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CURRENT POSITION

I currently have a permanent employment (tillsvidareanställning) as a *researcher* at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research (DPCR), Uppsala University (80% research, 20% teaching). I am the *project leader* of two collaborative projects:

- “The Urban Dilemma: Urbanization and ethnocommunal conflict” (Swedish Research Council, 2018-03924), which analyzes how urban politics and urban-rural dynamics shape the risk of intergroup conflict in rapidly growing cities in sub-Saharan Africa. Within this project, I conduct research on Nairobi (Kenya) as well as quantitative research using global data.
- “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.

RESEARCH GRANTS WON IN COMPETITION

- 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 2019-00268. “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 (DPCR). *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).

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Prior to my current position 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. The position entailed collecting and compiling global information on armed conflicts, as well as presenting the UCDP in different fora such as the International Studies Association (ISA) Convention 2009, the Gothenburg International Book Fair 2009, European Development Days 2009, Human Rights Days (MR-dagarna) 2009, as well as to school students.

During my undergraduate studies, I conducted a *Minor Field Study* (MFS), with SIDA grant, in South Africa May-July 2008. I conducted interviews with NGO and government representatives as well as with Truth and Reconciliation Commission witnesses.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

Elfversson, Emma & Desirée Nilsson, 2021. “The pursuit of inclusion: Conditions for civil society inclusion in peace processes in communal conflicts in Kenya.” *Cooperation & Conflict*, OnlineFirst, October 2021. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00108367211047136>

Elfversson, Emma & Kristine Höglund, 2021. "Are armed conflicts becoming more urban?" *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*, Volume 119, 103356. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2021.103356>

Elfversson, Emma & Anders Sjögren, 2020. "Do local power-sharing deals reduce ethnopolitical hostility? The effects of 'negotiated democracy' in Kenya." *Ethnopolitics*, Volume 19, Issue 1, pp. 45–63. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17449057.2019.1583483>

Elfversson, Emma, 2019. "The political conditions for local peacemaking: A comparative study of communal conflict resolution in Kenya." *Comparative Political Studies*, Volume 52, Issue 13-14, pp. 2061–2096. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414019830734>

Elfversson, Emma, Ivan Gusic & Kristine Höglund, 2019. "The spatiality of violence in postwar cities: Introduction to a special issue." *Third World Thematics: A TWQ Journal*, Volume 4, Issue 2-3, pp. 81–93. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/23802014.2019.1675533>

Elfversson, Emma, Sara Lindberg Bromley & Paul D. Williams, 2019. "Urban peacekeeping under siege: Attacks on African Union peacekeepers in Mogadishu, 2007-2009." *Third World Thematics: A TWQ Journal*, Volume 4, Issue 2-3, pp. 158–178. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/23802014.2019.1678399>

Elfversson, Emma & Kristine Höglund, 2019. "Violence in the city that belongs to no-one: Urban distinctiveness and interconnected insecurities in Nairobi (Kenya)." *Conflict, Security and Development*, Volume 19, Issue 4, pp. 347–370. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14678802.2019.1640493>

Elfversson, Emma & Kristine Höglund, 2018. "Home of last resort: Urban land conflict and the Nubians in Kibera, Kenya". *Urban Studies*, Volume 55, Issue 8, pp. 1749–1765. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0042098017698416>

Elfversson, Emma, 2016. "Peace from below: Governance and peacebuilding in Kerio Valley, Kenya". *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Volume 54, Issue 3, pp. 469–493. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022278X16000227>

Elfversson, Emma, 2015. "Providing security or protecting interests? Government interventions in violent communal conflicts in Africa". *Journal of Peace Research*, Volume 52, Issue 6, pp. 791–805. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343315597968>

Brosché, Johan & Emma Elfversson, 2012. "Communal Conflict, Civil War, and the State: Complexities, Connections, and the Case of Sudan". *African Journal on Conflict Resolution*, Volume 12, Issue 1, pp. 33–60.

Book

Elfversson, Emma, Ivan Gusic & Kristine Höglund (eds.), 2020. *The Spatiality of Violence in Post-war Cities*. Abingdon: Routledge. ISBN: [9780367471361](https://doi.org/10.1080/23802014.2019.1675533).

Book chapters

Emma Elfversson, Ivan Gusic, Marie-Therese Meye, & Thao-Nguyen Ha, 2022. "Geocoding as a method for mapping conflict-related violence." In: Oliver Richmond & Gëzim Visoka (eds) *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Peace and Conflict Studies*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-11795-5_214-1

Camille Pellerin & Emma Elfversson, forthcoming. "(Re)claiming Finfinne? The Oromo struggle and the right to Addis Ababa." In *Urban Protest in an African Context of War*, eds: Karen Büscher & Sam Kniknie, Brill.

