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Current Research Interests: synergies between peacebuilding and democratization; the role of ex-combatants in politics; conditioning factors of political reintegration of ex-combatants; policy feedback and the creation of politics as a result of policy design/implementation, such as Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR); international involvement in peacebuilding, the UN; comparative politics; Liberia, Sierra Leone; Namibia; Africa; Colombia; veteran politics; electoral politics; electoral violence and fear; political knowledge; political mobilization; post-war party politics; statebuilding, taxation, political sociology; methodology; focus groups; life history interviews.

Teaching Interests: Substantive: UN involvement in peacebuilding, post-civil war politics; political behavior, political sociology, peacebuilding, democratization, taxation, comparative politics, African politics. Methodological: focus groups, life history interviews; experiments, participant observation, regression analysis, MLE

Education and Degrees:

Docent (political science), Oct 2017, Uppsala University.

PhD (political science), Dec 2011, Dept of Government, Uppsala University. Advisors: Li Bennich-Björkman, Anna Jarstad & Anirudh Krishna. Thesis: "Politics of Affection: Ex-Combatants, Political Engagement and Reintegration Programs in Liberia."

Degree of Master of Developing Democracy, 2005, Dept of Archaeology & Ancient History, Uppsala University. Interdisciplinary courses, including political science, law, social anthropology, peace and conflict studies, antique

history and history of science and ideas. Thesis: "Demobilization, Disarmament & Democratization – Explaining the Mozambican Transition."

Degree of Master of Social Science (political science), 2005, Dept of Government, Uppsala University. Courses included political science, African studies, social psychology, history of science and ideas. Thesis: "A Narrative Explanation of South Africa's intervention in Lesotho: Bringing the Renaissance back in?"

Degree of Bachelor of Social Science (political science), 2004, Dept of Government, Uppsala University.¹ Courses included political science with a focus on crisis management, history of science and ideas, development studies and international cooperation, economic history.

International Baccalaureate, 2000, Waterford Kamhlaba United World College of Southern Africa, Swaziland, 40 points.

Employment Record (selection):

2019, Oct – Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer in political science, Department of Government, Uppsala University

2018, Jul – Sep 2019 Researcher, Department of Government, Uppsala University

2017, Sep – Jun 2018 EURIAS research fellow, at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences. The fellowship is co-funded by the EURIAS Fellowship Programme and by the European Commission (Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions - COFUND Programme - FP7).

2017, Sep – Jun 2018 Associate Professor (Professor II), Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen

2017, Jan – Aug Associate Professor (untenured), Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen

2014 – 2016 postdoc funded by the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders' Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) at the Department of Government, Uppsala University

2013 Helped develop a database and coding procedures for a project run by Shirin Ahlbäck Öberg and Helena Wockelberg, "The Politics of Public Administration Policy: Explaining and Evaluating Public Performance Management in Sweden"

2012 Guest researcher at the Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen

2012 Guest researcher at the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen

¹ Courses were also taken at Vesalius College, Brussels, University of Gothenburg, University of Stockholm and the National Defense College, Sweden.

- 2012, Oct Guest researcher at the Department of Political Science, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá
- 2012-2013 Post-doc researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute
- 2010, fall Guest researcher at the African Studies Program, New College, University of Toronto
- 2009-2010 Research coordinator for the Uppsala Forum on Peace, Democracy and Justice, Uppsala University
- 2008 Administered and evaluated scholarship applications for minor field studies in developing countries, Department of Government, Uppsala University.
- 2007-2011 Enrolled in PhD program at the Department of Government, Uppsala University.
- 2007-2010 Teaching Assistant for Regression Analysis II, with Prof. Timothy McDaniel at the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2004 Political Analyst, political analysis and intelligence briefings concerning the UN mission to Liberia and neighboring countries, Swedish Military Intelligence, Stockholm.
- 2001 Senior-level teacher, English and Swedish, Vallaskolan, Sala.

