

Curriculum Vitae

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1. EDUCATION SHORT BACKGROUND

Institutions: Date:	Qualifications/Degree
Uppsala University, Sweden, 2019	Professor
Uppsala University, Sweden, 2008	Docent (associate professor)

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Uppsala University, Sweden, 2003	<i>PhD degree June 7, 2003</i> PhD Program in Cultural Anthropology Faculty research funding 1998-2003 (Child leave – September 2001-May 2002)
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1995	MA, Cultural Anthropology
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1994	African Studies, Department of Cultural Anthropology
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1993	Political Science, Department of Government
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1992	BA, Cultural Anthropology
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1987	German, Department of German
Linnéskolan, Uppsala, Sweden, 1987	High school degree, Social Science Stream

2. CURRENT POSITION

Head of Department, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University

3. LANGUAGE SKILLS

Language	Level	Passive	Spoken	Written
Swedish	Mother Tongue	5	5	5
Danish	Fluent	5	5	4
English	Fluent	5	5	4
Krio (Sierra Leone)	Fluent	5	5	3
German	Good (university level)	4	3	3
Liberian English	Good	5	2	N/A
French	Fair	2	2	1
Spanish	Fair (high school level)	2	2	1

4. FIELDWORK

Countries: Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Somalia, Kenya and Sweden

- Anthropological fieldwork, Sierra Leone, June 2004-June 2006 (with additional fieldtrips in April, July 2007, August 2008 and June 2009, March and October 2019, March 2023)
- Anthropological fieldwork, Liberia, November 1997-December 1998
- Anthropological fieldwork, Ivory Coast, January-May 1996
- Anthropological fieldwork, Sweden, March-April 1995

Shorter fieldtrips

- Fieldwork in Sierra Leone: February-March 2023, October 2019, March 2019
- Fieldwork in Liberia: February-March 2020, October-November 2016, November 2013, March 2013, March 2012, October-November 2011,
- Fieldwork in Ghana: December 2012.
- Preparatory study, Beirut, on transcontinental trade, January 2011
- Fieldwork in Kenya and Dubai on Somalia, March and October 2009
- Fact finding missions in Ethiopia and Nigeria on AU and ECOWAS, October-November 2007
- Fact finding mission in Liberia, May 2006
- Preparatory study, Sierra Leone, July-August 2001

5. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Professor in Cultural Anthropology. Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. January 2019 – current.
- Head of department. Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. October 2018 – current.
- Director of studies, 2nd cycle at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. September 2015-August 2018.
- Senior lecturer/associate professor at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. January 2015-Current
- Senior researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute, January 2015 – September 2015.
- Leader for the cluster Conflict, security and democratic transformation at the Nordic Africa Institute, November 2011- December 2014.

- Senior Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute (externally funded by The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities), October 2006 – 2012.
- Head of the Africa Programme, Swedish National Defence College, January 2009 – December 2011.
- Lecturer in African Anthropology (Masters programme), Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala Univ., January-March 2010, January-March 2011.
- Lecturer in African Studies, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, January-March 2007, January-March 2008.
- Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, September-October 2006
- Senior lecturer, Department of Sociology, Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone, June 2004-May 2006
- Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, February 2004-August 2006
- Lecturer, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, September 2003-January 2004
- Lecturer, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, September 2002-January 2003
- Lecturer, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Liberia, 1998
- Part time lecturer, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala Univ., 1996-2003
- Humanitarian aid consultant for UNICEF (Sierra Leone), Sida (Liberia x 2), Belgian Red Cross (Liberia), International Rescue Committee (Liberia), Amnesty International (Liberia) 1998-2008

6. PHD SUPERVISION

- Main supervisor of PhD student at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. 2022-2026
- Main supervisor of PhD student at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. 2020-2024
- Assistant supervisor of PhD student at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. 2018-2023
- Main supervisor of PhD student **Emy Lindberg** at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. 2015-2023.
- Assistant supervisor of PhD student **Guðrún Sif Friðriksdóttir** at the Department of Faculty of Social and Human Sciences, University of Iceland. 2014-2019. (PhD awarded June 24, 2019)
- Assistant supervisor of PhD student **Theresa Ammann** at the Department of Anthropology and Ethnography, University of Aarhus, 2014-2017. (PhD awarded November 16, 2017).
- Main supervisor of PhD student **Peter Lutz** at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. 2015-2016 (PhD awarded September 16, 2016)
- Main supervisor of PhD student **Ilmari Käihkö** at the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University, 2012-2016 (PhD awarded June 3, 2016)
- Assistant supervisor of **Joschka Philipps** at the Institute for African Studies, Basel University. 2013-2016. (PhD awarded August 10, 2016)
- Assistant supervisor of PhD student **Angela Muvumba Sellström** at the Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University, 2010-2014 (PhD awarded January 17, 2015).
- Assistant supervisor of PhD student **Nanna Schneidermann** Department of Anthropology and Ethnography, University of Aarhus, 2009-2014 (PhD awarded September 1, 2014).
- Assistant supervisor of PhD student **Andrea Kaufmann** at the Institute for African Studies, Basel University. 2011-2013 (PhD awarded October 15, 2013).
- Assistant supervisor of PhD student **Jesper Bjarnesen** at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, 2007-2013 (PhD awarded June 5, 2013).

7. EXAMINER OF PHD THESES

- PhD thesis in social anthropology, Department of social anthropology, *University of Aarhus*, 2022
- PhD thesis in social anthropology, Department of social anthropology, *University of Edinburgh*, 2022
- PhD thesis in social anthropology, Department of social anthropology, *Stockholm University*, 2022
- Member of assessment committee for PhD dissertation in Cultural Anthropology, *Uppsala University*, 2021
- Member of assessment committee for PhD dissertation in Ethnology, *Uppsala University*, 2021
- Member of assessment committee for PhD dissertation in Cultural Anthropology, *Uppsala University*, 2021
- Member of assessment committee for PhD dissertation in Public Health Sciences, *Karolinska Institutet*, 2021
- PhD thesis in International development, *University of East Anglia*, 2020

- Member of 50% assessment committee for PhD dissertation in Public Health Sciences, *Karolinska Institutet*, 2019
- PhD thesis in Social Anthropology, *University of Oslo*, 2018
- PhD thesis in African Studies, *Basel University*, 2016
- PhD thesis in Geography and Environment. *London School of Economics*. 2016
- PhD thesis in Social Anthropology, *University of Pecs* (Hungary), 2015
- PhD thesis in Social Anthropology, *University of Copenhagen*, 2015
- PhD thesis in Social Anthropology, *School of Social Sciences, Brunel University*, 2015
- Member of assessment committee for PhD dissertation, *School of Global Studies, Gothenburg University*, 2014.
- PhD thesis in Social Anthropology, *School of Social Sciences, Brunel University*, 2014
- PhD thesis in Social Anthropology, *University of Copenhagen*, 2013
- PhD thesis in Social Anthropology, *Basel University*, 2013
- PhD thesis in Development Studies, *Oxford University*, 2012
- PhD thesis in African Studies, *University of Edinburgh*, 2012
- PhD thesis in African Studies, *University of Edinburgh*, 2011.
- Member of assessment committee for PhD dissertation in Anthropology, *Uppsala University*, 2011
- PhD dissertation at the Faculty of Humanities (Saxo Institute), *University of Copenhagen*, 2010.

8. EDITORIAL AND ACADEMIC BOARDS

- Evaluator of Senior lectureship in Social anthropology, *Lund University*, 2023
- Member of board, *Nordic Africa Research Network*, 2022-2025
- Evaluator of Senior lectureship in Social anthropology, *University of Stockholm*, 2022
- Head of the PhD recruitment group, *Department of cultural anthropology and ethnology, Uppsala University*, 2022
- Evaluator of Associate professorship in Social anthropology, *University of Stockholm*, 2021
- Member of board, Centre for Medical Humanities, *Uppsala University*, 2021-2022
- Evaluator of Senior lectureship in Social anthropology, *University of Gothenburg*, 2020.
- Member of the Electors Committee of *Swedish Research Council*. 2018-2020
- Head of the Equal opportunity group *Department of cultural anthropology and ethnology, Uppsala University*, 2020-22.
- Member of the expert panel on international development, focusing on conflict, humanitarian issues, vulnerability and security - *the Norwegian Research Council*, 2019.
- Head of the PhD recruitment group, *Department of cultural anthropology and ethnology, Uppsala University*, 2018.
- Social studies editor for *Nordic Journal of African Studies*. 2018-2019
- Member of the Evaluation Board for Norwegian Social Anthropology (carried out by *the Norwegian Research Council*), April 2017 - April 2018
- Member of the scientific board for *Africa, Journal of the Royal African Institute*, 2013-2018
- Member of board for *the Donner Institute* 2016-2019
- Member of editorial board for *Politics and Development in contemporary Africa* Zed books, 2016-
- Member of editorial board for *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, 2014-2018
- Member of assessment committee for PhD dissertation at the Department of Women's and Children's Health, International Maternal and child health, *Uppsala University*, 2013
- Member of the *Nordic Africa Institute management group* 2011-2015
- Member of *AEGIS CRG Violent Conflict coordination group*, 2013-2015
- Coordinator of the *AEGIS all-European research group on Violent Conflict*, 2011-2013
- Country coordinator of *Nordforsk network of African childhood and youth Research* (NoNACYR), 2011-2014
- Member of evaluation committee *Sida/Uforsk* 2012.
- Evaluator for adjunct lecturer position at *Aarhus University*, 2010.
- Member of evaluation committee *Research Council of Norway* (FRISAM), 2009-2011.
- Member of board for restructuring undergraduate courses in Cultural Anthropology (2003)

9. OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Coordinator of the Research seminar in Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University, September 2021 - May 2022
- Consultant for the *European Commission*, Conflict analysis in Liberia, February-May 2020.
- Jury member for best film award, *CinemAfrica* (Stockholm Africa film festival), 2014.
- Guest researcher/Academic visitor St. Antony's College/African Studies, Oxford, February-March 2014
- Reviewer of guest researcher application for *IAS-Nantes*. 2013.
- Partner with the *Observatoire de l'Afrique*
- Member of the advisory board for *The State of the World's Children 2012* (UNICEF), 2011
- Evaluator of panel proposals for *ECAS/AEGIS* 2011 conference, 2010.
- Consultant for *Sida*, power analysis of Liberia, for the Swedish Liberia Strategy, 2008.
- Researcher for African Studies division of *Swedish Defence Research Agency*, 2007.
- Editor and co-author, part of the *Swedish Government White Paper on Africa*, 2007.
- Consultant for *Scania*, 2011
- Chief editor of *Africa Programme Reports*, Swedish National Defence College (2009-11)
- Consultant for *Amnesty International*, Liberia, 2006
- Manager for *Aik n' 2Jay* (Sierra Leonean musicians), Sierra Leone, 2005
- Consultant for *UNICEF*, Sierra Leone, 2004
- Consultant for the *Army Museum*, Stockholm, 2003
- Consultant for *Migrationsverket*, Stockholm 2002
- Consultant for *Sida*, Liberia, 2000
- Consultant for *Belgian Red Cross*, Liberia, 1998
- Consultant for *International Rescue Committee (IRC)*, Liberia, 1998
- Lecturer for *Nordic Battle Group*, 2007, 2010.
- Lecturer for *Foreign Ministry/Ministry of Defence team to Liberia*, 2008
- Lecturer for the *Swedish Election Observers to Sierra Leone*, 2007
- Lecturer for the *Swedish UN military contingent to Liberia*, 2004
- Lecturer for *Sida/UD* (Swedish foreign department), 2003
- Lecturer for Swedish high school students on child soldiers
- External supervisor (*Sida* Minor Field Studies students, Swedish high school students, etc.).

10. RESEARCH FUNDING, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- The Swedish Research Council
 - Research funding 2023-2025 (research methods in conflict research – principal investigator)
 - Research funding 2019-2021 (research methods in conflict research – co-applicant)
 - Research funding 2015-2020 (regional labour migration – principal investigator)
 - Research funding 2012-2015 (election violence – co-applicant)
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
 - Research funding 2012-2014 (urban informality project – co-applicant)
 - Project funding 2011-2014 (mid-level commanders – principal investigator)
 - Project funding 2007 (urban youth – principal investigator)
 - Post doc funding 2004-2006 (urban youth)
- Nordforsk 2012-2014
 - Research network funding (children and youth network – Swedish principal investigator)
- The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities
 - Research funding 2006-2012 (post-conflict youth- principal investigator)

11. RESEARCH OUTCOME

My research has primarily aimed towards an understanding of African wars and conflicts with fieldworks conducted in Liberia and Sierra Leone, but also on Somalia and issues related to the African Union and ECOWAS. A second research strand is poverty and informality in urban Africa. A special interest is the methods we use while collecting data in the field.

Silencing and Marginalization of Facilitating Researchers from the Global South: Analyzing the role of Academic Institutions and Norms. Funded by the Swedish Research Council 2023-2025

There has been an upsurge of interest in questions around research ethics in field-research in recent years, some of which touch upon the role and situation of what we in this project term “facilitating researchers”,

otherwise referred to as “local research assistants” in the Global South. Yet, this literature is mainly descriptive, written by contracting researchers of the Global North, with limited analysis of the wider institutional structures reproducing a continued silencing and poor working conditions of facilitating researchers. Building upon insights from a recently completed project, which included facilitating researchers in three settings (DR Congo, Sierra Leone and Jharkhand, India), this project aims to contribute to further knowledge about the role that academic institutions, mainly but not only, in the Global North play in the silencing and poor working conditions of facilitating researchers. It includes an analysis of research funding bodies, ethics committees, universities and publishers in Sweden, the UK, France and India, focusing on the role of knowledge, prejudice, academic conventions and administrative rules and regulations. The project draws on insights both from the wider literature on inequalities in North-South knowledge production as well as literature addressing organization, incentives and conventions in academia more generally. It will be conducted through a combination of a correspondance experiment, in-depth interviews and text analysis.

Gang-like: when gangs are not so gangish. Funded by the European Research Council (ERC) under the European Union's Horizon 2020, 2019-2023

This project is a follow up on my previous work on gang-like groups in postwar Sierra Leone. In the aftermath of the Sierra Leonean civil war groups of ex-combatants and other youths gathered in the city. Many hung out on downtown streetcorners. Making do in the city without proper work and often with frail social ties was something close to an art form. Bare survival was hard. Joint forms of informal organization was often pivotal for economic survival and protection. In many ways this organization was gang-like, if not gangish. More than 15 years have passed since the end of the civil war. The young people I followed during two years in Freetown are today middle-aged men. In this follow-up study I extend my discussions over time and relate their previous lives with where they are today. This research is part of a larger project headed by Dennis Rogers called [Gangs, Gangsters, and Ganglands: Towards a Global Comparative Ethnography](#). The five-year project, which started in January 2019, has received funding from the European Research Council (ERC) under the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (grant agreement No. 787935).

Exploring the research backstage: Methodological, theoretical and ethical issues surrounding the role of local research brokers in insecure zones. Funded by the Swedish Research Council 2019-2021.

This research provides novel and much needed insights into the dynamics that shape the triangular relationships between researchers, research brokers and research data in insecure zones by attending to the experiences of both brokers and researchers. Better knowledge about the role and situation of local research brokers appears particularly urgent at this point of time as many research institutions in Europe and the US are increasingly regulating and restricting the fieldwork access of their staff due to security concerns, in turn potentially leading to more outsourcing to local research assistants. Such developments form part of a general concern over the increasing risks posed to various humanitarian actors, journalists and NGOs in precarious and violent settings. This multidisciplinary project is carried out in cooperation with the Department of Government at Uppsala University and Global Studies at Gothenburg University. The project is co-researched with local research brokers and is conducted in several countries in Asia and Africa.

Circular migration and youth in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Funded by the Swedish Research Council 2015-2018

This project is picking up where many current studies on African youth have left off: at wars end. Where demographic studies simply use abstract statistics to identify youth bulges and give woeful predictions of renewed conflicts driven by armies of disenfranchised youth, this study will concretely investigate how young people make a living in some of the poorest countries in the world. Youth in Sierra Leone and Liberia fought ten years of civil war. Socio-economy remains much the same in both countries after the war – poor remain poor. But does it mean that history will repeat itself, or will youth benefit from the new African growth – so much talked about? Through in-depth studies and long-term engagement we answer questions such as: How are labor structures manifested, and how do they change? How do young people find work in post-conflict landscapes and what does this mean for the societies they are part of? In particular, what impact do labor market experiences and the mechanisms for finding employment have on longitudinal relationships of dependence? This project aims to explore youths' navigation of employment trajectories, and more particularly the role of young labor migration in the functioning of labor markets in Liberia and Sierra Leone. As such, it is an urgent study of a contemporary phenomenon in Africa; combining the fashionable topic of youth unemployment with the under-researched area of post-conflict labor markets and circular migration within countries.

