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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Oslo Oct 2020-
Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg Mar-Sep 2020

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Political Science, University of Gothenburg 2015-2019
- Dissertation: *Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: Threat, Mobilization and Gender Norms*
- Supervisors: Ann Towns (University of Gothenburg), Lena Wängnerud (University of Gothenburg), Inger Skjelsbæk (University of Oslo)

M.A. in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh (*grade point average: 4.0; enrolled as PhD student*) 2013-2015

M.A. in Political Science, Western Washington University (*grade point average: 4.0*) 2007-2010

B.A. in British and American Studies & Text Technology, University of Bielefeld (*final grade: 1,2*) 2003-2007
- Student exchange to Western Washington University, 2005-2006

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (with Philipp Schulz). 2022. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*

Field Research: A Graduate Student's Guide (with Ezgi Irgil, Myunghee Lee, Charmaine N. Willis and Kelebogile Zvobgo). 2021. *International Studies Review*.

Researching Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: A Conversation between Early Career Researchers (with Philipp Schulz). 2021. *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (Online First).

Covid-19 and Gender: A Necessary Connection in Diplomatic Studies (with Ann Towns, Katarzyna Jezierska & Birgitta Niklasson). 2020. *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy* 15:4, p. 636-647.

Civil Society Perspectives on Sexual Violence in Conflict: Patriarchy and War Strategy in Colombia. 2020. *International Affairs* 96:2, p. 457-478.

Gendered Conflict, Gendered Outcomes: The Politicization of Sexual Violence and Quota Adoption (with Mattias Agerberg). 2019. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 64:2-3, p. 290-317.

Responding to Sexual Violence: Women's Mobilization in War. 2019. *Journal of Peace Research* 26:2, p. 220-233.

Authoritarian Institutions and Women's Rights (with Daniela Donno). 2019. *Comparative Political Studies* 52:5, p. 720-753. Winner of James Caporaso Best Paper Award (CPS) 2019

The Gender Mainstreaming Gap: Security Council Resolution 1325 and UN Peacekeeping Mandates. 2017. *International Peacekeeping* 24:1, p. 132-158.

Forthcoming

Sexual Violence, Gendered Protection and Support for Intervention (with Mattias Agerberg; *Forthcoming in Journal of Peace Research*)

Self-Care for Gender-Based Violence Researchers – Beyond Bubble-Baths and Chocolate Pralines (with Philipp Schulz, Sarah Martin and Heleen Touquet; *Forthcoming in Qualitative Research*)

Do gender patterns in diplomacy disappear over time? (with Birgitta Niklasson and Ann Towns; *Forthcoming in European Journal of Politics and Gender*)

Under Review

Political Agency, Victimhood and Gender in and after War (with Philipp Schulz; *Revise & Resubmit at International Studies Quarterly*)

“This patriarchal, machismo and unequal culture of ours”: Obstacles to confronting conflict-related sexual violence (*Revise & Resubmit at Social Politics*)

Book Chapters

The Empowerment of Women in Diplomacy (with Ann Towns and Birgitta Niklasson). 2017. In *Measuring Women's Political Empowerment across the Globe: Strategies, Challenges and Future Research*. Palgrave, p. 187-205.

Forthcoming

Sexual Violence (with Robert Nagel; in *Gender and Violence against Political Actors* (eds. Elin Bjarnegård, Pär Zetterberg))

Responses and Reactions to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (with Robert Nagel; in *Gender and Violence against Political Actors* (eds. Elin Bjarnegård, Pär Zetterberg))

Fieldwork (with Kelebogile Zvobgo, Charmaine N. Willis, Myunghye Lee and Ezgi Irgil). *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond (APSA Guidebook)*, eds. Kevin G. Lorentz II, Dan Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, Davin Phoenix, and J. Cherie Strachan

Research Reports and Policy Papers

How Does Civil Society Understand Conflict-Related Sexual Violence? Perspectives from Women Activists in Colombia”. December 2019. GPS Policy Brief 03.2019. *Peace Research Institute Oslo*.

<https://gps.prio.org/utility/DownloadFile.ashx?id=1185&type=publicationfile>

Spanish version: <https://gps.prio.org/utility/DownloadFile.ashx?id=1186&type=publicationfile>

Impact Evaluation of Peace through Development II (P-DEV II) Radio Programming in Chad and Niger (with Steven E. Finkel, Reynaldo T. Rojo-Mendoza, Cassilde L. Schwartz and Chris A. Belasco). 2015. USAID Contract Number GS-10F-004N/AID-624M-13-00001. The Mitchell Group, Washington, D.C.