Professional Service:

Reviewer for: *Administration & Society; American Political Science Review; Anthropological Quarterly; Citizenship Studies; Civil Wars; Colombia Internacional; Conflict, Security and Development; Contemporary Security Policy; Cooperation and Conflict; Democratization; European Political Science Review; International Security; International Theory; Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Peace Research; Journal of Peacebuilding and Development; Journal of Social and Political Psychology; Nordic Journal of African Studies; Peace and Change; Peacebuilding; Political Psychology; Qualitative Research, Security Studies; Third World Quarterly, War and Society, World Politics.*

Panel organizer at: SWEPSA (2008, 2016); ECAS (2011, 2015); ISA (2012, 2019, 2021); CRS (2023).

Chair Working Group for Equal Opportunities, Faculty of Social Sciences (2023-)

Member of the Reference Group for the Evaluation of Swedish long-term development cooperation with Liberia (2003-2021), organized by The Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA) during 2023.

Member of the board for the Department of Government (2022-2025).

Member of the "Samverkansgruppen för en god forskningsmiljö" (network for improving the research environment at Swedish universities and beyond).

Served on the jury for the Cedric Smith prize, at the Conflict Research Society conference 2018, Birmingham.

ERC ethics advisor for Ursula Daxecker's project "Elections, Violence, and Parties" 2021-2026.

Additional reviewer tasks: reviewed research application for the Icelandic Research Fund (2017); reviewed promotion application for the Christian Michelsen Institute (2017, Norway); reviewed research grants for the Swedish Research Council (2020); upgrade panel for Tatiana Suarez, School of Advanced Study, University of London (2020); grading committee Cecilia Fåhraeus, Department of Social and Economic Geography, Uppsala University (2020); external examiner Alex Maxwell, Glasgow University (2022); external expert for a senior lectureship in sociology, Linnaeus University (2022).

Organized workshop on: *Taxation and state-society relations in a comparative perspective*, at NOPSA (virtual) 2021; *Challenges of making peace researchable - methodological pluralism, opportunities and pitfalls*, virtual workshop in Uppsala, Sweden, June 9-10 2021, together with Elisabeth Olivius; *Relational Peace* in Uppsala May 2019, together with Malin Åkebo and Anna Jarstad; *Dynamics of Party Politics After War* in Bergen, March 2015, together with Gyda Marås Sindre; *Post-War Democracy* in Uppsala, June 2014, together with Anna Jarstad.

- 2015 –2016 Equality Officer at the Department of Government (jämställdhetsombud)
- 2015 Member of PhD fellowship committee at the Department of Government, Uppsala University. *Committee consisted of three members, who scrutinized 198 applications.*
- 2015 Member of the Nomination Committee for selecting the new Head of Department
- 2014 Chair for the Uppsala Political Science Association
- 2013 –2015 Convener of the qualitative method seminar series at the Department of Government.
- 2013 Vice chair for the Uppsala Political Science Association
- 2012 Member of PhD fellowship committee at the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen.
- 2010-2011 Union Representative in the local SACO (the Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations) association at the Department of Government.
- 2008-2010 Secretary on the board of PhD candidates at faculty level
- 2008 Secretary for the Uppsala Political Science Association
- 2007-2010 Treasurer for local PhD organization

Doctoral Supervision:

Johanna Nilsson, Department of Government, Uppsala University. Enrolled September 2013. Defended licentiate thesis February 2024. Main supervisor.

Anna Ida Rock, Department of Government, Uppsala University. Enrolled September 2014, defended 2021. Assistant supervisor.

Teaching:

Nominated for the "Uppsala Politicesstuderandes Pedagogikpris" (best teacher award from the Students of the Bachelor's Program in Political Science, Uppsala University) 2014

Head of subject, Development Studies (2022-2023)

Peace, War & Democratization (master course) (lectures, seminars)

Governance and the State (master course) (lectures, seminars)

Medborgare och Samhälle (A-level) (course convener)

Development Policy as Practice (B-level) (course convener, lectures, seminars and examination)

Method C, Political Science (course convener, lectures, seminars, course development)

Method B, Development Studies (lectures, seminars)

Method B, Political Science and Development Studies (seminars)

Quantitative methods (for the Master's Program in Politics and International Studies) (seminars, course development)

Qualitative methods (master course University of Bergen, Comparative politics)

Regression Analysis (doctoral students) (teaching assistant, Ann Arbor)

Bachelor and Master thesis advisor and examiner (Uppsala and Bergen)

Conducted pedagogical education

Rösten som arbetsredskap, September 2009, ½ day.