Election related violence in West Africa. Funded by the Swedish Research Council 2013-2015

The number of democratic elections on the African continent grow steadily every year, suggesting a long-term trend towards greater political democratisation. However, at the same time, some of these elections have been accompanied with widespread coercive intimidation of voters and violent incidents ranging from riots, arson, clashes between party supporters and security elements and attacks on both candidates and voters. What are the causes of election-related violence? The purpose of this project is to address this research question. In this project I have focused on Liberia and Sierra Leone, but also done some initial work in Ghana.

Roles of former commanders in post-war Liberia. Funded by the Swedish Research Council 2011-2014

Contrary to popular belief the DDR-process in Liberia has largely failed to destroy the command structures of armed groups, as informal ties continue to thrive between former mid-level commanders (ex-MiLCs) and their old subordinates. The resilience of such networks constitutes a serious challenge to democratization and institution-building. Not only can warlords and politicians employ them to engage in warfare and crime, they can also be used to exploit natural resources and set up vigilante groups. The purpose of the project is therefore to develop strategies for how to prevent ex-MiLCs from using their old networks to engage in illicit activities. To this end, the study will conduct in-depth, semi-structured interviews with ex-MiLCs and fighters in Liberia. This project will generate new insights into how we can address the threat posed by informal military structures.

Urban youth and marginality in Sierra Leone. Funded by Uforsk and The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters History and Antiquities 2004-2012

Taking a thorough look at economic transaction in the informal economic sector as well as exploring the abstraction of imagination and fantasies, the project aims at getting a better understanding of the predicaments of marginalised young people in Sierra Leone. The project links up with my previous research in Liberia by taking the initial standpoint that real and imagined marginality drove young people into participation in civil war. Fieldwork was conducted for a period of two years (June 2004-June 2006 and follow up trips in April, July 2007 and August 2008, June 2009) with focus on an informal group of young people surviving from washing cars, stealing and selling drugs. Their survival techniques and their social networking form the base for a study that takes a more general grip on urban poverty in Sierra Leone.

In Sierra Leone I have also conducted research on other relating issues:

- Trauma healing among victims of sexually abuse
- Military strategies among militia groups
- Diamond mining and trade
- How youth is politicised
- Prostitution
- Political awareness of the Sierra Leone hip-hop scene
- Democratic elections/election violence

Previous fieldwork has been conducted in Liberia (1997-98) with a focus on youth combatants active in the 1990-1996 Liberian Civil War. A dissertation on the topic was defended at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University in 2003. I have thereafter published numerous articles on the topic in both co-edited books and journals.

A shorter project focused on Somali businessmen as war brokers was carried out in 2009 and 2010. Fieldworks have been conducted in Nairobi and Dubai among the Somali diaspora community.

Additional field studies have been carried out in Ethiopia (AU) and Nigeria (ECOWAS) (2007) related to a study on informal security structures of the Mano River Region. I have also carried out field research on Liberian refugees in the Ivory Coast (1996), as well as immigrant youth in suburban Sweden (1995).

12. PUBLISHED BOOKS

1. *Private security in Africa: from the global assemblage to the everyday*. (edited with Paul Higate). Zed Books. 2017. Pp. 1-184.
2. *African conflicts and informal power: Big Men and networks*. Edited volume. Zed Books, 2012. pp. 1-256.
3. *Navigating youth – generating adulthood: social becoming in an African context*, Nordic Africa Institute Publ. (edited with Catrine Christiansen and Henrik E. Vigh), 2006. pp 1-272.

4. *Sweet Battlefields: Youth and the Liberian Civil War*. PhD Thesis, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University Dissertations in Cultural Anthropology, 2003. pp. 1-288.

13. EDITOR OF SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES

1. *Civil Wars*, Research brokers in conflict zones (edited with Maria Eriksson Baaz) 2019 vol. 21, Issue 2. 2019
2. *Africa, Journal of the International African Institute*, Urban Kinship (edited with Jesper Bjarnesen) vol. 8, Issue S1. 2018
3. *Strategic Review for Southern Africa*, Post-Gaddafi Repercussions in the Sahel and West Africa (edited with Morten Bøås) vol 35, No 2. 2013
4. *Urban Forum*, Networked City life (edited with Ilda Lindell) vol. 23, Issue 4. 2012

14. ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS AND BOOKS

1. Visibilising hidden realities and uncertainties: the 'post-covid' move towards decolonized and ethical field research practices (authored with Oscar Abedi Dunia, Maria Eriksson Baaz, Maria, Anju Oseema Maria Toppo, Swati Parashar and James Vincent), in *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, pp 1-16, 2023.
2. Research Brokers We Use and Abuse while Researching Civil Wars and Their Aftermaths – Methodological Concerns, in *Civil Wars*, 2019: 21(2). Pp 271-285
3. Exploring the Backstage: Methodological and Ethical Issues Surrounding the Role of Research Brokers in Insecure Zones (authored with Maria Eriksson Baaz), in *Civil Wars*, 2019: 21(2). Pp 157-178.
4. Urban kinship: the micro-politics of proximity and relatedness in African cities (authored with Jesper Bjarnesen). In *Africa - Journal of the International African Institute*, 2018: 88(S1). Pp 1-11.
5. Radicalized youth: oppositional poses and positions (authored with Henrik Vigh) In *African Insurgents: navigating an evolving landscape*. Eds. Bøås, Morten and Kevin Dunn. Boulder/London: Lynne Rienner. 2017. Pp 23-42.
6. Epilogue: African Assemblages of private security. In *Security Beyond the State: Global Security Assemblages in International Politics*. Eds. Paul Higate and Mats Utas. Zed Books. 2017. Pp 164-175.
7. The Gift of Violence: Ex-Militias and Ambiguous Debt Relations during Post-War Elections in Sierra Leone. (authored with Maya Mynster Christensen) *African conflict and peacebuilding review*. 2016 6(2): 23-47.
8. Governance through Brokerage: Informal Governance in Post-Civil War Societies (authored with Anders Themnér). In *Civil Wars*, vol 18, no. 3 2016. Pp 255-280.
9. "El ébola y la gente que lo resiste". In *Detrás del ébola: una aproximación multidisciplinaria a una cuestión global*. Eds. Óscar Mateos and Jordi Tomàs. Barcelona: Edicions Bellaterra. 2016. Pp 75-90.
10. "The system bang me right here": ostacoli e opportunità fra le strade di Freetown e oltre. In *Antropologia*, vol 2, No. 1, 2015. Pp 41-60.
11. The Political Landscape of Postwar Liberia: Reflections on National Reconciliation and Elections (authored with Morten Bøås). In *Africa Today*, vol. 60, no. 4. 2014. Pp. 47-65.
12. "Playing the game": gang-militia logics in war-torn Sierra Leone. In *Global Gangs: Street violence across the world*. Eds. Hazen, J.M. and Rodgers, D. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. 2014 Pp. 171-192.
13. The Crisis in CAR: Navigating myths and interests (authored with Ilmari Kähkö). In *Africa Spectrum*, vol 49, no. 1, 2014. Pp. 69-77.
14. Introduction: Post-Gaddafi repercussions in the Sahel and West Africa (authored with Morten Bøås). In *Strategic Review for Southern Africa*, vol 35, no 2, 2013.
15. Networked City Life in Africa: Introduction (authored with Ilda Lindell). In *Urban Forum* vol. 23, Issue 4, 2012 Pp. 409–414.
16. Introduction: Bigmanity and network governance in Africa. In *African Conflicts and informal power: big men and networks*. Ed. Mats Utas. London: Zed books, 2012. Pp. 1-34.
17. Victimcy and Social Navigation: From the Toolbox of Liberian Child Soldiers. In *Child Soldiers: From Recruitment to Reintegration*. Ed. Podder, S and Özerdem, A. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011. pp. 213-230
18. Remobilisation and the "politricks" of ex-combatants in the 2007 general elections (authored with Maya M. Christensen). In *Conflict resolution and peacebuilding in Africa: lessons from Sierra Leone*. Ed. Takehiko Ochiai. Research Institute for Social Sciences, Ryukoku University/Showado, 2011. Pp. 173-204 [in Japanese].
19. Malignant Organisms: continuities of state-run violence in rural Liberia. In *Crisis of the state: war and social upheaval*. Eds. Bruce Kapferer and Bjørn Enge Bertelsen, Berghahn Books, 2009. pp. 265-291.

