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**EDUCATION DEGREES**

Professor 15 October 2015

Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

Associate Professor 2 February 2009

Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

Doctor of Philosophy 12 October 2007

Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

Master of Social Science 12 September 2000

Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

Academic position and scholarship

Lecturer, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, 2010- (on leave 2010-June 2011)

Lecturer, National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, (2011 – June 2012)

Post-Doctor Fellowship at the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of

Otago, New Zealand, 2009-2011

Researcher and teacher at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University,

2007-2009

PhD Candidate, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, 2001-2007

Acting Director General of Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation, 1998

Academic service and organizational leadership

• Member in ‘Beredningsgruppen för strategiska medel’, HumanistiskaSamhällsvetenskapliga fakulteten, Uppsala Universitet, 2019 –

• Member of International Bureau for the International Research Group on Peace Studies,

Scientific Council of the International Federation of Catholic University

• Member of Advisory Board for the research project “Radical Islamist armed groups –

(De)escalation paths and entry points for third-party engagement”, Berghof Center,

Germany

• Member of the Academic Council of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC)

• International Studies Association (ISA), at-large Representative in the Governing Council,

2015-2016

• Director of Research, The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (NCPCS),

University of Otago, New Zealand, 2010-2012

• Member of Editorial Committee for Journal of Peace Research, January 2013 –

• Member of Editorial Board of Politics and Religion, January 2017 –

• Section Program Chair for the 2014 Annual Convention the International Studies

Association (ISA) for the section ‘Religion and International Relations’

• Member of Centre Faculty Board, The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

(NCPCS), Otago University, New Zealand, 2009 – 2012

• Chair of the Centre Research Seminar, 2012 (Spring), The National Centre for Peace and

Conflict Studies (NCPCS), University of Otago, New Zealand

• Chair of the Research Paper Seminar, 2012 (Autumn), Department of Peace and Conflict

Research, Uppsala University

• Member of the selection committee for PhD candidates, Department for Peace and

Conflict Research, 2012, 2013

• Member of International Working Group on Conflict Prevention, Folke Bernadotte

Academy, 2008, and the International Working Group on Peacekeeping Operation, Folke

Bernadotte Academy, 2005-2006

• Member of the board, Dag Hammarskjöld Library (representative of Uppsala University),

2017 –

• Member of the board of Department of Peace and Conflict Research, 2003-2004; 2013-

Review for research funding and academic promotion

• Member of academic evaluation committee for permanent position as Senior Researcher

at PRIO, 2020.

• External reviewer for Anna Lindh-professorship in gender, peace and security, Defence

University of Sweden, 2018

• Member of jury for the Norwegian Research Council’s Price for Young Research Talents,

2018

• Panel-member FRIHUMSAM, Norwegian Research Council, Norway, 2013, 2014, 2017

• External reviewer for NSF, 2016

• External reviewer for promotion to professor, School of Global Studies, 2016

• External reviewer for the position of lecturer in human rights, Stockholm School of

Theology (THS), 2016

• External evaluator for the position of Lecturer in peace and conflict research and

international relations, Gothenburg University, 2015

• External evaluator for the position of Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies, Malmö

University, 2009-2010

• External reviewer for designation of a Distinguished Professor, University of New

Mexico, February 2016

• External reviewer for Center of Excellence, Swiss National Science Foundation, 2018

• External research proposal reviewer, Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS),

Belgium, 2018

• External research proposal reviewer, German Foundation for Peace Research, 2014

• External research proposal reviewer, Israel Science Foundation, 2014

**Articles**

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(2020). Peace Talks and Valid Spokespersons: Explaining the Onset of Negotiations in Southern Thailand.

International Negotiation, Brill. 25(3): 495-518

Karakus, D., Svensson, I.

(2020). Between the Bombs: Exploring Partial Ceasefires in the Syrian Civil War, 2011–2017.

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Lundgren, M., Svensson, I.

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Finnbogason, D., Larsson, G., Svensson, I.

(2019). Is Shia-Sunni Violence on the Rise?: Exploring New Data on Intra-Muslim Organised Violence 1989-2017.Civil Wars, 21(1): 25-53

Krause, D., Svensson, I., Larsson, G.

(2019). Why Is There So Little Shia-Sunni Dialogue?: Understanding the Deficit of Intra-Muslim Dialogue and Interreligious Peacemaking.

Religions, 10(10)

Finnbogason, D., Svensson, I.

(2018). The missing jihad: Why have there been no jihadist civil wars in Southeast Asia?.

The Pacific Review, 31(1): 96-115

Svensson, I.

(2018). Introducing an Agenda-Based Approach to Mediation Success: The Divergent Effects of the Manipulation Strategy in African Civil Wars. Accepted for publication (Nov 2018).