Kursvärderingar – en del i kvalitetsarbetet, May 2013, ½ day.

Högskolepedagogisk grundkurs, University teacher training course for teachers in higher education at Uppsala University, fall 2013, five weeks.

Vidareutbildning med Metod C lärarlag, May 2014, 2 days. Planned and held professional development workshop.

Forskarhandledningskurs. Course in doctoral supervision. Spring 2015, three weeks.

Doktorandhandledning på djupet. Course in doctoral supervision, 5 seminars, one week, 2019-2021.

Pedagogisk projektkurs. Course in pedagogical development, each participant designed their own project. The project was entitled "A survey study of supervisory styles and student thesis outcomes at Uppsala University course" and done together with Moa Mårtensson, Fall 2021, three weeks.

Publications of particular importance for teaching

1. Mårtensson, Moa and Johanna Söderström. 2025 (online first). "[How does supervision shape student thesis outcomes? Expanding the theory and measurement of supervision and its impact.](#)" *Journal of Political Science Education*: 1-18.
2. Boulanger Martel, Simon Pierre; Anna Jarstad; Elisabeth Olivius; Johanna Söderström, Marie-Joëlle Zahar, Malin Åkebo. 2024. "[Peace with Adjectives: Conceptual Fragmentation or Conceptual Innovation?](#)" *International Studies Review* 26(2): 1-23.
3. Söderström, Johanna. 2022. "Life histories and life diagrams." In *Handbook of Qualitative Cross-Cultural Research: A Social Science Perspective*, ed. P. Liamputtong, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
4. Söderström, Johanna. 2020. "Life diagrams – a methodological and analytical tool for accessing life histories." *Qualitative Research* 20(1): 3-21. Online first 2019.
5. Söderström, Johanna. 2016. "Livsberättelser: Att leva och förstå politik efter krig." In *Introduktion till Politisk etnografi – metoder för statsvetare*, eds. M.-T. Gustafsson and L. Johannesson, pp. 83-103. Malmö: Gleerups.
6. Söderström, Johanna. 2011. "Focus Groups: Safety in Numbers?" in *Understanding Peace Research: Methods and Challenges*, eds. K Höglund and M Öberg, pp 146-164. London & New York: Routledge.

Editorial Activities:

Guest editor for special issue in *Conflict, Security and Development*, 2022

Guest editor for special issue in *Civil Wars*, 2016

Guest editor for special issue in *Democratization*, fall 2011.

Academic Memberships:

Member of the research network [Varieties of Peace](#).

A steering member of the [Politics After War Network](#).

Member of "[Samverkansgruppen för en god forskningsmiljö](#)"

Grants (selection):

Project grant for educational development at Uppsala University (PUMA/PUDU), main applicant: *Towards evidence-based supervision? A study of the connection between thesis supervision and student outcomes at Uppsala University*, grant number Dnr UFV 2022/2669 (243,576 SEK).

Demokrati och Högre Utbildning (Uppsala University), main applicant: *Promoting equality and pluralism through supervision in higher education?* grant number Dnr HUMSAM 2023/33 (545,249 SEK).

The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond), co-applicant: *Varieties of Peace: a relational approach*, grant number P19-1494:1 (4,265,000 SEK). Main applicant Anna Jarstad.

FORTE (Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare), main applicant: *The Politics of Resentment in Sweden and the United States: Emotion, Motivation and Identity*, grant number 2018-00583 (4,130,000 SEK). Project together with Markus Holdo.

The Swedish Research Council, main applicant: *The Everyday Practice of Paying Taxes in Sub-Saharan Africa*, grant number 2016-05607 (3,300,000 SEK).

The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond), co-applicant: *Varieties of Peace*, grant number M16-0297:1 (9,320,000 SEK). Research program at Umeå University, main applicant Anna Jarstad.