20. Abject Heroes: Marginalised youth, modernity and violent pathways of the Liberian Civil War. In *Years of Conflict: Adolescence, Political Violence and Displacement*. Ed. Jason Hart, Refugee Studies Centre/Berghahn Books, 2008. pp. 111-138.
21. Mercenaries of Democracy: The 'politrix' of remobilized combatants in the Sierra Leone 2007 General Elections (authored with Maya M. Christensen). In *African Affairs* vol. 107, no. 429, 2008. pp. 515-539.
22. West Side Boys: military navigation in the Sierra Leone civil war (authored with Magnus Jörgel) In *Journal of Modern African Studies* vol. 46, no. 3, 2008. pp. 487-511.
23. Fighting (in) the badlands of modernity: youth combatants and the Liberian Civil War. In *Journal of Social Sciences & Management*. Vol. 1, No 1 2007. pp. 37-44.
24. Freetown – Berättelser från den osynliga staden. In *Den Ny Verden* (tidsskrift for internationale studier), 40(2): 27-37, 2007.
25. War, violence and videotapes: media and localized ideoscapes of the Liberian Civil War. In *Violence, Political Culture and Development in Africa*. Ed. Preben Kaarsholm, James Currey. 2006. pp 161-180.
26. Youth(e)scapes (Introduction co-authored with Henrik Vigh and Catrine Christiansen). In *Navigating youth – generating adulthood: social becoming in an African context*, Nordic Africa Institute Publ. 2006. pp 9-28.
27. Victimcy, Girlfriending, Soldiering: Tactic Agency in a Young Woman's Social Navigation of the Liberian War Zone. In *Anthropological Quarterly*, vol. 78, no 2, 2005. pp 403-430.
28. Building a future? The reintegration and re-marginalisation of youth in Liberia. In *No Peace, No War: an anthropology of contemporary armed conflicts*. Ed. Paul Richards, James Currey and Ohio University Press, 2005. pp. 137-154.
29. Agency of Victims: Young Women's Survival Strategies in the Liberian Civil War. In *Makers and Breakers: Children and Youth as Emerging Categories in Postcolonial Africa*. Eds. Filip De Boeck & Alcinda Honwana, James Currey, 2005. pp. 53-80.
30. Fluid Research Fields: Studying Excombatant Youth in the Aftermath of the Liberian Civil War. In *Children and Youth on the Front Line: Ethnography, Armed Conflict and Displacement*. Eds. Jo Boyden & Joanna de Berry, Berghahn 2004. pp. 209-236.
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22. BLOG

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23. REVIEW AND READERSHIP

- Reviewer of articles for *J-RAI, Cultural Anthropology, American Ethnologist, African Affairs, Africa, Journal of Modern African Studies, Anthropological Quarterly, Social Anthropology, Anthropology Today, Development and Change, City and Society, Ethnos, Journal of Refugee Studies, Journal of Legal Pluralism, Qualitative Research, Social Dynamics, NORMA, Journal of Peacebuilding and Development, Contemporary Social Science, Africa Spectrum, Africa Insight, Africa Today, Afrika Focus, Journal of Material Culture, African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review, Young, Reproductive Health Matters, Security Dialogue, Childhoods, Museum Anthropology, Human Organisation, Journal of Social Sciences and Management*
- On the Expert Committee for Social Sciences *The Research Council of Norway*
- Reviewer of research proposals for *Swedish Research council, Sida/Sarec, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation, Norwegian Research Council*

24. ORGANISATION OF CONFERENCES AND LECTURE SERIES

1. Co-organizer of conference. *Improvisations* Swedish Anthropological Society (SANT). Uppsala University. April 24-26. 2024
2. Organizer of workshop. *Ethnography and its sensory add-ons*. Department of media and social sciences. **University of Stavanger**. April 28. 2022
3. Organizer of conference. *The Ronström Symposium*. Uppsala University, Campus Gotland. April 20-21. 2022
4. Organizer of workshop. *West African City*. Uppsala University, November 4-5. 2021
5. Co-organizer of conference. *NEEDS 2019 – Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies*. Uppsala, June 10-12. 2019
6. Organizer of workshop. *Ethnographic research in football and conflict – a mini workshop*. Uppsala University, January 26, 2018.
7. Organizer of workshop. *Research brokers in zones of conflict*. Uppsala University, June 15-16, 2017.
8. Organizer of workshop. *Urban Kinship: The Micro-Politics of Proximity and Relatedness in the African City*. **NAI Cape Town**, December 15-16, 2015.

9. Organizer of workshop. *Children, Youth and Violence in Africa*, **NONACYR network** at Uppsala Peace Museum, November 12, 2014.
10. Co-organizer of conference. *Misbehaving states and behaving citizens? Questions of governance in African states/Nordic Africa Days*. **NAI Uppsala**, September 26-27, 2014
11. Organizer of workshop. *Private Security Providers in Conflict Environments – Transitional Actors or Active Influencers*. (Co-organized with **World Bank Center on Conflict, Security and Development**). **Nairobi**. December 9-10, 2013.
12. Organizer of workshop. *Project proposal workshop*. **NAI Hasseludden**, Stockholm, December 6/2013.
13. Co-convenor of workshop. *Illicit Flows and African Security*. **NAI/FOI** Stockholm, October 17, 2013.
14. Organizer of lecture series. *Violent conflict over land in contemporary Africa*. **Lecture series at NAI**, October 2013 – February 2014.
15. Co-organizer of workshop. *Conducting fieldwork in African conflict areas: methodological questions of proximity*. **CRG Violent Conflict/Conflict Research Group Ghent University, Gent**, February 2, 2013.
16. Organizer of workshop. *Conflict, Security and Democratic Transformation*. Cluster workshop. Fotografiska Museet, Stockholm. December 14, 2012.
17. Organizer/Convener. *Liberia -Current Questions* (workshop for Swedish policy makers and practitioners, joint with **UN Peacebuilding Commission**. The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala. October 15, 2012.
18. Co-organizer of workshop. *Warlord Democrats - Agents of Change or Instigators of Insecurity?* **The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala**, September 20-21, 2012.
19. Organizer of workshop. *Exploring the post- Gaddafi repercussions in the Sahel* jointly organized with the **Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Centre**, in Accra. June 28-29, 2012.
20. Organizer of workshop, *The informal Realities of Peacebuilding: military networks and former mid-level commanders in post-war Liberia*. **The Nordic Africa Institute**, Gamla Uppsala, May 13, 2011.
21. Organizer of workshop, *Gender and Security Sector Reform in post-conflict societies in Africa: challenges, opportunities and lessons learned*. **Swedish National Defence College/Nordic Africa Institute**, Stockholm, December 6-7, 2010.
22. Organizer of workshop, *Beyond Dysfunctionality: pro-social writing on African cities*. **Nordic Africa Institute**. October 21-22, 2010.
23. Organizer of public lecture series on *Conflicts in Africa* with **the Swedish Institute of International Affairs**, September-December, 2010.
24. Organizer of conference at **King's College London**. *Militancy and violence in West Africa*. London, April 23-24, 2009.
25. Organizer of *Research Unit Retreat*, the Nordic Africa Institute, Krusenberg, May 15-16, 2007.
26. Organizer of *Research Unit Public Lecture Series* at the Nordic Africa Institute (throughout 2007).
27. Organizer. *Nordic Workshop on researching children and youth in Africa*. **The Nordic Africa Institute**. May 14-16, 2004.
28. Organizer. *Research Methodologies Reconsidered: A Workshop on Anthropology and Conflict*. **The Living Beyond Conflict Seminar**. Fläskudden Conference Centre. September 18-19, 1999.

25. ORGANIZATION OF RESEARCH PANELS

1. Organizer of Roundtable. *Antropologi och rädsans politik* (Anthropology and the politics of fear). **SANT/FAS** conference, Uppsala. April 21, 2018.
2. Organizer of Roundtable. *Embodied Ethnography*. Symposium, Department of Sociology, Uppsala University. May 16, 2017.
3. Organizer of Panel. *Urban Kinship: The Micro-Politics of Proximity and Relatedness in the African City* (with Jesper Bjarnesen). **ECAS, Sorbonne**, July 9, 2015.
4. Organizer of Panel. *Power, knowledge and field research: The "hidden transcripts" of methodology*. **Nordic Africa Days, Uppsala**, September 27, 2014.
5. Organizer and moderator. *Mistrust in the time of Ebola* (international expert panel). **NAI event**, Stockholm, August 19, 2014
6. Convenor of panel. *Inspiring voices and current trends* (with African filmmakers in the panel) **Helsinki African Film Festival**, Helsinki, May 15, 2014.
7. Co-organizer of panel. *Fieldwork in conflict, conflict in fieldwork: methodological and ethical challenges in researching African warzones*. **ECAS, Lisbon**, June 29, 2013.
8. Organizer of Round table. *CRG violent conflict roundtable: conducting fieldwork in African conflict areas: methodological questions on proximity*. **ECAS, Lisbon**, June 28, 2013.
9. Organizer of conference panel. *Big Men – Huge Networks*. **Nordic Africa Days, Iceland**. October 18, 2012.

