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Areas of specialization: Language documentation, South Asian languages, Functional linguistics, language contact.

I. Academic services

Editorial Board

- Editor-in-Chief, [*Journal of South Asian languages and linguistics*](#). De Gruyter Mouton 2013–
- Member, Editorial Board, [*EL Publishing*](#). Department of Linguistics, SOAS, University of London. 2014–
- Co-Series-Editor, [*Brill's Studies in South and Southwest Asian languages*](#). Brill. 2009–2014
- Member, Editorial Board, *Iranian Journal of Applied Language Studies*. The University of Sistan and Baluchistan, Iran. 2008–
- Associate Editor, [*Himalayan Linguistics*](#). 2013–
- Consulting Editor, *Studies in Language*. John Benjamins. 2008–2013
- Co-editor, *Orientalia Suecana. An International Journal of Indological, Iranian, Semitic and Turkic Studies*. Dept of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University. 2008–2013
- Review Editor, *Himalayan Linguistics*. 2005–2013
- Member, Editorial Board, *Himalayan Linguistics*, 2004–2013

Advisory Boards

- Affiliate member, [ARC Centre of Excellence for The Dynamics of language](#). Australian National University. 2014–
- Member, [AcademiaNet – Expert database of outstanding female academics](#). Robert Bosch Stiftung in cooperation with Spectrum der Wissenschaft and Nature. 2014–
- Member, [Kunliga Humanistiska Vetenskapssamfundet i Uppsala](#). October 2012–
- Member, [HS-K, Swedish Research Council](#). 2011–2013
- Member, [ESF Pool of Reviewers](#). European Science Foundation. May 2009–
- Secretary, [Nordic Association of Linguistics](#). 2008–2012
- Member, International Advisory Committee, For the NTNU's profile theme "Globalization", Trondheim University, Norway. 2008–
- Member, International Advisory Committee, [World Language Centre](#). The Vigdís Finnbogadóttir Institute of Foreign Languages, University of Iceland. 2008–
- Member, International Advisory Committee, LinSun – a comprehensive survey of Nepal. Tribhuvan University, Nepal. 2007–
- Member, Steering group, [Endangered Language Documentation Programme](#), The Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project at SOAS, University of London. 2004–2011 (evaluated c:a 120-140 project proposals each year)
- Member, Steering group, NorFA-Netværk om computerstøttet undervisning i nordiske sprog på universitetsniveau. 2003–2004

Expert reviewer

- Reviewer of submissions to, for example, *Studies in Language*, *Linguistic Typology*, *Nordic Journal of Linguistics*, *Language Science*, *Orientalia Suecana*, *South Asian Yearbook*, *Himalayan Linguistics* and Cambridge University Press
- Reviewer of project proposals submitted to national and international funding agencies, such as Riksbankens jubileumsfond (Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation), Austrian Research Council, ELDP, European Science Foundation, National Science Foundation and Swiss National Science Foundation
- Expert ("Sakkunnig") for appointment and promotion at University of Gothenburg, Lund University, Stockholm University
- External examiner and member of the Examination Board for Ph.D. defence in Linguistics at University of Gothenburg, Lund University, Stockholm University and Uppsala University in Sweden, CIEFL (India) and SOAS, University of London

II. Research

Externally funded research projects

1. Project leader, [Documentation of an endangered language: Kunashi](#). Financed by the Swedish Research Council. 2015-2018
2. Core member, [South Asia as a linguistic area? Exploring big-data methods in areal and genetic linguistics](#). Financed by the Swedish Research Council. 2015-2019
3. Core member, [Digital areal linguistics: a lexical view of the Himalayan microarea](#). Financed by the Swedish Research Council. 2010-2012