Work in Progress

Imperfect Victims? Civilian Men, Vulnerability and Policy Preferences (with Mattias Agerberg)

Is Free Trade Good for Women? How Trade Agreements Affect Women's Rights (with Evgeny Postnikov)

Perceptions of repressive repertoires: A survey experiment (with Ingrid Vik Bakken and Ragnhild Nordås)

OUTREACH, EXPERTISE AND MEDIA PRESENCE

Online Roundtable on “Survivors-as-documenters”. *Consultations of the draft Murad Code*. Invited participant. November 22, 2021 (virtual)

Real Scientists Germany. Curator (*Science communication on Twitter*). July 12-18, 2021

“Beyond Passive Victims and Agentic Survivors: Responses to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence” (with Philipp Schulz). April 2021. *e-International Relations*. <https://www.e-ir.info/2021/04/03/beyond-passive-victims-and-agentic-survivors-responses-to-conflict-related-sexual-violence/>

“Gender and Peacekeeping: Progress and Challenges”. July 2019. *Oxford Research Group (now defunct; copy of blog post available here: <https://annekathrinkreft.files.wordpress.com/2021/10/gender-and-peacekeeping.pdf>)*

“The 2018 Nobel Peace Prize is a tribute to activists against sexual violence in conflict”. December 2018. *Political Violence @ a Glance*. <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2018/12/13/the-2018-nobel-peace-prize-is-a-tribute-to-activists-against-sexual-violence-in-conflict/>

“Fighting sexual violence in war: Context matters”. December 2018. *US Army War College War Room*. <https://warroom.armywarcollege.edu/articles/sexual-violence-in-war/>

“Sometimes autocrats strengthen their power by expanding women's rights. Here's how that works.” (with Daniela Donno). November 2018. *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/11/23/sometimes-autocrats-strengthen-their-power-by-expanding-womens-rights-heres-how-that-works/>

Interviewed by Times Higher Education, Christian Science Monitor, E-IR, Forskning & Framsteg, Sändaren

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

(*P*: presenting author; *NP*: non-presenting author; *C*: chair; *D*: discussant; *IT*: invited talk)

“Imperfect Victims? Civilian Men, Vulnerability and Policy Preferences”

- Violence, Instability and Peace Research Group, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, March 2022 (*IT*)

“This patriarchal, machista and unequal culture of ours”: Obstacles to confronting conflict-related sexual violence

- Interdisciplinary Peace and Conflict Research Network (virtual), November 2021 (*P, C, D, organizer*)

Women’s Activism Under Attack: Backlash Against Civil Society in Post-Conflict Settings

- Workshop “Gendered Nature of Conflict Violence: Causes and Consequences of Violence Targeting Women,” University of Essex, May 2020 (*IT, D*)

Sexual Violence, Gender and Public Support for Intervention in Armed Conflict (with M. Agerberg)

- Swiss Political Science Association conference, Lucerne, February 2020 (*P*)

- Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, November 2019 (*IT*)

- Peace Research in Sweden conference, Gothenburg, September 2019 (*P*)

Ethics and Mental Well-Being in Difficult Research – Towards a Reappraisal of Fieldwork Preparedness

- Workshop organizer. Conflict Research Society conference, Brighton, September 2019 (*P, C*)

Challenges in Confronting Sexual Violence in Colombia

- Conflict Research Society conference, Brighton, September 2019 (*P, C, D*)

Is Free Trade Good for Women? How Trade Agreements Affect Women’s Rights (with E. Postnikov)

- American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington D.C., September 2019 (*P*)

The Fetishization of Sexual Violence in Conflict? Tackling Victimization and Agency

- Public event on Gender, Diplomacy and Peace, Gothenburg, February 2019 (*P*)

Understanding Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Bringing Patriarchy Back In

- NORA conference, Reykjavík, May 2019 (*P, C*)

- International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, March 2019 (*P, C*)

- Workshop “Complexifying Gendered Victimhood During War and Transition: Gender, Vulnerabilities and Agency”, Bremen, February 2019 (*P, D*)

- Conflict Research Society Conference, Birmingham, September 2018 (*P, D*)

- European Consortium for Political Research conference, Hamburg, August 2018 (*P*)

Domestic and International Responses to Wartime Sexual Violence: Cross-National Statistical Analyses and Case Study Evidence from Colombia

- Research Network on Gender, Peace and Security meeting, Oslo, September 2017 (*IT*)

Wartime Sexual Violence and Gender Quota Adoption (with M. Agerberg)

- European Consortium for Political Research conference, Oslo, September 2017 (*P*)

- Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, April 2017 (*P*)

Authoritarian Institutions and Women’s Rights (with D. Donno)

- American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, September 2017 (*NP*)

- Southern Political Science Association annual meeting, New Orleans, January 2017 (*NP*)