International Negotiation Accepted.

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(2018). From Revolution to Resolution:: Exploring Third‐Party Mediation in Nonviolent Uprisings.

Peace and Change, 43(3): 271-291

Svensson, I., Nilsson, D.

(2018). Disputes over the Divine: Introducing the Religion and Armed Conflict (RELAC) data, 1975–2015.

Journal of Conflict Resolution, 62(5): 1127-1148

Butcher, C., Svensson, I.

(2016). Manufacturing Dissent: Modernization and the Onset of Major Nonviolent Resistance Campaigns.

Journal of Conflict Resolution, Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. 60(2): 311-339

Svensson, I.

(2016). Conceptualizing the Religious Dimensions of Armed Conflicts: A Response to "Shrouded: Islam, War, and Holy War in Southeast Asia".

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 55(1): 185-189

Svensson, I.

(2016). Civil Resistance and Conflict Transformation: Transitions from armed to nonviolent struggle.

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Journal of Conflict Resolution, 60: 311-339

Lundgren, M., Svensson, I.

(2014). Leanings and Dealings: Exploring Bias and Trade Leverage in Civil War Mediation by International Organizations.

International Negotiation, Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers. 19(2): 315-342

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Wallensteen, P., Svensson, I.

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Bobekova, E., Pearce Smith, S., Svensson, I.

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Johnstone, N., Svensson, I.

(2013). Believers and Belligerents: Exploring Faith-Based Mediation in Internal Armed Conflicts.

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O'Dochartaigh, N., Svensson, I.

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Svensson, I.

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Svensson, I.

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**Books**

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(2012). Ending Holy Wars: Religion and Conflict Resolution in Civil Wars.

**Chapters**

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Svensson, I.

(2019). Mediating Closure: Timing for a MHS.

In: How Negotiations End: Negotiating Behavior in the Endgame, William I. Zartman (editor), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 201-207

Svensson, I.

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In: The Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and ReligionPaul A. Djupe, Mark J. Rozell & Ted G. Jelen (editor) Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Aggestam, K., Svensson, I.

(2018). Where Are the Women in Peace Mediation?.

In: Gendering Diplomacy and International Negotiation, Karin Aggestam & Ann E. Towns (editor), Palgrave Macmillan. 149-168

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(2017). The East Asian Peace: will it last?.

In: Debating the East Asian Peace: What it is, How it came about, Will it last?, Elin Bjarnegård, Joakim Kreutz (editor), Copenhagen: NIAS Press. 281-296

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(2017). Mapping armed conflicts over Islamist claims: exploring regional variations.

In: SIPRI Yearbook 2017: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security, London: Oxford University Press. 58-65

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Svensson, I.

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In: Research Workshop: Mapping Sunni-Shi‘i Relations in Europe, Göteborg

Nilsson, D., Svensson, I.

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Nilsson, D., Svensson, I., Söderberg Kovacs, M.

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In: Conflict Research Society Annual Conference - "Ending Violence in Turbulent Times: Exploring the Conflict, Peace, and Violence Nexus"

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Svensson, I., Butcher, C.

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Svensson, I., Wallensteen, P.

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In: From Civil War to Strong Peace in Africa: The Thomas Ohlson Memorial Conference, 18-20 April 2013, Uppsala

Svensson, I.

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In: ’Big Powers and Sustainable Peace: Will the East Asian Peace Hold?’ The 2nd Annual Conference of East Asian Peace Program, Uppsala University, Sweden, at the Department of Political Science and International Studies at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 26 – 27th of October 2012.

Svensson, I., Aggestam, K.

(2012). Karin Aggestam & Isak Svensson: Where Are the Women in International Mediation?.

In: International Studies Association (ISA), San Diego, USA

Svensson, I., Duursma, A.

(2012). Peacemaking in Who’s Authority?: Exploring Mandates in International Mediation of Civil Wars.

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Svensson, I.

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In:

Svensson, I., Höglund, K.

(2008). Schizophrenic Soothers: The International Community and Contrast Strategies for Peacemaking in Sri Lanka.

In: Third Nordic Workshop on Peace, Development and War in Sri Lanka, Oslo, 24-25 April 2008

**Other**

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(2020). Women, Peace and Security: Women's Organizations in Peace-Making.

Svensson, I.

(2018). Förhastad slutsats om kvinnors roll i fredsprocesser”, 2018-01-05, Replik, DN Debatt.

Svensson, I.

(2018). Nobelpriset 2018 – några högoddsare och lågoddsare,posted 2018-09-25.

Svensson, I.

(2018). Krig och fred 2018: de 8 viktigaste trenderna, posted 2018-12-17.

Svensson, I.

(2018). Gene Sharp (1928-2018) – ickevåld som strategi .

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