Elfversson, Emma & Kristine Höglund, 2020. "Den våldsamma staden". In *Rf:s årsbok 2020: Staden*. Stockholm & Göteborg: Makadam Förlag.

Elfversson, Emma, 2019. "Patterns and drivers of communal conflict in Kenya". In Steven Ratuva (ed.) *The Palgrave Handbook of Ethnicity*. Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-13-0242-8_50-1.

Dissertation

Elfversson, Emma, 2017. *Central Politics and Local Peacemaking: The Conditions for Peace after Communal Conflict*. Uppsala: Uppsala University Press.

Other articles & reports (selection)

Elfversson, Emma, 2021. "Cities and armed conflict: A systematic urban-rural coding of UCDP conflict events data." *Data in Brief* 107554, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dib.2021.107554>

Elfversson, Emma, 2019. "Book Review: Mustafa Dikeç (2017), *Urban Rage: The Revolt of the Excluded*." *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice*, <https://doi.org/10.1093/police/paz067>

Elfversson, Emma, 2017. "Peace and Politics: Promoting durable solutions to communal conflicts". *Development Dissertation Brief* 2017:09. Stockholm: Expert group for aid studies (EBA).

Elfversson, Emma, 2011. "Local peacebuilding: Inspiring examples from African countries". *Peace Monitor*, Volume 1, the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, pp. 14–17.

Johansson, Emma, Joakim Kreutz, Peter Wallensteen, Christian Altpeter, Sara Lindberg, Mathilda Lindgren & Ausra Padskocimaite, 2010: *A New Start for EU Peacemaking? Past Record and Future Potential*, UCDP Paper No. 7, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University.

Op-eds & blogs

Raffoul, Alexandre W., David Fopp, Emma Elfversson, Helen Avery & Ryan Carolan (2021). “The climate crisis gives science a new role. Here’s how research ethics must change too.” *The Conversation Australia*, 2021-11-05. ([link](#))

Elfversson, Emma & Kristine Höglund (2021). “Have cities become the main battlegrounds in armed conflicts?” *Word on the Street*, 2020-10-26. ([link](#))

Höglund, Kristine, Emma Elfversson & Ivan Gusic (2020). “The promise and perils of postwar cities.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, 2020-01-24. ([link](#))

Elfversson, Emma, Paul D. Williams & Sara Lindberg Bromley (2019). “Urban peacekeeping: What we’ve learnt from AU’s mission in Somalia.” *The Conversation Africa*, 2019-11-07. ([link](#))

Elfversson, Emma (2019). “How government bias can fuel communal conflicts in Africa.” *The Conversation Africa*, 2019-08-18. ([link](#))

Elfversson, Emma, Kristine Höglund & Anders Sjögren (2017). “Djup splittring i Kenya efter valet” [“Deep divisions in Kenya after the elections”]. *Mänsklig Säkerhet*, 2017-12-20. ([link](#))

Elfversson, Emma & Kristine Höglund (2017). “Home of Last Resort: Fighting over Land in Kibera’s Slum”. *Urban Studies Blog*, 2017-04-24. ([link](#))

Elfversson, Emma (2015). “State Responses to Local Conflict: Providing Security or Protecting Interests?” *Political Violence at a Glance*, 2015-11-12. ([link](#))

Work in progress (selection)

“Urban peace and conflict: Exploring geographies of hope in violently contested cities” (Special Issue). With Ivan Gusic and Jonathan Rokem.

“The bridge to violence: Mapping and understanding conflict-related violence in postwar Mitrovica.” With Marie-Therese Meye and Ivan Gusic. Revise & resubmit.

“The postwar city: Conceptualizing and mapping the research agenda.” With Ivan Gusic and Brendan Murtagh. Under review.

“Urban growth and ethnocommunal violence: Charting violence-generating and mitigating processes in rapidly growing cities.” With Kristine Höglund, Angela Muvumba-Sellström & Camille Pellerin. Under review.

“Urbanization and electoral violence”. Last presented at the Annual Conference of the *Conference Research Society*, online, 8-10 September 2021.

“Urban violence and conflict management in Nairobi: Comparing the trajectory of informal settlements.” With Kristine Höglund. Last presented at the *PRIS biannual conference on Peace and Conflict Research*, Uppsala, Sweden/Online, 15-16 October, 2020.