4. Project leader, Multimedia and GIS supported language documentation of the Himalayas with the focus on ethno-biological terms. Swedish Research Council/SIDA. 2008 – 2010
5. Project leader, sub-project: Construction of Hindi-Swedish-English parallel corpus. Financed by the Swedish Research Council and Faculty of languages, Uppsala University. 2007 – 2009
6. Project leader, Further development of ITG (IT-based collaborative learning in grammar) for distance education. Stiftelsen Swartz' minnesfond för vetenskaplig forskning eller undervisning. Uppsala University. 2006
7. Project leader, Digital documentation of Indian minority languages. Swedish Research Council/SIDA. 2003 – 2005
8. Project leader, Digital documentation of Indian minority languages. Planning grant, SASNET. 2002
9. Project leader, IT-based collaborative learning in grammar. DISTUM/Rådet för högre utbildning. 2002 – 2005
10. Project leader, Evaluation of multimedia resources for teaching Hindi. Faculty of Languages, Uppsala University. 2001
11. Project leader, Development of IT-based grammar training material. *Stiftelsen Swartz' minnesfond för vetenskaplig forskning eller undervisning*, Uppsala University. 2001
12. Project leader, Spoken language syntax. Faculty of Languages, Uppsala University. 1999 – 2003
13. Project leader. The translation of oral texts from indigenous languages within the research program on the Översättning och tolkning som språk- och kulturmöte [Translation and interpreting as a meeting of languages and cultures]. Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation. 1996 – 1999.

Conference organization (selected)

1. Organizer, [International workshop on linguistic fieldwork in South Asia](#). 1-2 June 2015
2. Co-organizer, [International workshop on linguistic microareas in South Asia](#). 5-6 May 2014
3. Co-organizer, [Workshop on comparing approaches to measuring linguistic differences](#). 24-25 October 2011
4. Co-organizer, [Workshop on using standardized word lists in linguistic data collection](#). 26 October 2010
5. Organizer, Seminar series on Language Documentation (Seminarieserien om språkdokumentation). Department of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University. Fall 2009
6. Co-organizer, Seminar series on language diversity (Språkmångfaldsseminarieserien). Department of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University. Fall 2008
7. Co-organizer, [Workshop on language documentation and language description of lesser-known languages](#). 23rd Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics. Uppsala University. 30 September –1 October 2008
8. Co-organizer, [23rd Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics](#). Uppsala University. 2-5 October 2008

9. Member, Scientific committee, 1st International conference on languages and dialects in Iran. University of Sistan and Baluchistan, Zahedan, Iran. 28-31 October 2008
10. Co-organizer, [14th Himalayan Languages Symposium](#). University of Gothenburg, 21–23 August 2008
11. Co-initiator and co-organizer, Gothenburg Typological seminar serie. 2007–
12. Co-organizer, Linguistics of lesser-known languages in South Asia. 19th European Association of South Asian Studies. Leiden. 29 June 2006
13. Co-organizer, Workshop on case markers. Uppsala University. 25 January 2006
14. Co-organizer, Linguistic and cultural diversity. University of Iceland, Reykjavik. 14–15 March 2005
15. Co-organizer, Story and plot. Stockholm University. 3–5 September 2004
16. Organizer, Globalization, modern technology and South Asian minority languages. 18th European Association of South Asian Studies. Lund University. June 2004
17. Co-organizer, Doctoral students' symposium (Doktorandsymposiet). Faculty of languages, Uppsala University. April 2003
18. Initiator & Co-organizer, SLing. First Swedish Linguistics conference (Första svenska lingvistikkonferensen. SLing). Uppsala University. March 2003
19. Co-organizer, Workshop on corpus-based teaching and research (Workshop om korpusbaserad undervisning och forskning). Uppsala University. September 2002
20. Co-organizer, 7th Himalayan languages symposium. Uppsala University. September 2001
21. Organizer, Humanistdagarna. Uppsala University. 2001
22. Co-organizer, Fourth annual meeting of the Pacific linguistic conference. University of Oregon. 1989
23. Member, Conference committee, Symposium on grammaticalization. University of Oregon. 1988

Publications

Books

1. Editor, Micro-linguistic areas in South Asia. *Special issue of Journal of South Asian Languages and Linguistics* 2 (1). 2015
2. Co-editor, *Approaches to measuring linguistic differences*. 2013. Trends in Linguistics. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter (with Lars Borin)
3. Co-editor, Proceedings of the 23rd Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics. 1-3 October 2008. Uppsala: Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis. *Studia Linguistica Upsaliensia* 8
4. Co-editor, Lesser-known languages of South Asia. Status and policies, case studies and applications of Information Technology. Trends in Linguistics. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 2006
5. Editor, Himalayan languages. Past and present. Trends in Linguistics. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 2004
6. Co-editor, special volume *Orientalia Suecana*. An international journal of Indological, Iranian, Semitic and Turkic studies. vol. LI-LII (2002-2003). Department of Afro-asiatic languages, Uppsala University. 2003