Beyond Victimization: Women’s Political Mobilization in Response to Wartime Sexual Violence

- GLD Annual Conference, Hindås, April 2017 (*IT*)

- Conflict Research Society annual conference, Dublin, September 2016 (*P*)

How to Measure Sexual Violence in Surveys: A Pre-Test

- Methods Workshop for Swedish PhD students, Örebro, June 2016 (*P, D*)

Spaces and Mobilization: Gendered Conflict Dynamics and Women’s Political Participation

- Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago, April 2015 (*P*)

VISITING POSITIONS

Centre for Gender Research, University of Oslo, Norway

Jul-Sep 2020

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Jan-Apr 2018

Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway

Sep-Oct 2017

RESEARCH

Interviews with diplomats and UN staff (New York)	2019
Coding of membership composition of Swedish <i>statens offentliga utredningar 2014-2019</i>	2019
Interviews with civil society representatives, diplomats, government officials and former armed actors; focus groups (Bogotá, Medellín, Cali)	2018
Interviews with diplomats and civil society representatives (Bogotá)	2017
Interviews with (former) diplomats (Oslo, Stockholm)	2016
Data collection for the <i>Gender and Diplomacy</i> project (Ann Towns), University of Gothenburg	2017
Graduate Student Assistant, University of Pittsburgh - Research assistance in different projects: data collection, report writing, analytical literature reviews	2014-2015
Graduate Research Assistant, Border Policy Research Institute (WWU) - Comparative analysis of border security policy in North America and Europe	2009
Interviews with diplomats and foreign policy experts (Berlin, New York)	2009

TEACHING

Chaos Politics, B.A. Political Science program, University of Oslo - Why do some armed groups perpetrate sexual violence in conflict while others do not? (lecture)	Fall 2021
Design Seminar (lecturer and course convenor), M.A. Peace and Conflict Studies program, University of Oslo	Fall 2021
Research Methods, M.A. Peace and Conflict Studies program, University of Oslo - Research Interviews (lecture) - Fieldwork (lecture)	Fall 2021
NVivo Workshop (lecturer), M.A. Political Science program, University of Oslo	Fall 2021
Thesis Seminar (seminar leader), M.A. Peace and Conflict Studies program, University of Oslo	Spring 2021
Writing seminar (seminar leader), B.A. Political Science program, University of Oslo	Spring 2021
Gender, Peace and Conflict, PhD course, Peace Research Institute Oslo - “Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict: Victims and Actors” (lecture)	May 2019
Opponent. Master’s thesis. <i>Search for the Deliberative Democracy Elements in the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference - A case study of the local People’s Political Consultative Conference in Ningbo, China.</i> Yuezhe Kong. Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg	August 2017
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Western Washington University - Government and Politics in the Modern World - Introduction to International Relations - American Political System - Introduction to Canadian Studies - Introduction to Political Theory	2007-2009
<u>Guest lectures</u>	
“Frauen in Kriegssituationen: Reaktionen auf sexuelle Konfliktgewalt” (<i>Women in Conflict Settings: Reactions to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence</i>), Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (virtual)	June 2021
“Sexuelle Gewalt in bewaffneten Konflikten” (<i>Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict</i>), Technische Universität Dresden (virtual)	April 2021
“Reflexives Forschen und Lernen: Feministische Methoden und Wissensproduktion” (<i>Reflexive Research and Learning: Feminist Methods and Knowledge Production</i>), University of Bremen (virtual)	May 2020
“Fieldwork and Interviewing: Research on Sensitive Issues”, Tulane University (virtual)	April 2020

SUPERVISION

Supervisor. Master's thesis. Women's Protection Unit (YPJ) (<i>ongoing</i>)	2021
Supervisor. Master's thesis. Gender in Religious Conflict (<i>ongoing</i>)	2021
Supervisor. Master's thesis. Refugees and Conflict (<i>ongoing</i>)	2021
Supervisor. Master's thesis. WPS and Women in Mediation (<i>ongoing</i>)	2021
Main supervisor. Master's thesis. Former Female FARC Combatants in Civilian Life (<i>ongoing</i>)	2021
Supervisor. B.A. thesis. <i>Examining the Ubiquitousness of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Territorial Conflicts</i> . Emelie Andersin, University of Gothenburg (High Pass).	2020
Co-supervisor. M.A. thesis. <i>The Importance of Women in Transitional Justice: Women's Work for Justice in Guatemala and Liberia</i> . Lovisa Dahlström, University of Gothenburg (High Pass).	2018