The Sasakawa Young Leaders' Fellowship Fund (SYLFF): *Ex-Combatant Party Members: A Life of Politics?* (Scholarship 290,000 SEK per year, three years, main applicant).

Faculty of Social Sciences, Uppsala University, main applicant: Kvalitetshöjande projekt vid metodkursen på Statskunskap C (pedagogical grant, course development) (432,000 SEK).

The Swedish Research Council, co-applicant: *Navigating between Big Man Politics and Democratisation: Local Perceptions and Individual Agency in Processes of Electoral Violence*, grant number 421-2011-1438 (3,430,000 SEK).

The Johan Skytte Manuscript Workshop (*Ex-Combatants and Veterans Coming Home*)

Studentkårens Nordiska resestipendium (post-doc grant, 1 year in Bergen)

Internationella kansliets lärarutbyte (teacher exchange travel grant)

Johan Skytte resestipendium för doktorander (travel grant, visiting researcher Toronto)

SAREC, SIDA (doctoral project): *Democratic Citizenship through Peacebuilding? Investigating the Reintegration of Ex-Combatants in Liberia* (2,280,000 SEK)

NAI (travel grant, Liberia)

Stiftelsen Siamon (travel grant, ICPSR Ann Arbor, USA)

Rektors Resebidrag (travel grant, Liberia)

Göransson-Sandviken resestipendium (travel grants, Liberia, Canada)

Borbos Erik Hansson (travel grants, conferences)

Håkansson's resestipendium (travel grants, ICPSR)

Atmerstiftelsen (travel grant, Colombia, Namibia)

Sederholms (travel grant, Namibia)

Publications:

1. Söderström, Johanna, and Lise Rakner. Forthcoming. "Imagining Solidarity around Taxation in Namibia – Generalized or Personal, Calculative or Affective?" *Journal of Modern African Studies*.
2. Mårtensson, Moa and Johanna Söderström. 2025 (online first). ["How does supervision shape student thesis outcomes? Expanding the theory and measurement of supervision and its impact."](#) *Journal of Political Science Education*: 1-18.
3. Söderström, Johanna, Markus Holdo, and Alice Junman. 2024 (online first). ["Uncomfortable interviews: a research journey of discomfort and how to make the most of it."](#) *Qualitative Research*.
4. Boulanger Martel, Simon Pierre; Anna Jarstad; Elisabeth Olivius; Johanna Söderström, Marie-Joëlle Zahar, Malin Åkebo. 2024. ["Peace with Adjectives: Conceptual Fragmentation or Conceptual Innovation?"](#) *International Studies Review* 26(2): 1-23.
5. Söderström, Johanna. 2023. ["Relational Peace among Elites in Cambodia? Domination, Distrust and Dependency."](#) In A. Jarstad, J. Söderström, & M. Åkebo (Eds.), pp. 51-73. *Relational Peace Practices*. Manchester: Manchester University Press. Chapter 2. [Watch video here](#).
6. Jarstad, Anna, Johanna Söderström, and Malin Åkebo. 2023. *Relational Peace Practices*. Edited volume. Manchester: Manchester University Press. [Watch videos here](#).
7. Pellerin, Camille & Johanna Söderström. 2023. ["Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's? Making Sense of Tax Non-Compliance in Ethiopia."](#) *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 16(3):395-414.
8. Söderström, Johanna & Marcus Wangel. 2023. ["Public Channels of Access and State–Citizen Encounters in the Namibian Tax System."](#) *Administration & Society* 55(2): 264–293. Online first 2022.
9. Söderström, Johanna. 2022. "Life histories and life diagrams." In *Handbook of Qualitative Cross-Cultural Research: A Social Science Perspective*, ed. P. Liamputtong, pp. 196-213. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
10. Söderström, Johanna, & Elisabeth Olivius. 2022. ["Pluralism, temporality and affect – methodological challenges of making peace researchable."](#) *Conflict, Security and Development* 22(5): 411-433.
11. Söderström, Johanna. 2022. ["Taxation in Namibia, an everyday political practice without deliberation and influence."](#) *Journal of Modern African Studies* 60(2): 197-216.
12. Söderström, Johanna, Malin Åkebo, and Anna Jarstad. 2021. ["Friends, Fellows, and Foes: A new framework for studying relational peace."](#) *International Studies Review* 23(3): 484-508. Online first 2020.
13. Söderström, Johanna. 2020. *Living Politics After War: Ex-Combatants and Veterans Coming Home*. Manchester: Manchester University Press. [Watch video here](#).
14. Söderström, Johanna. 2020. ["Life diagrams – a methodological and analytical tool for accessing life histories."](#) *Qualitative Research* 20(1): 3-21. Online first 2019.