10. Convener/Organizer of panel debate. Transitional Justice in Post-conflict societies (panelists Rosalind Shaw, Sverker Finnström and Roland Kostic), **The Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala**, June 4, 2012.
11. Panel Convenor. *A prosocial approach to brokers and fixers in urban Africa*. **4th European Conference on African Studies**, Uppsala, June 18, 2011.
12. Convenor/Organizer of panel, *Mobility and relocation as strategies of youthful resistance* (with Morten Bøås), at the **Nordic Africa Days, Åbo**. September 30 – October, 1 2010.
13. Organiser of panel at the **ECAS/AEGIS conference**. *Navigating urban space*. Leipzig June. 4-8, 2009.
14. Convenor. Guest lecture with Jakkie Cilliers, head of ISS, South Africa: *Africa in the new world: how global and domestic developments will impact by 2025*. Co-organized lecture Nordic Africa Institute, Swedish National Defence College and the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. Stockholm, February 9, 2009.
15. Convenor/Organizer *Youth and Hope*, Nordic Africa Days, **University of Copenhagen**, October 8-9, 2008.
16. Convenor/Organizer *Sierra Leone Youth(e)scape*, workshop at the **Nordic Africa Days**, Uppsala, October 5-7, 2007.

26. KEY NOTES, GUEST LECTURES AND OTHER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

1. *Facilitating researchers in insecure zones*. **Conflict Research Group. Ghent University**. December 18, 2023.
2. *Victimcy: the agency of presenting oneself as a victim in aftermaths of war*. **Swedish Embassy in Mozambique**. July 7, 2022.
3. *Ethnography and journalism in times of war*. **Department of media and social sciences. University of Stavanger**. April 28, 2022
4. *Ungdom, radikaliserings och Big Man-strukturer i Västafrika* (Youth, radicalisation and Big Man structures in West Africa). **Swedish Embassy in Liberia**. Online talk for Swedish ambassadors in West Africa. February 5, 2021.
5. *Liberia: chances and challenges*. **Folke Bernadotte Academy**. January 27, 2021.
6. *Risky research in tricky fields? Researchers, their assistants and our problems*. **Graduate Institute**, Geneva, December 4, 2019.
7. *Exploring the research backstage: methodological, theoretical and ethical issues surrounding the role of local research brokers in insecure zones*, Conflict and Methods research node, **Uppsala University**, December 6, 2018.
8. *Big Men and networks in African conflicts and their aftermaths*, **University of Iceland**, March 19, 2018.
9. *African conflicts and informal power – ‘big men’ and networks*, **Royal Danish Defence College**. December 4, 2017.
10. *Conflict anthropology: some methodological queries/trial lecture for the chair in social anthropology*. Global Studies, **University of Gothenburg**. February 1, 2017.
11. *Doing Anthropological fieldwork in Liberia: work and results*. Department of Anthropology and Sociology, **University of Liberia**. October 31, 2016.
12. *Forskningsetik i fält*. Faculty conference on research Ethics. **Uppsala University**. October 12, 2016.
13. *The Ebola epidemic and the local crisis of governance*. Health, politics and culture in Africa. **Uppsala University**. November 26, 2015.
14. *Fredsbygge Liberia (Building peace in Liberia)*. **Folk och Försvar/Föreningen för Utvecklingsfrågor**. Stockholm/Postmuseum. September 23, 2015.
15. *Engaging Ebola*. Centre of African Studies. **University of Copenhagen**. September 9, 2015.
16. *Street youth and marginalization* (screening of Jew-Man business and panel discussion). **Artemiszó Foundation and Auróra**, Budapest. June 7, 2015.
17. *Being Bin Laden in the morning and Tupac in the evening: on sporadic radicalisation*. **The World Bank**, Washington DC/Nairobi. March 26, 2015.
18. *Val i Nigeria: tar våldet över?* **Nordic Africa Institute/Medelhavsmuseet**, Stockholm (with Henrik Angerbrandt), February 10, 2015.
19. *Violence and resistance*. **Gothenburg Film Festival** (a discussion on films about Mali and Syria, with Ossama Mohammed and Marian Bergill Cabrejas), January 26, 2015
20. *Pentagon: struggle, futures and patience*. Waithood - att bli vuxen i en föränderlig värld. **Globala skolan/Universitets och Högskolerådet**, November 11, 2014
21. *Ebola and the people resisting (it)*. **Karolinska Institutet**, October 14, 21, 29, 2014
22. *Ebola and the people resisting (it)*. **Swedish Foreign Ministry**, October 17, 2014.
23. *Ebola from the people's point of view: focus on Liberia and Sierra Leone*. **Karolinska Institutet**, October 8, 2014.

24. *Jew-Man Business: Economy of the Street*. Screening and discussion. **Helsinki African Film Festival**, May 15, 2014.
25. *Africa and Radicalization*. **Kista Folkhögskola**. December 3, 2013.
26. *Youth and Labor markets in Liberia*. **Swedish Embassy in Liberia**. (with Emy Lindberg). November 27, 2013.
27. *Generals for good?* **Oxford Central Africa Forum (OCAF)/Nuffield College. Oxford University**. November 15, 2013.
28. *Documenting post-war lives*. **Department of Social Anthropology, Basel University**. October 15, 2013.
29. *Bilden av Afrika stavar många*. **Internationella Torget/Bokmässan i Göteborg** (with Erika Bjerström and Joachim Beijmo), September 29, 2013.
30. *Kan vi bara ha EN bild av Afrika?* **Sverige i Världen, Almedalen**. (with Jens Assur, Marika Griehsel, Charlotte Petri Gornitzka), July 4, 2013.
31. *Bilden av Afrika: Mirakel eller Misär?* **Sverige i Världen, Almedalen**. (with Kjell Havnevik, Eldridge Adolpho, Joachim Beijmo and Marika Griehsel), June 3, 2013.
32. *Jew-Man Business: economies of street* (documentary film and discussion). **Peace and Security in Africa (PASA)/Uppsala University**. May 21, 2013.
33. *Research on gender, conflict and security* (with Maria Eriksson Baaz), for the President **Tarja Halonen delegation. NAI**, May 6, 2013.
34. *Jew-Man Business: economies of street* (documentary film and discussion). **Lions Uppsala**, April 17, 2013.
35. *Conflict sensitivity, networks and youth*. UNMIL/SRSG seminar. **UNMIL, Monrovia**, March 6, 2013.
36. *Mid-level commanders in Liberia*. **Internationella torget/Göteborg Book Fair**, September 30, 2012.
37. *Warlord Democrats*. **Forskartorget/ Gothenburg Book Fair**, September 30, 2012.
38. *Jew-Man Business: economies of street* (documentary film and discussion). Center for Africa Studies, **Copenhagen University**. May 1, 2012.
39. *Mellannivåbefäl i efterkrigets Liberia*. Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, **Lund University**. May 2, 2012.
40. *Big Men and former generals in post-war Liberia*. **Swedish Embassy** in Monrovia. March 21, 2012.
41. *Jobba som antropolog: erfarenheter från Sierra Leone*. **Studentföreningen Etnograferna, Uppsala Universitet**. February 29, 2012.
42. *Jew-Man Business: economies of street* (documentary film and discussion). **Swedish ministry of foreign affairs**. December 15, 2011.
43. *Jew-Man Business: economies of street* (documentary film and discussion). **Sida's Africa group**. November 30, 2011.
44. *Jew-Man Business: economies of street* (documentary film and discussion). Africa Research Group, **King's College London**. October 18, 2011.
45. *Jew-Man Business: economies of street* (documentary film and discussion). **Peace and Security in Africa (PASA)/Uppsala University**. October 13, 2011.
46. *Freetown Street, slightly beyond uricide: postwar livelihoods, alternative social structures and intimacy in urban West Africa*. **Ethnologisches Kolloquium, Bayreuth University**. June 21, 2011.
47. *Child soldiers and victim complexity*. **Swedish National Defence College**. June 14, 2011.
48. *Demokratisering och radikaliserings inte så olika? Folkörelser i Afrika söder om Sahara*. **Föreningen Samhällsvetarna, Uppsala University**. May 4, 2011.
49. *Suffering and Smiling in urban Africa* (lecture and film). Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy, **University of Jyväskylä**. May 3, 2011.
50. *Jew-Man Business: economies of street* (documentary film and discussion). Africa – hopplöst eller blomstrande. **Föreningen för Utvecklingsfrågor/NAI** (Stockholm). April 27, 2011.
51. *Quests for reintegration: post-rebels and African peace*. **Building Lasting Peace seminar at Sida**. March 30, 2011.
52. *Afrika och konflikter*. **Swedish National Defence College**. February 4, 2011.
53. *Jew Man Business: street economies* (documentary film and discussion). **Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University**. December 16, 2010.
54. Examiner. PhD thesis defense Jairo Munive Rincon, *Questioning ex-combatant reintegration in Liberia*. **Faculty of Humanities, University of Copenhagen**. December 15, 2010.
55. *Overlevelsstrategier bland marginaliserade unge/Unge ex-combatanter i efterkrigstidens Sierra Leone*. **Børne- og ungdomsnetværket, University of Copenhagen/Save the Children**. December 3, 2010.