7. Editor, Språkets gränser och gränslöshet. Då tankar, tal och traditioner möts. Humanistdagarna vid Uppsala universitet, 2001
8. Editor, RUUL. Reports from Uppsala University Linguistics 33. Uppsala University. 1998
9. Internal and external factors in language change. Aspect in Tibeto-Kinnauri. RUUL. Reports from Uppsala University Linguistics 32. Uppsala university. 1997
10. Co-editor, Proceedings of the Fourth annual meeting of the Pacific Linguistics Conference. University of Oregon. 1989

Published articles (Selected)

1. Sydasien. Karina Vamling och Jan-Olof Svantesson (eds), Världens språk. Lund: Studentlitteratur. To appear
2. Linguistic landscaping of South Asia using digital language resources: Genetic vs. areal linguistics. Proceedings of LREC 2014, 3137-3144. Reykjavik: ELRA. 2014 (with Lars Borin, Taraka Rama and Bernard Comrie)
3. Carving Tibeto-Kinnauri by its joints: Using basic vocabulary lists for genetic grouping of languages. Lars Borin and Anju Saxena (eds) *Approaches to measuring linguistic differences*, 175-198. Trends in Linguistics. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 2013 (with Lars Borin)
4. The Intercontinental Dictionary Series – a rich and principled database for language comparison. Lars Borin and Anju Saxena (eds) *Approaches to measuring linguistic differences*, 285-302. Trends in Linguistics. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 2013 (with Lars Borin and Bernard Comrie)
5. The sound system of Nàvakat. *Orientalia Suecana* vol 60, 185-192. 2012
6. Towards empirical classification of Kinnauri varieties. Peter K. Austin, Oliver Bond, David Nathan & Lutz Marten (eds), *Proceedings of Conference on Language Documentation & Linguistic Theory 3*, 15-25. SOAS, London. 2011
7. Dialect classification in the Himalayas: a computational approach. *NODALIDA* 2011. NEALT Proceedings Series 11. Riga. 2011 (with Lars Borin)
8. Using parallel corpora in teaching & research: The Swedish-Hindi & Swedish-Turkish parallel corpora. Saxena, Anju and Åke Viberg (eds). Multilingualism. Proceedings of the 23rd Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics. 1-3 October 2008. Uppsala: Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis. *Studia Linguistica Upsaliensia* 8. 2009
9. South Asian languages. Peter K. Austin (ed.), 1000 Languages. The worldwide history of living and lost tongues. University of California Press. (Review)
10. Building the Uppsala Hindu corpus. SLTC: Swedish Language Technology Conference. 20-21 November 2008
11. Corpora in grammar learning – Evaluation of ITG. In: Nivre, Joakim ; Dahllöf, Mats ; Megyesi, Beáta (2008). Resourceful Language Technology: Festschrift in Honor of Anna Sâgvall Hein.
12. On ñum and Om in Kinnauri. Birgitte Huber, Marianne Volkart och Paul Widmer (eds) Chomolangma, Demawend und Kasbek. Beiträge zur Zentralasienforschung. Bonn. 2008
13. Context shift and linguistic coding in Kinnauri narratives. Roland Bielmeier (ed.) Selected papers from the eighth Himalayan Languages Symposium. Trends in Linguistics. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter. 2007