“Inclusive peace at the grassroots? Evidence from Kenya.” With Kathrin Maier. Last presented at the online workshop *Community-based responses to violent conflict: Actors and strategies*, co-organized by Kenyatta University (Nairobi) and DPCR (Uppsala), 26-27 May 2020.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 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

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION (selection, 2016-)

Presented the paper “Urbanization and electoral violence” at the workshop on *Electoral Violence: Historical and Contemporary Challenges*, Sigtuna, 25-26 November, 2021.

Presented the papers “Urbanization and electoral violence” and “Urban growth and ethnocommunal violence: Charting violence-generating and mitigating processes in rapidly growing cities”, and chaired one panel, at the Annual Conference of the *Conference Research Society*, online, 8-10 September 2021.

Co-organized the online workshop *Development studies research seminar* (Uppsala/Zoom) and presented the paper “Urban growth and ethnocommunal violence” (with Kristine Höglund, Angela Muvumba-Sellström & Camille Pellerin), 25 May, 2021

Participated and presented the paper “Urban violence and conflict management in Nairobi: Comparing the trajectory of informal settlements” at the *PRIS biannual conference on Peace and Conflict Research*, Uppsala, Sweden/Online, 15-16 October, 2020.

Co-organized the online workshop *Community-based responses to violent conflict: Actors and strategies* (in collaboration between Kenyatta University (Nairobi) and DPCR Uppsala), and presented the paper “Inclusive peace at the grassroots? Evidence from Kenya” (with Kathrin Maier), 26-27 May 2020.

Participated and presented the paper “Inclusive peace at the grassroots? Evidence from Kenya” (with Kathrin Maier), in the online workshop *New Perspectives in Peace and Conflict Studies* (organized by the German Institute of Global and Area Studies, GIGA), 2 April 2020.

Participated and presented the paper “Urbanization and ethnocommunal conflict in the city” at the *Swiss Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Lucerne, 3-4 February 2020.

Participated and presented the paper “Are armed conflicts becoming more urban?”, and served as discussant at another panel, at the *European International Studies Association (EISA) annual conference*, Sofia, Bulgaria, 11-14 September 2019.

Co-convened a panel on “Urban violence in troubled cities: Towards comparative geographies of hope”, and presented the paper “Urbanization and ethnocommunal conflict in the city: A spatial analysis of rural-urban conflict patterns”, at the *RGS-IBG Annual International Conference*, London, 28-30 August 2019.

Co-organized the workshop *The Spatiality of Violence in Postwar Cities* at Uppsala University, 6-7 March 2019.

Participated and presented the paper “Do local power-sharing deals reduce communal conflict? The effects of ‘negotiated democracy’ in Kenya” at the *PRIS biannual conference on Peace and Conflict Research*, Lund, Sweden, 27–28 September, 2018.

Participated and presented the paper “Are armed conflicts becoming more urban?” at the *Matariki meeting on Violence, peacebuilding and the city*, Durham University, UK, 6–7 September 2018.

Co-convened a panel on “Urban violence: causes, consequences and characteristics”, and presented the paper “‘All the politicians here have their own militia groups’: Urban violence in Nairobi, Kenya” (with Kristine Höglund), at the *Development Research Conference*, Gothenburg, 22–23 August 2018.

Participated and presented the paper “Are armed conflicts becoming more urban?” at the 18th *Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference*, Verona, 18–20 June 2018.

Participated and presented the paper “Drivers and manifestations of urban violence: Illustrations from Nairobi, Kenya” at the *Development Studies Day*, Uppsala, 6 December, 2017.

Presented the report “Peace and Politics: Promoting durable solutions to communal conflicts” at the *Expert group for aid studies (EBA) seminar “Peace”*, Stockholm, Sweden, 6 September, 2017.

Participated and presented the paper “Displacement and return in Kibera slum: Negotiation under institutional uncertainty” at the *U4 Cluster Conference “On the Move – Exploring Contemporary Dynamics of Migration”*, Uppsala Sweden, 29–30 May, 2017.

Participated and presented the paper “Managing communal conflicts: Government intervention and conflict recurrence” at the *58th Annual International Studies Association (ISA) Convention*, Baltimore, Maryland, 22–25 February, 2017.

Participated and presented the paper “The political conditions for local peacemaking: A comparative study of communal conflict resolution in Kenya” at the *Annual Conference of the Conflict Research Society (CRS)*, Dublin, Ireland, 7–9 September, 2016.

Participated and presented the paper “Home of last resort: Urban land conflict and the Nubians in Kibera, Kenya” (with Kristine Höglund) at the *National Conference on Peace and Conflict Research*, Malmö, Sweden, 14–15 April, 2016.