56. *Jew Man Business: street economies* (documentary film and discussion). **The Swedish Institute of International Affairs**, Stockholm. November 15, 2010.
57. *Jew Man Business: street economies* (documentary film and discussion). **Habitat Norway/Fellesrådet for Afrika**, Oslo. October 4, 2010
58. *How do you survive as young in the streets of Freetown?* (with Brian James). **Swedish Book Fair**, Gothenburg. September 23, 2010.
59. *Bullets and Business: war and implications of trade in and around Somalia*. **Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**. May 17, 2010.
60. *Konflikter Afrika och dess informella maktstrukturer*. **Swedish Ministry of Defence**. May 17, 2010.
61. *Jew man Business: street trading and survival*. **Global Studies, Gothenburg University**. May 12, 2010.
62. *The Pentagon guys: forskning om fd. rebelsoldater och deras överlevnad*. **Sida/NAI**. April 27, 2010.
63. *Informal regimes of power: a network approach to African conflicts*, Japanese African Studies Society, **Ryukoku University**. April 17, 2010.
64. *Somali Businessmen and their roles in the Somali conflict*. Human Security Program, **Tokyo University**. April 14, 2010.
65. *Big Men and informal Networks: a network approach to African conflicts*, **Nordic Battle Group**, Enköping. March 18, 2010.
66. *Somali conflicts: war, migration and aspects of psychosocial health*. Trans-cultural psychiatry, **Faculty of Medicine, Uppsala University**. March 9, 2010.
67. *Boys and the African City*. African Studies, **Department of Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University**. March 4, 2010.
68. *Bilder av Afrika och kontinentens konflikter*. **Swedish National Defence College**. February 5, 2010.
69. *Kriget i Sierra Leone efter 1998*. **Swedish National Defence College**. February 5, 2010.
70. *Bullets, Big Men and Business: Conflict networks in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Somalia*. Top Level Seminar on Peace and Security, **Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University**. December 1, 2009.
71. *Bullets, Business and Big Men: Somalia today*. Culture in Armed Conflicts, **Department of Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University**. November 26, 2009.
72. *Johnny Mad Dog, some thoughts about a film on child soldiers in Liberia*. **Världens Barn/Utrikespolitiska Föreningen**. Fyrisbiografen. November 24, 2009.
73. *Hur fungerar Somalia? Länsrätten i Skåne Län*. November 20, 2009.
74. *Blodsdiamanter i Sierra Leone: fattigdom, våld och jakten på rikedom*. **Södertörns Högskola** (FUIS/Studiefrämjandet). November 17, 2009.
75. *The Devil of Civil: masquerade aesthetics and social meaning in Sierra Leone*. **The Nordic Africa Institute**, Kulturnatten. September 12, 2009.
76. *Liberia underneath: the importance of locating informal socio-political structures*. **Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)**. August 25, 2009
77. *Understanding conflicts in contemporary Africa*. **Swedish National Defence College**. August 11, 2009
78. *Somalia works: the logic of bullets and business*. **African Studies, Uppsala University**. May 18, 2009
79. *The boys and the African city*. **African Studies, Uppsala University**. February 12, 2009.
80. *En plats på gatan: marginalisering och överlevnad bland unga i efterkrigets Sierra Leone*. Docent lecture, **Historisk-filosofiska fakulteten, Uppsala University**. December 8, 2008.
81. *Marginalisering och överlevnad bland unga i urbana Västafrika*. **Swedish National Defence College**. December 3, 2008.
82. *War Child: social navigators in West African wars*. **Icelandic Red Cross**, Reykjavik, November 12, 2008.
83. *Street-corner youth in contemporary Africa*. **The Institute of Anthropology, University of Iceland**, Reykjavik, November 12, 2008.
84. *Watermelon men: navigating the streets of Freetown and beyond*. **School of Social Sciences, Brunel University**, London, October 30, 2008.
85. *Reconciliation, justice and democracy in Sierra Leone: a road to lasting peace?* (with Tim Kelsall) **Swedish Development Forum**, October 28, 2008.
86. *Barnsoldater i Afrika*. **Fredsmuseum (The Peace Museum)**, Uppsala, October 1, 2008.
87. *Children, youth and military navigation in West African wars*, **Network on Humanitarian Assistance, Uppsala University**, September 18, 2008.
88. *Children, youth and military navigation in West African wars*, Culture in Armed Conflicts, **Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University**, September 9, 2008.

89. *West Side Boys: political culture and military navigation in war-torn Sierra Leone*. Conflict, Peace and the Security on the African Continent, course for FOI, Sida, Swedish Foreign and Defence Departments, Uppsala, May 30, 2008.
90. *Political Culture in Liberia: notes on Big Men and informal networks*. Conflict, Peace and the Security on the African Continent, course for FOI, Sida, Swedish Foreign and Defence Departments, Uppsala, May 30, 2008.
91. *Children at war*. African studies and development cooperation, **Gothenburg University/NAI**, Uppsala, May 14, 2008.
92. *Child soldiers in Africa. Network on Humanitarian Assistance: From emergency assistance to peace-building*, **Uppsala University**, April 7, 2008.
93. *What is youth really?* Youth in Africa Seminar, **Sida**, Stockholm, April 4, 2008.
94. *Qualitative methods in war-torn societies: initiating dialogue between research and practice*. Anthropology & Development cooperation lecture series, Sida, Stockholm, March 11, 2008.
95. *Youth and social transitions to adulthood*. **Norwegian Centre for Childhood Research**, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 6, 2008.
96. *Children as soldiers*. **Norwegian Centre for Childhood Research**, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 6, 2008.
97. *Dialectics of youth in anthropology: life cycle and identity; generation and beyond* (Plenary speech) at the workshop: The politics of youth mobilization, **Danish Institute for International Studies**, Copenhagen, February 21, 2008.
98. *Ezra av Newton Aduaka*. Talk about the film Ezra. Slottsbiografen, Uppsala, February 13, 2008.
99. *The Mano River Basin: a baseline study for multifunctional action*. **Swedish Defence Research Agency/Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, December 14, 2007.
100. *Den Afrikanska barnsoldaten*. **Fredsmuseum** (Peace Museum), Uppsala, December 12, 2007.
101. *Det "mystiska" Afrika och bilden av barnsoldaten*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, December 4, 2007.
102. *Med staten som fiende: marginaliserad ungdom i Sierra Leone*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, December 4, 2007.
103. *Unga kvinnor i afrikanska krig*. **MR-Dagarna**, Stockholmsmässan, November 19, 2007.
104. *Childsoldiers in African Civil Wars*. **Dalarna University**, November 13, 2007.
105. *Excombatants, streetcorners and trust in Freetown, Sierra Leone*. **Department of Anthropology, Yale University**, October 22, 2007.
106. *Beyond the victim cast: childsoldiers in African Civil Wars*, **Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Yale University**, October 22, 2007.
107. *Children at war*, Culture in Armed Conflicts, **Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University**, October 9, 2007.
108. *Vattenmelondemokrati? Politik, fattigdom och demokratiska val i efterkrigets Sierra Leone*, **SAMspråk, Almedalen/Politikerveckan** i Visby, July 9, 2007.
109. *Ungdomarna vid gathörnet: hot eller resurs*. (for Swedish election observers to Sierra Leone), **Sida**, June, 14, 2007.
110. *Problematiserad ungdom? Ungas försök att vinna sitt levebröd och framtid i Afrika*. (with Dorte Thorsen) **ABF**, Stockholm, May 31, 2007.
111. *Kriget efter freden*. **Rosendals gymnasium**, Uppsala, May 29, 2007.
112. *Africa from within*. (with Magnus Jörgel) **Nordic Battle Group**, Enköping, May 22, 2007.
113. *Med staten som fiende/den afrikanska barnsoldaten*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, May 15, 2007.
114. *West Side Boys: a military perspective*. **Centre for Development and Security Analysis (CeDSA)**, Freetown, April 24, 2007.
115. *West Side Boys: out of the strategic tool box*. **Ethnologisches Seminar, University of Basel**, April 11, 2007.
116. *Diamanter är för evigt – men Sierra Leonsk ungdom är utbytbar*. Panel discussion on the film Blood Diamond, **Sandrews/the Nordic Africa Institute**, Filmstaden Uppsala, March 16, 2007.
117. *Youth and social transitions to adulthood*. **Norwegian Centre for Childhood Research**, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 15, 2007.
118. *The African Childsoldier*. **Norwegian Centre for Childhood Research**, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 15, 2007.
119. *Med staten som fiende: marginaliserad ungdom i Sierra Leone*. **Rotary**, Järvsö, February 19, 2007.
120. *Den Afrikanske barnsoldaten: mellan offermallen och den mystiska kategorin "ungdom"*. **AFRA Akademien, Sida**, Stockholm, February 16, 2007.
121. *Demystifying Africa*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, January 31, 2007.