15. Söderström, Johanna. 2020. "The Gendered Impact of Crime on Political Knowledge: How crime impacts cognition among citizens in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Democracy and Security* 16(2): 105-122. Online first 2019.
16. Söderström, Johanna. 2019. "Seeking recognition, becoming citizens – achievements and grievances among former combatants from three wars". *Conflict and Society: Advances in Research* 5(1): 168-185.
17. Söderström, Johanna. 2018. "Fear of electoral violence and its impact on political knowledge in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Political Studies* 66(4): 869-886. Online first 2017.
18. Jarstad, Anna, Malin Åkebo, Patrik Johansson, Philippa Barnes, Niklas Eklund, Malin Eklund Wimelius, Elisabeth Olivius, Abrak Saati, Dzenan Sahovic, Veronica Strandh, and Johanna Söderström. 2017. "Varieties of Peace. Presentation of a research program." Umeå: Umeå Working Papers in Peace and Conflict Studies, no 9.
19. Oppenheim, Ben, and Johanna Söderström. 2018. "Citizens by Design? Explaining Ex-Combatant Satisfaction with Reintegration Programming" *Journal of Development Studies* 54(1): 133-152. Online first 2017.
20. Sindre, Gyda Marås, and Johanna Söderström. 2016. "Introduction to Special Issue: Understanding Armed Groups and Party Politics." *Civil Wars* 18(2): 109-117.
21. Söderström, Johanna. 2016. "The Resilient, the Remobilized and the Removed: Party Mobilization among Former M19 Combatants." *Civil Wars* 18 (2): 214-233.
22. Söderström, Johanna. 2016. "Livsberättelser: Att leva och förstå politik efter krig." In *Introduktion till Politisk etnografi – metoder för statsvetare*, eds. M.-T. Gustafsson and L. Johannesson, pp. 83-103. Malmö: Gleerups.
23. Söderström, Johanna. 2015. "Namibian Peace since 1989: Stunted Promise?" *Peace agreements in the 1990s – what are the outcomes 20 years later?*, ed. A. Jarstad, E. Olivius and M. Åkebo. Umeå: Umeå Working Papers in Peace and Conflict Studies, no 8. ISSN 1654-2398.
24. Söderström, Johanna. 2015. *Peacebuilding and Ex-Combatants: Political Reintegration in Liberia*. London & New York: Routledge.
25. Söderström, Johanna. 2014. "Dissent and Opposition among Ex-Combatants in Liberia" in *Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, eds. E Green, J Söderström, and E Uddhammar, pp 112-133. Abingdon & New York: Routledge.²
26. Green, Elliott, Johanna Söderström and Emil Uddhammar. Eds. 2014. *Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Abingdon & New York: Routledge.³
27. Söderström, Johanna. 2013. "The concept of Political Reintegration in current peace research." Department of Government, Working Paper Series 2013: 5.
28. Söderström, Johanna. 2013. "Second Time Around: Ex-Combatants at the Polls." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 51 (3): 409-433.
29. Söderström, Johanna. 2013. "The Political Consequences of Reintegration Programs in Current Peacebuilding: A Framework for Analysis" *Conflict, Security & Development* 13(1): 87-116.

² This chapter is a reprint of the article published in *Democratization* in 2011.

³ This edited book builds on the special issue published in *Democratization* in 2011, but it has been extended.