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Department of Political Science, University of Oslo. <i>Småforsk</i> research grant (55,760 NOK)	2021
Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet), International Postdoc Grant (3,15 mill. SEK) <i>terminated prematurely after starting new position</i>	2020-2022
Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse, travel grant (19,000 SEK)	2019
Stiftelsen Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond, research grant (19,000 SEK)	2019
Kungl. Vitterhetsakademien, travel grant (18,000 SEK)	2019
Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas Minne, research grant (30,000 SEK)	2018
Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse, travel grant (25,000 SEK)	2018
Stiftelsen Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond, travel grant (40,000 SEK)	2018
Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas Minne, research grant (30,000 SEK)	2017
American Political Science Association, APSA travel grant [<i>declined</i>]	2017
Paul och Marie Berghaus Donationsfond, travel grant (20,000 SEK)	2017
Stiftelsen Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond, research grant (31,000 SEK)	2017
Forskraftstiftelsen Theodor Adelswårds Minne, scholarship for field research (100,000 SEK)	2016
University of Gothenburg, Adlerbert Scholarship for field research (20,000 SEK)	2016
Stiftelsen Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond, research grant (35,000 SEK)	2016
Paul och Marie Berghaus Donationsfond, travel grant (20,000 SEK)	2016
University of Edinburgh, Chrystal Macmillan Studentship for PhD Study [<i>declined</i>]	2015-2018
University of Pittsburgh, Arts & Sciences Summer Fellowship	2014; 2015
University of Pittsburgh, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship	2013
Western Washington University, Public Affairs Research Fund Award	2009
Western Washington University, Public Affairs Research Fund Scholarship	2007; 2008
P.E.O. Sisterhood, International Peace Scholarship	2007; 2008
German Academic Exchange Service, internship scholarship	2006

AWARDS

James Caporaso Best Paper Award for best paper published in Comparative Political Studies in 2019, for "Authoritarian Institutions and Women's Rights" (with Daniela Donno)	2020
Christiane-Rajewsky-Award for junior researchers (for PhD dissertation "Sexual Violence in Armed Conflict"), German Association for Peace and Conflict Research	2020

SERVICE

Reviewer for *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *Contemporary Voices: St Andrews Journal of International Relations*; *Cooperation and Conflict*; *Foreign Policy Analysis*; *International Affairs*; *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (2); *International Interactions*; *International Organization* (2); *International Peacekeeping*; *International Political Science Review*; *International Studies Quarterly* (3); *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Global Security Studies*; *Journal of Peace Research* (4); *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Sexual Aggression*; *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*; *Latin American Research Review*; *Millennium*; *Nordic Journal of Human Rights*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*; *Violence Against Women*; *World Politics*

Jury member. Cedric Smith Prize for best piece of peace and conflict research by a graduate student. Conflict Research Society, 2020

Discussant. "Europe: East and West" Undergraduate Research Symposium, Panel "Russian and Soviet Foreign Policy". University of Pittsburgh, 2015

Graduate Student Executive Committee. Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2014-2015

Peer advisor for study abroad, University of Bielefeld, 2006-2007

ACTIVITIES & COURSES

Founding Member of Interdisciplinary Peace and Conflict Research Network (with Jørgen Jensehaugen and Philipp Nelson)	2020-
Member of Norwegian Research School on Peace and Conflict:	2016-2019
- Cyprus Course on Peace and Conflict	2018
- Governance, Identity and War	2017
- Gender, Peace and Security	2016
- Ethnographic Fieldwork Methods	2016
- Beyond Transitional Justice: From Individual to Community	2015
- Qualitative Methods and the Study of Civil War	2015
- Member Symposiums	2016-2019
- Member representative in Research School Steering Group	2017-2018
<u>Other courses:</u>	
- Introduction to Geographical Data Management and Analysis with ArcGIS (short course: 10,5 hours), ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques	2020
- Qualitative Data Analysis: Concepts and Approaches, ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques	2017
- Mixed Methods: Towards a Methodological Pluralism, Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies	2016
- Panel Data Analysis for Comparative Research, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis	2014

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager: higher education research, CHE Consult, Gütersloh, Germany	2011-2012
Assistant to the Country Director (intern), GIZ, Lusaka, Zambia	2010
External Expert: Sector and Policy Division Peace and Governance, KfW Development Bank, Frankfurt am Main, Germany	2010
Intern in the Office of the Coordinator of German-American Cooperation, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany	2008
Communications Associate (intern), World Federation of United Nations Associations, New York	2006

LANGUAGES

German: Native language

English: Full professional proficiency

Norwegian: Professional working proficiency; University of Oslo, Bokmål trinn III (level B2-C1, completed 2013)

Spanish, Swedish: Good reading ability, limited working proficiency

French: Elementary proficiency

IT SKILLS

Stata, NVivo, Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat, Adobe Lightroom, HTML, CSS

REFERENCES

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