14. Contrastive focus in Kinnauri narratives. Peter Austin and Andrew Simpson (eds) *Linguistische Berichte Special. Special volume on Endangered Languages*. 2007
15. Introduction. Anju Saxena och Lars Borin (eds), *Lesser-known languages of South Asia. status and policies, case studies and applications of Information Technology*, 1-30. *Trends in Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 2006
16. A Turkish-Swedish parallel corpus. Orhan Pamuk_ Beyaz Kale-Vita Borgen. (poster: Exhibition in the honor of Orhan Pamuk, Carolina Redeviva). December 2006 (co-author: Éva Csato Johanson, Bengt Dahlqvist, Beáta B. Megyesi, Anju Saxena, Anna Sågvall Hein)
17. It takes two to tango: Language and cultural (co)variance in digital documentation. Peter Austin (ed.) *Language and cultural contact: Digital documentation*, vol. 3, 181-195. London: The Hans Rausing Endangered Languages Project. 2006
18. Pronouns. Keith Brown (ed.), *Encyclopedia of languages and linguistics*, 2nd edition, 131–133. Oxford: Elsevier. 2006
19. Linguistic synchrony and diachrony on the roof of the world – the study of Himalayan languages. Anju Saxena (ed.), *Himalayan languages. Past and present*, 3–32. *Trends in Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 2004
20. On discourse functions of the finite verb in Kinnauri narratives. Anju Saxena (ed.), *Himalayan languages. Past and present*, 213–238. *Trends in Linguistics*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter. 2004
21. Grammar, Incorporated. Peter Juel Henriksson (ed.), *CALL for the Nordic languages*, 125–146. *Copenhagen Studies in Languages* 30. Samfundslitteratur. 2004 (co-author)
22. Digital documentation of lesser-known languages in India: Its application in teaching Linguistics. ALLC/ACH 2004, Gothenburg, 9–16 june 2004 (Poster) (co-author).
23. Some advantages of using corpora in teaching: IT-based collaborative learning in grammar. *Nordisk Sprogteknologi. Årbog for Nordisk Språkteknologisk Forskningsprogram 2000–2004*, 75–78. Kobenhavns Universitet: Museum Tusculanums forlag. 2003
24. Request and command in Kinnauri: The pragmatics of translating politeness. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman area* 25:2, 185–193. 2002
25. Using the Kinnauri corpus in research and teaching. *Nordisk Sprogteknologi. Årbog for Nordisk Språkteknologisk Forskningsprogram 2000–2004*, 75-78. Kobenhavns Universitet: Museum Tusculanums forlag. 2002
26. Locating and reusing sundry NLP flotsam in an e-learning application. *LREC 2002. Workshop Proceedings. Customizing knowledge in NLP applications: Strategies, issues, and evaluation*. Las Palmas. 2002 (co-author)
27. Speech reporting strategies in Kinnauri narratives. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman area*. 25:1,165-190. 2002
28. Evidentiality in Kinnauri. Lars Johanson and Bo Utas (eds), *Evidentials in Turkic, Iranian and neighboring languages. Empirical approaches to language typology*. Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter. 2000
29. Diverging sources of new aspect morphology in Tibeto-Kinnauri: External motivation or internal development. John Charles Smith and Delia Bentley (eds), *Historical linguistics 1995. Volume 1: General issues and non-Germanic languages*, 361–375. Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins. 2000
30. Spoken language syntax. *ASLA information* 25.2, 45–48. 1999

31. The translation of oral texts from indigenous languages. *ASLA information* 25.2, 49–52. 1999
32. Spatial and temporal domains in Kinnauri. *RUUL. Reports from Uppsala Linguistics* 33, 72–88. 1998
33. Towards a reconstruction of the proto-West Himalayish agreement system. In: David Bradley (ed.), *Tibeto-Burman languages of the Himalayas*, 73–94. Canberra: Pacific Linguistics. 1997
34. Aspect and evidential morphology: A diachronic study. *Cahiers de Linguistique, Asie Orientale* 26:2, 281–306. 1997
35. The translation of oral texts from indigenous languages II. Översättning och tolkning som språk- och kulturmöte. Redovisning av aktiviteter under 1996-97. *Faculties of Languages, Uppsala University and Stockholm University*, 49–51. 1996
36. Aspect and evidential morphology. *RUUL. Reports from Uppsala University Linguistics* 28, 21–46. 1995
37. New aspect morphology: Where does it come from? *Papers from the Fifteenth Scandinavian Conference of Linguistics. Oslo University*, 451–462. 1995. Also in: *RUUL. Reports from Uppsala University Linguistics* 28, 1–20. 1995
38. Finite verb morphology in Kinnauri. *Cahiers de Linguistique Asie Orientale* 24:1, 257–282. 1995
39. Unidirectional grammaticalization: Diachronic and cross-linguistic evidence. *Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung (STUF)*, 350–372. 1995
40. From lexical to grammatical: The story of say and thus. *RUUL. Reports from Uppsala University Linguistics* 26, 88–111. 1994
41. Tense in Tibeto-Burman. B. Lakshmi Bai and Aditi Mukerjee (eds), *Tense and aspect in Indian languages*. Hyderabad: Centre of Advanced Studies in Linguistics, Osmania University and Booklines Corporations. 1993 (co-authored)
42. Defining Indo-Aryan language family as a type. R. N. Srivastava, Suresh Kumar, K.K. Goswami and R.V. Dhongde (eds), *Language and text. Studies in honor of Ashok R. Kelkar*. Delhi: Kalinga Publications, 81–98. 1992 (co-authored)
43. Ergative in Mi=la ras=pa'i rnam thar. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman area* 12:2, 35–39. 1990
44. Pathways of the developments of the ergative in Central Tibetan. *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman area* 14:1, 109–116. 1991
45. Tone in Patani and Central Tibetan: Parallel developments? *Linguistics of the Tibeto-Burman area* 14:1, 129–135. 1991
46. Verb say in South Asian languages: A study in linguistic convergence. Aditi Mukerjee (ed.), *Language change and language contact*. Hyderabad: Osmania University. 1990 (co-authored)
47. Ergative or nominative-accusative: The Tibeto-Burman case. Robert Carlsson, Scott DeLancey, Spike Gildea, Doris Payne and Anju Saxena (eds), *Proceedings of the fourth annual Pacific Linguistics Conference*, 420–447. Eugene, Oregon: University of Oregon. 1989
48. On syntactic convergence: The case of the verb say in Tibeto-Burman. Shelley Axmaker, Annie Jaisser and Helen Singmaster (eds), *Proceedings of the fourteenth annual meeting of the Berkeley Linguistics Society*. California: University of California, Berkeley, 375–388. 1988