30. Söderström, Johanna. 2012. "Reply to Terrence Lyons". *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift* 114(3): 507-508.
31. Söderström, Johanna. 2011. *Politics of Affection: Ex-Combatants, Political Engagement and Reintegration Programs in Liberia*. Department of Government, Uppsala University, Uppsala. Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis. Skrifter utgivna av Statsvetenskapliga föreningen i Uppsala: 181.
32. Söderström, Johanna. 2011. "Dissent and Opposition among Ex-Combatants in Liberia" *Democratization* 18(5): 1146-1167.
33. Uddhammar, Emil, Green, Elliott D, and Johanna Söderström. 2011. "Political Opposition and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Democratization* 18(5): 1057-1066.
34. Söderström, Johanna. 2011. "Focus Groups: Safety in Numbers?" in *Understanding Peace Research: Methods and Challenges*, eds. K Höglund and M Öberg, pp 146-164. London & New York: Routledge.
35. Söderström, Johanna. 2010. "Ex-Combatants at the Polls: Exploring Focus Groups & Electoral Meaning." *Anthropology Matters* 12(1).
36. Söderström, Johanna. 2009. "Valerfarenheter bland f.d. kombattanter – en ny syn på demokrati i Liberia?" *Politica* 41(3): 300-314.

Non peer-reviewed publications:

1. Pellerin, Camille, and Johanna Söderström. 2023. "Tax evasion is rife in Ethiopia despite the government crackdown." July 11 2023. (Cited August 24 2023). Africa at LSE: Analysis and Debate. <<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/africaatlse/2023/07/11/tax-evasion-is-rife-in-ethiopia-despite-the-government-crackdown/>>
2. Söderström, Johanna, and Lise Rakner. 2019. "Let's Talk About Tax..." *The Namibian*, October 4 2019, 10. <<https://www.namibian.com.na/83958/read/Lets-Talk-About-Tax>>.
3. Söderström, Johanna. 2014. "Ebola and the Ex-Combatant Community." Cultural Anthropology, Fieldsights - Hot Spots. (Cited October 7 2014). <<http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/601-ebola-and-the-ex-combatant-community>>.
4. Söderström, Johanna. 2014. "Getting From Insurgency to Politics." *World Politics Review*, June 17. (Cited June 18, 2014). <<http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/13863/getting-from-insurgency-to-politics>>.
5. Söderström, Johanna. 2012. *The Waiting Continues in Sierra Leone*. (Cited February 18 2013). <<https://matsutas.wordpress.com/2012/11/23/the-waiting-continues-in-sierra-leone-guest-post-by-johanna-soderstrom/>>
6. Söderström, Johanna. 2013. Ex-Combatants at the Polls in Liberia. How do elections generate legitimacy? (Cited November 19 2013). <<http://democracyinafrica.org/ex-combatants-polls-liberia-elections-generate-legitimacy/>>
7. Jennstål, Julia och Johanna Söderström. 2013. Mandela gjorde politik av moral. (Cited December 6 2013). <http://www.svd.se/mandela-gjorde-politik-av-moral>

Media participation:

"Liberias kamp mot ebola." Dec 3, 2014. In Vetandets värld: Sveriges radio.

Unpublished manuscripts

1. Söderström, Johanna, Markus Holdo, and Alice Junman. "The Affective Paradox in Populist Twitter Communities: Emotional Capital and Emotional Liability." RnR with *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*.

Recent Conference Papers (selection):