OUTREACH (selection, 2016-)

Participated in a panel discussion on “Den våldsamma staden” [The violent city] within the program series “Samtal om staden” for Utbildningsradion (Swedish educational TV), recorded 24 April 2020, available at <https://urplay.se/serie/217606-ur-samtiden-samtal-om-staden>

Participated in the event Kvinnor i freds rörelse (Women in peace movements), arranged by Uppsalas Kvinnliga Akademiker (Uppsala Female Academics), and gave a presentation on two women’s role in local peace processes in Kenya, 25 November 2019, Uppsala

Gave a lecture on “Sustainable Peace” at a course arranged by the adult education association Sensus, 24 April 2019, Uppsala

Participated in the AIMday on Sustainable Cities, an interactive meeting platform between researchers, organizations and companies, organized by Uppsala University, 23 October 2018, Uppsala

Gave a lecture on political dynamics in Kenya at the annual general meeting of the Mutomo project, 18 April 2018, Uppsala

Participated in a panel discussion on political dynamics in Kenya at ABF (Arbetarnas Bildningsförbund/Workers’ Education Association), 9 October 2017, Stockholm

Presented the report “Peace and Politics: Promoting durable solutions to communal conflicts” at the *Expert group for aid studies (EBA) seminar “Peace”*, 6 September 2017, Stockholm.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Assistant Supervisor to PhD candidate Marcellina Priadi, 2020 onwards. Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

Thesis Supervisor, 2011 onwards at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, at Bachelor and Master levels. In total, I have supervised 31 theses at undergraduate level (B, C and D level in the Swedish system) and 10 at MSc level.

Course Convener and Lecturer, 2018 onwards, on the course International Conflict Resolution (15 ECTS, MSc level), a course module given to master students at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. Including course development.

Course Convener and Lecturer, 2010–2012, Conflict Resolution (7.5 ECTS, B-level), course module given to undergraduate students at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. Including course development. *Lecturer*, 2013.

Course Convener and Lecturer, 2010-2019, on the web-based A course given to undergraduate students at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. Including extensive course development to make the course more interactive and update the content.

Lecturer, 2019 onwards, on the course Reviewing a Research Field (MSc level), a course given at half-pace in digital format.

Lecturer, 2016 onwards, on the Introduction course given to PhD students at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

Lecturer, 2017 onwards, on the A-course given to undergraduate students at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. I give a lecture using the case of Kenya to exemplify the different forms of political violence, short of civil war, that can be present in a state.

Lecturer and steering group member, 2016 onwards, on the course Hållbar utveckling: värderingar, världsbilder och visioner [Sustainable development: values, world views and visions], given to undergraduate students at the Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS), Uppsala University.

Lecturer, 2018 onwards, International Training on Dialogue and Mediation (ITDM). ITDM is an International Training Programme (ITP) targeting practitioners, policymakers and researchers within the field of dialogue and mediation, from developing countries around the world. It is carried out in collaboration between the Department of Peace and Conflict Research and the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation. I lecture on communal conflicts.

Lecturer, 2011–2014, Peace and Security in Africa (PASA). PASA was an International Training Programme (ITP) targeting inter-governmental or nongovernmental regional organisations, sponsored by Sida and carried out by the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University in cooperation with the African Centre for the Constructive

Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD) and the Swedish consultancy company Indevelop. I lectured on communal conflicts (causes and resolution).

Pedagogical training

Teacher Training Course (5 weeks), 2011, Division for Development of Teaching and Learning, Uppsala University (appendix 4b)

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 (appendix 4c)

Supervising Doctoral Students (3 weeks), 2021, Division for Quality Enhancement, Academic Teaching and Learning, Uppsala University (appendix 4d)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Reviewing

Cambridge University Press (1 book manuscript); Journal of Peace Research (5); Journal of Conflict Resolution (1); Africa Today (1); Cooperation and Conflict (3); Journal of Peacebuilding and Development (2); International Studies Quarterly (1); Terrorism and Political Violence (1); Third World Quarterly (2); Politics and Religion (1); Pax et Bellum Journal (2); Nordic Journal of African Studies (1); African Conflict & Peacebuilding Review (1); Canadian Journal of African Studies (1); Peace Economics and Peace Science (1); Sustainability Science (1)

Participation in manuscript conferences

Anna Ida Rock, Department of Government, Uppsala University, 14 November 2019

Kyungmee Kim, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, 23 October 2020

Stefan Döring, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, 1 February 2021

Positions of trust

Governing Board, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Board Member, October 2018-(ongoing).

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

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

LANGUAGES

Swedish: native speaker

English: excellent knowledge in speech and in writing

French: good knowledge in speech and in writing

German, Spanish, and Swahili: some knowledge in speech and in writing