Nijmegen). The Swedish participation included survey translation and validation, distribution and reporting (n=1144). I was also on the coordination committee for the follow-up study *Religion and Human Rights 2.0* (2012-2019), with a developed item battery, now led by Hans-Georg Ziebertz, Würzburg.

Involvement in post graduate education

- Main supervisor for PhD-candidate Maximilian Broberg, Sociology of Religion, Dept of Theology, UU, 2014-2019. Doctoral thesis *'Stay Awhile and Listen': Understanding the Dynamics of Mediatization, Authority, and Literacy in Swedish Religious Education*, in sociology of religion, on December 13, 2019.
- Main supervisor for PhD-candidate Anna Wrammert, Sociology of Religion with Didactics, Dept of Theology, UU, 2016-2021. Doctoral thesis *Med(ie)vetenhet, motstånd och engagemang. Gymnasieungdomars tal om och erfarenheter av religion*, in sociology of religion with didactics, on September 17, 2021.
- Co-supervisor for PhD-candidate Josephine Sundqvist, Sociology of Religion, Dept of Theology, UU. She defended her thesis *"Beyond an instrumental approach to religion and development - Challenges for church-based healthcare in Tanzania"* on November 24, 2017.
- Co-supervisor for PhD-candidate Anneli Winell, Sociology of Religion, Dept of Theology, UU. She defended her thesis *'Godis för kropp och själ': Välbefinnande och vardagsandlighet i tre svenska kvinnotidningar*, on March 4, 2016.

- Co-supervisor for PhD-candidate Marta Axner, Sociology of Religion, Dept of Theology, UU. She defended her thesis *Public Religions in Swedish Media: A Study of Religious Actors on Three Newspaper Debate Pages 2001-2011*, on October 25, 2013.
- Co-supervisor for PhD-candidate Cristoffer Tideliuss, Sociology of Religion, Dept of Theology, UU, 2018-2024. He defended his thesis "*Paranormal Sweden?: Paranormal beliefs and practices in contemporary Sweden*" on February 16, 2024.
- Co-supervisor for PhD-candidate Kerstin Almegård, Ecclesiology, Dept of Theology, UU.
- Discussant for the final version of Marcus Moberg's thesis manuscript in comparative religion at Åbo Akademi University, Finland, April 6, 2009.
- Pre-examiner for the PhD thesis of Marcus Moberg in comparative religion, at the Faculty of Theology at Åbo Akademi University, Finland, summer 2009.
- Faculty opponent at TM Marcus Moberg's oral defence for his doctoral thesis *Faster for the Master! Exploring Issues of Religious Expression and Alternative Christian Identity within the Finnish Christian Metal Music Scene*, in comparative religion, for the degree of Doctor of Theology, at the Åbo Akademi University, Finland, December 4, 2009.
- Discussant for the final version of Karin Jarnkvist's thesis manuscript in sociology of religion at Umeå University, April 27, 2011.
- Discussant for the final version of Birgit Lindgren Ödén's thesis manuscript in comparative religion at Åbo Akademi University, Finland, held at Södertörn University, November 28, 2013.
- Pre-examiner for the PhD thesis of Birgit Lindgren Ödén in comparative religion, at the Faculty of humanities, psychology and theology at Åbo Akademi University, Finland, March 9, 2015.
- Faculty opponent at FM Birgit Lindgren's oral defence for her doctoral thesis *Från ung till vuxen i omställningens tid: en longitudinell studie av värderingar med utgångspunkt i Ingleharts teori om den tysta revolutionen*, in comparative religion, at the Faculty of humanities, psychology and theology at Åbo Akademi University, Finland, September 11, 2015.
- Member of examination committee at Åsa Schumann's oral defence for her doctoral thesis *Vilken mening!?: En blandad metodstudie i religionspsykologi av meningsskapandets betydelse för skolungdomar*, in psychology of religion, at the Faculty of Theology, Uppsala University, December 21, 2018.
- Member of examination committee at Jonna Arousells oral defence for her doctoral thesis : *Sacred Ideals: Equality and Diversity in Swedish Reproductive Healthcare*, in medical sciences, at the Faculty of Medicine, Uppsala University, October 18, 2019.
- Member of examination committee at Victor Dudas' oral defence for his doctoral thesis *Exploring the identity of a group of Assyrian/Syriac young adolescents in Sweden: A mixed-methods study within the discipline of Psychology of Religion and the research field of Identity Development*, in psychology of religion, at the Faculty of Theology, Uppsala University, December 11, 2020.