122. *Marginalized lives: youth, economic survival and social repercussions of civil wars*. Lecture, **Dalarna University**, Falun, November 28, 2006.
123. *Navigating youth – generating adulthood*. Book launch lecture, **Danish Institute for International Studies**, Copenhagen, November 14, 2006.
124. *Fighting in the badlands of modernity*. Lecture, **Centre for Development and Security Analysis (CeDSA)**, Freetown, April 31, 2005.
125. *"Empty rice bag can't stand": youth-combatants in and out of the Liberian Civil War*. Guest Lecture, **Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**, Halle, May 6, 2004.
126. *Utanförskapets våldsamma logik*. Lecture. **Föreningen för Utvecklingsfrågor**, Stockholm, May 3, 2004.
127. *Åt helvete med tålamodet*. Lecture, Children and war – war-children and child-warriors, exhibition. **The Army Museum**, Stockholm. April 20, 2004.
128. *The violent logic of marginality: youth and the Liberian Civil War*. **Nordic Africa Institute Public Lecture Series**, Uppsala. March 18, 2004.
129. *On youth soldiers in Liberia*, given to the Swedish UN military contingent to Liberia, P10, Strängnäs. February 12, 2004.
130. *Åt helvete med tålamodet*. **Zenit**, Stockholm. December 8, 2003.
131. *From marginalisation to remarginalisation*. **Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)/ Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UD)**. November 21, 2003.
132. *Åt helvete med tålamodet*. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). November 21, 2003.
133. *Of masks and men: Liberian youth combatants and the experience of marginality*. Refugee Studies Centre Public Seminars 'Adolescents, armed conflict and forced migration: an international seminar series', **University of Oxford**. October 29, 2003.
134. *Åt helvete med tålamodet* (on politics and youth in war-torn Liberia). **National Defence College**, Stockholm. October 6, 2003.
135. *Child and youth soldiers in Africa – special case on Liberia*. **Migrationsverket**, Stockholm. November 11, 2002.
136. *Reconciliation and Trauma work in West Africa in general and Liberia in particular*. At **Sida** (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency), Stockholm, May 28, 2001.
137. *The sweetness of war: the internal conflict in Liberia from a child soldier's perspective*. At **Pax et Bellum**, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University, January 30, 2001.
138. *Demobilisation and reintegration of ex-combatant youth in Liberia*. No Peace, No War – Conflict and Morality in Postcolonial Africa. At **the Nordic Africa Institute**, Uppsala. September 14, 2000.

27. CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

1. Workshop paper. *War in Africa: a single story*. Sahel symposium: Public services and citizen perspectives in times of crisis. Forum for Africa Studies, Uppsala University. December 15, 2023
2. Workshop paper. *The story of Jesus: rebel war, thug life and growing old in Freetown, Sierra Leone*. **Gang Lives** workshop. **Graduate School, Geneva**. August 23, 2023.
3. Workshop paper. *Co-writing with criminals*. **Crimtang-Gangs** workshop on Crime and punishment, policing, borders, and urban segregation: comparative perspectives. **University of Copenhagen**, June 20, 2023.
4. Panel discussant. African sports migration: navigation, strategies and abilities among aspiring athletic migrants (Anth 53). **ECAS, University of Cologne**, June 2, 2023.
5. Workshop paper. *Methods for reflexivity, positionality, and power*. Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. November 23, 2021.
6. Panelist. *Peacebuilding in Liberia in the age of compound risk*. **Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development**. **SIPRI**. May 5, 2021.
7. Film event. Screening of *Jew Man Business* (producer and co-director). **SANT/FAS conference**, Uppsala. April 19, 2018.
8. Roundtable address. *Whose bodies? What is embodied ethnography?* Embodied Ethnography. Symposium, Department of Sociology, Uppsala University. May 16, 2017.
9. Conference paper. *Armed conflict trends on the African continent: a 10-15 year perspective*. African Futures –Horizon 2025/African Security: Between Fragility and Resilience. **European Union Institute for Security Studies**, Paris March 22, 2017.
10. Conference paper. *Generals For Good – Not So Bad? Ex-Commanders as Reintegration Brokers in Post-War Liberia* at panel Social and Political Transformations in Post-War Liberia: Exploring Narratives, Memory and Perspectives of Institutional Change. **ECAS, Sorbonne**, Paris, July 10, 2015.
11. Seminar paper. *Ebola and the people resisting it*. **Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University**, February 2, 2015.

12. Discussant workshop. *African government forces: New theoretical and methodological approaches*, **Nordic Africa Institute Uppsala**, December 1-2, 2014.
13. Workshop paper. *Silencing violence: ex-militias ad reserve armies and the ambiguities of debt*. In panel Big Man politics and electoral violence in West Africa. **Nordic Africa Days, Uppsala**, September 26, 2014
14. Workshop paper. *Between methods*. Women's participation in violent organizations. Exploratory workshop, **Radcliffe Institute for advanced study, Harvard University**. September 17-19, 2014.
15. Workshop paper. *Once a general, always a general*. Sovereignty and social orders in the Postcolony. **Dept. of Political science, University of Copenhagen**. October 28, 2013.
16. Moderator/commentator. *Africa Security Challenges: issues, actors and practices*. **Ministry of Foreign Affairs Finland**. September 12, 2013.
17. Discussant/chair. *Liberia seminar*. **The Nordic Africa Institute**. September 10, 2013.
18. Roundtable address: What do we know and where do we go from here? Research findings and challenges in peace processes. Keeping the peace on track: security challenges... . **Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University**. Uppsala, May 3, 2013
19. Conference paper. *The importance of brokerage: military networks and former mid-level commanders in post-war Liberia*. Keeping the peace on track: security challenges... . **Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University**. Uppsala, May 2, 2013.
20. Conference paper. *The importance of brokerage: military networks and former mid-level commanders in post-war Liberia*. **Thomas Ohlson Memorial conference. Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University**. Uppsala, April, 20, 2013.
21. Conference paper. *The importance of brokerage: military networks and former mid-level commanders in post-war Liberia*. WA57 Contemporary peace and conflict in Africa. **International Studies Association**. San Francisco, April, 3, 2013
22. Workshop paper. *The importance of brokerage: military networks and former mid-level commanders in post-war Liberia*. **Conflict, Security and democratic transformation: cluster workshop**, Fotografiska museet, Stockholm, December 14, 2012.
23. Key note Address. *Adding life to the categories: age bulges, child soldiers and "youth men"*. **Interpreting Children and Youth. The 5th Finnish conference on childhood studies and the 11th Finnish conference on youth studies**. Helsinki, November 15, 2012.
24. Workshop paper. *Urban youth and post-conflict Africa: on policy priorities*. **Nordic Symposium on African Youth Studies**. University of Iceland. October 17, 2012.
25. Film screening. *Jew Man Business* **The Nordic Africa Institute's 50th anniversary Conference**. October 12, 2012.
26. Opening and closing speech at the *Exploring the post- Gaddafi repercussions in the Sahel*. **Kofi Annan Peacekeeping Training Centre, Accra**. June 28-29, 2012
27. *Urban youth in post-conflict Africa*. Youth in War and Post-War Africa: Priorities and Policies. **Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars**, Washington DC. April 17, 2012.
28. *Electoral polit(r)ics and youth violence*. Sierra Leone Elections 2012, **Nuffield College, Oxford**. February 23, 2012.
29. *Sporadically radical*. Marrakech Security Forum. **Federation Africaine Des etudes Strategiques/Centre Marocain des Etudes Strategiques**, January 21, 2012.
30. Film screening/workshop participation. *Social practices of dealing with uncertainty*. **Bayreuth University**, June 22, 2011.
31. Film screening. *Jew Man Business*. **4th European Conference on African Studies**, Uppsala, June 17, 2011.
32. Workshop paper. *Urban brokers and entrepreneurs of violence: war/peace continuities in Liberia and Sierra Leone*. Panel 53 – Ex-combatants: a post-conflict challenge? **4th European Conference on African Studies**, Uppsala, June 15, 2011
33. Discussant. *Transition and Justice: negotiating the terms of new beginnings in Africa*. **4th European Conference on African Studies**, Uppsala, June 15, 2011
34. Presentation. *Politiska rörelser för demokratisering och radikalisering i Afrika*. **Riksdagens utrikesutskott** besök på NAI, May 16, 2011.
35. Workshop paper. *Child soldiers and victim complexity*. Experiencing war. **School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg**, April 15, 2011.
36. Film and discussion. *Jew Man Business*. Futures in the making – youth, conflict and potentiality. **University of Copenhagen**, January 20, 2011.
37. Workshop paper. *Urban mobilizers – agents of security and insecurity in war and "no war no peace" contexts*. Panel: Professionals of violence in the entanglement of war and peace. **African Studies Association**, San Francisco, November 18, 2010.