1. Söderström, Johanna. "Post-war generations in Namibia: imagining peace and role identities." Paper presented at presented at PRiS's biannual conference, "Peace and Conflict Research in Challenging Times", 28-29 November, 2024, Gothenburg, Sweden.
2. Söderström, Johanna, Markus Holdo, and Alice Junman. "Uncomfortable interviews: a research journey of discomfort and how to make the most of them." Paper presented at CRS, 11-13 September 2023, London, UK.
3. Söderström, Johanna, and Markus Holdo. "Emotional Capital and Emotional Liability, how twitter activists navigate affect" Paper presented at the ISA 2023 Annual Convention, March 15-18, 2023, Montréal, Canada.
4. Boulanger Martel, Simon Pierre; Anna Jarstad; Elisabeth Olivius; Johanna Söderström, Marie-Joëlle Zahar, Malin Åkebo. "Peace with Adjectives: Conceptual Fragmentation or Conceptual Innovation?" Paper presented at the ISA 2023 Annual Convention, March 15-18, 2023, Montréal, Canada.
5. Holdo, Markus and Johanna Söderström "Rage and Rationality in the Far Right – Emotions as Capital and Liability" paper presented at CRS, 7-9 September 2022, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
6. Söderström, Johanna, and Lise Rakner. "Imagining Solidarity around Taxation in Namibia – Generalized or Personal, Calculative or Affective?" paper presented at NOPSA, 10 – 13 August 2021, (virtual) Reykjavik, Iceland.
7. Pellerin, Camille & Johanna Söderström. "'Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's'? Making Sense of Tax Non-Compliance in Ethiopia." paper presented at NOPSA, 10 – 13 August 2021, (virtual) Reykjavik, Iceland.
8. Söderström, Johanna. "Imagining peace in letters to the editor – Namibia's trajectory from 1985 to 2004 (2020)," presented at ISA's Annual Convention, April 6th - 9th, 2021.
9. Söderström, Johanna. "Interviewing (a) post-war generation(s): peace and role identities," presented at ISA's Annual Convention, April 6th - 9th, 2021.
10. Söderström, Johanna. "Relational peace among elites in Cambodia? Domination, distrust and dependency," presented at the annual conference of Conflict Research Society (CRS), "Rethinking Conflict Research and Practice in a Post-Liberal World", Brighton, UK, September 8-10, 2019.
11. Söderström, Johanna, Malin Åkebo & Anna Jarstad. "Friends, Fellows and Foes: A new framework for studying relational peace," presented at ISA's 60th annual convention, March 27th - 30th 2019, Toronto.
12. Söderström, Johanna, Åkebo, Malin, & Anna Jarstad. "Friends, Fellows and Foes: A new framework for studying relational peace," presented at the PRIS Biennial Conference 2018: "Reassessing peace and conflict research", at the Department of Political Science, Lund University, 27-28 September, 2018.

13. "Seeking recognition, becoming citizens – achievements and grievances among former combatants from three wars" presented at the Conflict Research Society's Annual Conference "Rethinking the Transition from Violence to Peace in Uncertain Times," Birmingham, 17-18 September, 2018.
14. "Being a veteran, being a citizen. Identity construction across three wars" presented at workshop "Ex-Combatant and Veteran Policies and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa: A comparative Perspective", at University of St Andrews, Scotland, 25-27 April 2018.
15. "Veteran networks across a lifetime: a comparison of Vietnam veterans, former M-19 guerrillas and PLAN ex-fighters" presented at the FBA Research Working Group on DDR, IAWG DDR Workshop Research Side-Event, in Stockholm, 20 October 2017.
16. "Veteran networks across a lifetime: a comparison of Vietnam veterans, former M-19 guerrillas and PLAN ex-fighters" presented at "The Making of Peace, Conflict and Security Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion", the 6th Bi-annual Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology meeting (PACSA), Amsterdam, August 28-30, 2017.
17. "How can we know why citizens pay taxes? Data and method needs in a new field of research," presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the ASA, in Washington D.C., December 1-3, 2016.
18. "Life diagrams – a methodological and analytical tool for accessing life histories," presented at the 112th APSA annual meeting, in Philadelphia, September 1st - 4th 2016.
19. "Political Knowledge in the Aftermath of Violence," presented at the Swedish National Conference on Peace and Conflict Research, in Malmö, April 14th - 15th 2016.
20. "The Resilient, the Remobilized and the Removed: Party Mobilization among Former M19 Combatants," presented at ISA's 57th Annual Convention, in Atlanta, March 16th - 19th 2016.
21. "Political Knowledge in the Aftermath of Violence," presented at ISA's 57th Annual Convention, in Atlanta, March 16th - 19th 2016.
22. "Citizens by Design: Explaining Ex-Combatant Satisfaction with Reintegration Programming", presented at the Folke Bernadotte Academy conference on Research for Peace, in Stockholm, June 7-8th 2015. Co-authored paper with Ben Oppenheim.
23. "Political Mobilization after Armed Demobilization?", presented at the Nordic Political Science Association's XVII Congress, in Gothenburg, August 12-15th 2014.
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