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CURRENT POSITION

2022– **Doctoral Candidate**, Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden.
Titled: “Religious Leaders and Community Responses to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Evidence from Bosnia and Herzegovina”;
Topic keywords: conflict-related sexual violence, religion, social norms, mental health, resilience.

PUBLICATIONS

Pitino M (2026) Patriarchal norms in religious institutional discourses: a feminist critical discourse analysis of responses to conflict-related sexual violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Front. Polit. Sci.* 8:1884764. doi: 10.3389/fpos.2026.1884764

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023- present **Assistant Event Coordinator**, the “Speaker Series” visiting researchers’ events, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

May 2025 – **Visiting Doctoral Stay**, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, Georgetown University, USA.

October 2024 – April 2025 **Research Associate**, The Uppsala Global Mental Health and Peace Initiative, PI Prof. Karen Brounéus, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

2021 – 2022 **Research Assistant**, “Urban Dilemma Research Project”, PIs Prof. Höglund and Dr. Elfversson, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

2018 – 2022 **Research Assistant**, WomanStats Project, remote position for Dr. Den Boer, University of Kent, Canterbury, England.

2020 – 2021 **Research Assistant**, Uppsala Conflict Data Program, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

EDUCATION

2019 – 2021 **M.A., Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden**
Graduated with Distinction, Thesis Titled: “Destined for Exclusion? Resilient group identities and social acceptance of wartime sexual violence survivors”, awarded The Mats Hammarström Prize.

2016 – 2019 **B.A. (Hons), Politics and International Relations, University of Kent, England**
Graduated with Distinction, Thesis Titled: “Beyond the Ethnic Black Box: Linguistic heterogeneity and civil war”.

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES

2024 - present **Representative for the Department Board of the PhD Corporation,**
Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden.

TEACHING & SUPERVISION

Course convenorship & lecturing

2022 - present **Course convener and lecturer at the Bachelor Level** for B.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies. Cumulative of 619 hours. Courses taught include: Introduction to peace and conflict research; Conflict Resolution; Theory and Research Methods (lecturer only); Conflict Analysis (lecturer only).

Course lecturer at the Master Level. Cumulative of 56 hours.
Courses taught include: Introduction to M.A. thesis; Gender, War and Peace.

Thesis supervision

2022 - present **B.A. thesis supervisor** for BA thesis in Peace and Conflict Studies. Cumulative of 72 hours.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2023 **Best Blog on Women and Security 2023** on Population & Security, sponsored by WIIS Canada. Awarded for “[What the pope failed to say on wartime sexual violence and why it matters](#)”.

2021 **The Mats Hammarström Prize for Outstanding Essay in Peace and Conflict Studies** for the Academic Year 2021, Uppsala University. Awarded to Master Thesis titled “[Destined for Exclusion? Resilient group identities and social acceptance of wartime sexual violence survivors](#)”.

RESEARCH GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships

2025 Anna Maria Lundin Travel Grant. Smålands Nation, Uppsala University.
For visiting research stay at Georgetown Institute of Women, Peace and Security, Georgetown University. Totaling 85,035 SEK

2024 [Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences](#), Scholarship for Research in Social Sciences.
For field research in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Totaling 69,000SEK.

- 2024 [Forskraftstiftelsen Theodor Adelwårds Minne](#), Sweden.
For field research in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Totaling 80,00SEK.
- 2024 Anna Maria Lundin Travel Grant. Smålands Nation, Uppsala University.
For field research in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Totaling 76,800SEK.
- 2017 Financial Award, Partner University Summer School Fund, University of Kent, England. Totaling 1,000GBP.

OP-EDS AND BLOG POSTS

- 2023 [“What the pope failed to say on wartime sexual violence and why it matters”](#)
Academic blog Population & Security.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Sept. 2025 [Conflict Research Society Conference](#), University of Kent, Canterbury. Presented dissertation article “Religious Leaders and Community Responses to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence”
- Sept. 2024 *Workshop on Fieldwork and International Research Collaboration*, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala. Presented dissertation project “Community responses to conflict-related sexual violence”.
- April 2024 *Research Paper Seminar*, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden. Presented dissertation essay “Religious leaders and community responses to conflict-related sexual violence”.
- April 2024 *Doctoral Project Speaker Series*, Department of Political Science, Oslo University, Norway. Presented dissertation essay “Religious leaders and community responses to conflict-related sexual violence”.
- Dec. 2023 *PRIS – Peace Research in Sweden Doctoral Conference*, Lund University, Sweden. Presented dissertation essay “Religious leaders and community responses to conflict-related sexual violence”.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Academic Affiliations

- October 2024 - Member of the working group on “Evidence Building – Faith and Religion in SGBV prevention”, [Sexual Violence Research Institute](#).

Events

- March 2026 Academic Teacher Training Course

October 2024

October 2023 Parliamentary event on “The role of faith-based actors in sustainable development” by *Church of Sweden*, Swedish Parliament, Stockholm, Sweden.
 Parliamentary event on gender-based violence in conflicts by *Socialdemokraterna* and *Kvinna till Kvinna Foundation*, Swedish Parliament, Stockholm, Sweden.

Accredited courses

March 2024 Mindfulness-Based Stress Management (7,5hp), Uppsala University, Sweden.
 January 2024 The Practice and Ethics of Field Research in Peace Research (5hp), Uppsala University, Sweden.
 May 2023 Making International Development Cooperation Work: Top-down versus bottom-up management (5hp), University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Soft-skills related workshops

Dec. 2023 Presentation Techniques, *Ordrum by Erik Mattsson*.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R & R Studio: Independent User
 IBM SPSS Statistics: Independent User
 Microsoft Excel: Independent User

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian Native
 English Full professional proficiency

REFERENCES

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