38. Chair. *Beyond dysfunctional reading of African cities*, with AbdouMaliq Simone and Garth Myers. **The Nordic Africa Institute/DevNet**, Uppsala. October 21, 2010.
39. Chair. *Herrens motståndarsarmé (LRA) – en fruktad rebellgrupp på export?* With Sverker Finnström. **The Swedish Institute for International Affairs**. October 18, 2010.
40. Workshop paper. *Understanding marginalized youth*. 2010 **Norwegian Habitat Conference: Youth in Cities**, Oslo. October 4, 2010.
41. Chair/Discussant. *Somalia's future*, with Nuruddin Farah and Redie Berketab. **Swedish Book Fair**, Gothenburg. September 25, 2010.
42. Chair/discussant. *Literature from Sierra Leone*, with Brian James. **Swedish Book Fair**, Gothenburg. September 23, 2010.
43. Chair. *Kongolesiska Armén: Reformering och Feminisering*, with Maria Eriksson Baaz. **The Swedish Institute of International Affairs**. September 20, 2010.
44. Discussant. *Displacement economies: paradoxes of crisis and creativity in African Contexts*. **The Nordic Africa Institute**. April 26-28, 2010.
45. Panelist. *Att skydda sina alster*. **Uppsala Forum on Peace, Democracy and Justice**, Uppsala University. March 23, 2010.
46. Chair. *Explorations of 'Afronesia': experimental approaches to political and legal anthropology in Africa*. **The Nordic Africa Institute**, March 22, 2010.
47. Chair and closing speech. *Experiences from Security Sector Reform in Liberia*. **Swedish National Defence College**, December 10, 2009.
48. Discussant. *Culpability and Guilt: child soldiers in fiction and autobiography*, by Mark Sanders. Relocating ethics: **Department of English, Uppsala University**, May 31-June 6, 2009.
49. Workshop paper. *Trapped in the Game: militia and gang members in war and post-war Sierra Leone*. Global Gangs: Comparative workshop, **The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Geneva**, May 15, 2009.
50. Chair and discussant. *Militancy and violence in West Africa*. **King's College London**, April 23-24, 2009.
51. Workshop paper. *Mercenaries of democracy: the 'politricks' of remobilised combatants in the Sierra Leone 2007 general elections* (with Maya Christensen), Youth and African Conflict, **African Network Norway and Fafo**, Oslo, December 2, 2008.
52. Postscript: *Youth and Hope*. Nordic Africa Days, **University of Copenhagen**. October 9, 2008.
53. Workshop paper. *Mercenaries of democracy: the 'politricks' of remobilised combatants in the Sierra Leone 2007 general elections*. Demokratisering, statsbyggande och konflikt, Workshop at **Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA)** annual meeting, Uppsala, September 27, 2008.
54. Workshop paper. *From demobilisation to remobilisation*. Conceptual issues of common concern: violence, borders, agents of order, workshop at **AIS Leangkollen**, Oslo, August 20, 2008.
55. Guest speaker. Sustainable camp approaches in conflict and disaster areas. Workshop organized by **The Swedish Defence Research Agency, The Swedish Armed Forces and United Nations Department of Field Support**. Näsby Slott, Stockholm, May 12, 2008.
56. Seminar paper. *The West Side Boys: military navigation in the Sierra Leone Civil War*. Research Seminar at the **Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University**. February 15, 2008.
57. Workshop paper. *"Borbor Pain" and his big brother "Borbor Belleh": research on youth and informal power structures in the Mano River Region*. The Upper Guinea Coast: topics and problems addressed in current research, organized by **Center for African Studies Copenhagen and Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale**. Copenhagen, February 8, 2008.
58. Seminar paper. *The West Side Boys: military navigation in the Sierra Leone Civil War*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, December 13, 2007.
59. Conference paper. *In God we trust – everybody else pay cash: on a personalized state and alternative moral communities in urban Sierra Leone*. **ECAS/AEGIS**, Leiden, July 12, 2007.
60. Panelist (with Professor Bo Huldt, General Daniel I. Opande (AU), and Henri Boshoff (ISS)). *Strategic studies: Africa*. **Swedish National Defence College**. Stockholm, February 1, 2007.
61. Discussant of three papers. *On Ethnographies of knowledge: the fourth Uppsala-Leuven doctoral workshop*. **Uppsala University**, January 11-12, 2007.
62. Conference paper. *The street is our office/images of street life in a Freetownian "hood"*. Mass Violence in Africa. **Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and Nordic Africa Institute**. Uppsala, December 1, 2006.
63. Seminar paper. *Skating the invisible city: street-corner youth, crime and moral economy in Sierra Leone*. **Street Life Seminar**. Stockholm University, November 2, 2006.
64. Conference paper. *(Fighting) the System: the Sierra Leone state in the minds and hands of urban youth*. **ECAS/AEGIS**, London, Juli 1, 2005.

65. Conference paper. *Making hearts 'go cold': sexual abuse, trauma and local variations of psychosocial healing in Sierra Leone*. Structure of vulnerability: mobilization and resistance, **Stockholm University/Sida**, Stockholm. January 13, 2005.
66. Workshop presentation. *Traditional healing of sexual abuse victims in the aftermath of the Sierra Leone Civil War*. Workshop on Girls left behind and traditional healing methods for sexual abuse victims, **UNICEF Freetown**. August 25, 2004.
67. Conference paper. *Sunjata warriors – Sunjata walks*. From violent conflicts to civil governance – **AEGIS thematic conference**, Uppsala. May 27, 2004.
68. Conference paper. *Abject heroes: marginalised youth and violent paths of the Liberian Civil War*. Nordic perspectives on researching children and youth in Africa. **Nordic Africa Institute**, Uppsala. May 14, 2004.
69. *Child-soldiers*. Panelist at the opening ceremony seminar, Children and war – war-children and child-warriors, exhibition. The Army Museum, Stockholm. March 25, 2004.
70. Conference paper. *Malignant organisms: continuities of state run violence in rural Liberia*. Vital matters: war and the state. **University of Bergen**. February 22, 2004.
71. Conference paper. *Beyond Victimcy: the story of a young woman in the Liberian Civil War*. **African Studies Association (ASA)**, Boston. November 1, 2003.
72. Conference paper. *Violent upbringings-violent heroes-violent paths: young males and war in Liberia*. **American Anthropological Association (AAA)**, New Orleans. November 24, 2002.
73. Conference paper. *Fluid research fields: studying combatants of the Liberian Civil War*. Workshop on violence, political culture and development in Africa, **Roskilde University**, Bornholm. May 21, 2002.
74. Conference paper. *Child ex-combatants: the challenges of reintegration*. Workshop on Africa: a future beyond the crises and conflicts, **NAI, Helsinki**. April 20, 2002.
75. Conference paper. *Agency of victims: young women in the Liberian Civil War*. **CODESRIA**, Dakar. July 2, 2001.
76. Conference paper. *Understanding Ex-combatant Youth in Liberia: Conflict resolution, conflict prevention and reintegration activities, with a special reference to research methodology*. Workshop on Post-Conflict Transition, the State and Civil Society, **the Nordic Africa Institute**, Uppsala, May 28-29, 2001.
77. Conference paper. *Research on Consumerism and Qualitative Methods of Data Collection*. **Culturelab Workshop. Hasseludden**, May 12, 2001.
78. Conference paper. *Agency of Victims: young women's survival strategies in the Liberian Civil War*. Children and Youth as Emerging categories in Africa, **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**, Belgium. November 4-6, 1999.
79. Conference paper. *War, violence and videotapes: the usage of media in the Liberian Civil War*. Nordiska Afrikadagar, **the Nordic Africa Institute**, Uppsala. October 29-31, 1999.
80. Conference paper. *Conflicts Fruit: Poverty, Violence and the Politics of Identity in African Arenas*. At Sophienberg Slott, Rungsted Kyst, Denmark. October 21-24, 1999.