49. Reflexivization in Hindi: A reconsideration. *International Journal of Dravidian linguistics*. 1987
50. Reflexives and reciprocals in Dravidian. *Studies in the Linguistic sciences* 17:1, 121–131. 1987 (co-authored)
51. Relevance of the study of syntactic typology: The South Asian case. Elena Bashir et al (eds), *Select papers from SALA-7: South Asian languages analysis roundtable conference*, 343–353.. Indiana Linguistics Club 1987 (co-authored)
52. Language universals: Inductive or deductive? Elena Bashir et al (eds), *Select papers from SALA-7: South Asian languages analysis roundtable conference*, 337–342. Indiana University Linguistics Club. 1987 (co-authored)
53. Intensifiers in Hindi. *International Journal of Dravidian linguistics* 14:1, 56–68. 1985 (co-authored)
54. Reflexivization in Telugu. *Papers in Linguistics* 17:4, 337–350. 1984 (co-authored)

Dissertations

1. Finite verb morphology in Tibeto-Kinnauri. Ph.D. dissertation. University of Oregon. 1992
2. A Study of reflexives and intensifiers in major Indo-Aryan languages. M.Phil thesis. Delhi University. 1984

III. Teaching (Selected)

- Functional Linguistics I (*Funktionell grammatik I*)
- Functional Linguistics II (*Funktionell grammatik II*)
- Language Typology (*Språktypologi*)
- Historical Linguistics (Historisk lingvistik)
- Languages of the world (Världens språk)
- Research methodology (*Metodkurs*)
- B.A and M.A theses co-ordinator

Doctoral dissertation supervision

- Torbjörn Westerlund (defended successfully May 2013; main supervisor)
- Vera Wilhelmsen (main supervisor)
- Behrooz Barjasteh Delforooz (completed October 2010; deputy supervisor)
- Luying Wang (completed 2012; deputy supervisor)
- Hans Ahlberg (Licentiate completed; Deputy supervisor)

IT-based teaching

A web-based grammar support system: ITG, whose two main characteristics are (i) natural language corpora as the basis for generating all exercises and (ii) IT-based support system.

IV. Administration (Selected)

1. Conferer (*Promotor*), Faculty of languages. Conferment Ceremony, Uppsala University. 28 May 2014
2. Chair, Uppsala University's Stipend Board (*Uppsala universitets stipendienämnd*). 2010–2013, 2013–2016
3. Chair, Stipend committee (*Språkvetenskapliga fakultetens stipendiekommittén*). Faculty of Languages, Uppsala University. 2007–2011
4. Vice-chair (*vice-ordförande*) Uppsala University's Stipend Board (*Uppsala universitets stipendienämnd*). Uppsala University. 2008–2011
5. Member, Board of the department (*Institutionsstyrelsen*), Department of Linguistics and Philology, Uppsala University. 2010–2012
6. Member/Elector, Electorates' committee for the election of the Board of the Faculty of Languages and for the election of the board of HumSamområdet. 2011
7. Member, Uppsala University's stipend committee (*Uppsala universitets stipendienämnd*). Uppsala University. 2006–2007, 2008–2011
8. A Study of reflexives and intensifiers in major Indo-Aryan languages. M.Phil thesis. Delhi University. 1984