Scientific communities

Religionssociologiska föreningen i Sverige (Swedish Association for the Sociology of Religion) 2011-(member); 2016-2024 (board member); 2019-2024 (board member, treasurer)
 British Sociological Association (BSA) Study of Religion Group 2010-
 International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR) 2013-
 Nationellt nätverk för religionskunskapens och etikens didaktik, NFR (National network for Religious Education, Sweden) 2009-

Commissions - selection

- Director, Uppsala Religion and Society Research Centre (CRS), UU, 2012-02-01–2014-08-31.
- Member of the faculty board, Faculty of Theology, UU, 2014-07-01-2026-06-30.
- Deputy head of department, Dept of Theology, UU, 2014-07-01-2017-06-30.
- Head of department, Dept of Theology, UU, 2017-07-01-2026-06-30.

- Director for the English Park Campus, UU, 2020-07-01-2026-06-30.
- Reviewer for Research Council of Norway, Kulver-program, April 2009
- Reviewer for National Science Centre, Poland, March 2015
- Reviewer for position as doctoral candidate, University of Agder, Norway, March 2016
- Reviewer for qualification as “docent”, Höskolan Väst, May, 2021
- Peer reviewer for *Ethnicity and Health*, 2011; *YOUNG Nordic Journal for Youth Research*, 2014, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021; *International Journal of Peace and Development Studies*, 2015; *Teologisk tidsskrift*, 2015, *Nordic Journal for Human Rights*, 2016, *British Journal for Religious Education*, 2016, 2017, *Social Compass*, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2025; *Journal for the Social Scientific Study of Religion* 2020, 2021; *Nordic Journal for Religion and Society*, 2023; *Springer International Publishing*, 2015, 2017
- Editor for *YOUNG Nordic Journal for Youth Research* June 2014-September 2017

Ten selected publications (peer reviewed)

Botvar P K, **Sjöborg A.** (2012): Views on Human Rights among Christian, Muslim and non-religious youth in Norway and Sweden. *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*; 25(1):67-81.

Sjöborg, A. (2013): Religious Education and Intercultural Understanding: Exploring the role of religiosity for upper secondary school students' attitudes towards RE. *British Journal of Religious Education*. 35(1):36-54.

Sjöborg, A. (2015): Dealing with Religious Diversity: The Aims and Realities of Religious Education in Sweden. In: *The State as an Actor in Religion Policy: Policy Cycle and Governance Perspectives on Institutionalized Religion*. M. Grazia Martino. Berlin: Springer; p. 119-132.

Sjöborg, A. (2015): ‘One Needs to be Free’: Making sense of young people’s talk about religion in multicultural Sweden. *Journal of Religious Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40839-016-0020-6>

Ziebertz, H., Unser, A., Döhnert, S., **Sjöborg, A.** (2017): The influence of the socio-cultural environment and personality on attitudes towards Human Rights. In: *Religion, Education and Human Rights: Theoretical and Empirical Perspectives*, Sjöborg, Ziebertz, (eds.) Springer. 139-164

Botvar, P., **Sjöborg, A.** (2018): Social Conflicts, Religion and Human Rights Support: A study of young Christians and Muslims in Scandinavia. In: *Political and judicial rights through the prism of religious belief*, Sterkens & Ziebertz (eds.) Berlin: Springer.

Sjöborg, A., Löfstedt, M. (2018): Balancing on the Borders: How Swedish Teachers Deal with Personal Experiences of Religion in Non-Confessional Religious Education. In: *Religious Experience and Experiencing Religion in Religious Education*, Riegel, Leven & Fleming (eds.). Münster: Waxmann. 171-186

Löfstedt, M., **A. Sjöborg** (2020): Tolerance and Criticism within Religious Education. A Constructive Critique of Religion: Encounters between Christianity, Islam and Non-religion in Secular Societies. Lövheim, Stenmark, (eds.). London: Bloomsbury.

Sjöborg, A. (2025): Public Servants on Public Religion: Attitudes among Swedish Teachers of Religious Education. *Nordic Journal of Religion and Society*. 2025: 38 (1) <https://doi.org/10.18261/njrs.38.1.1>.

Sjöborg, A. (2025). Schools and Religious Complexity: Lessons from four Nordic countries. In: *Changing Religiosities in the Nordic Countries. A complexity perspective*. Andersen & Gundelach (eds.), Leiden: Brill.(accepted, released August 28, 2025)