

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Foreign languages

Fluent in English and Turkish; working knowledge in German and French.

Academic degrees

BS (fil kand) in Sociology, University of Gothenburg, 1969.

PhD in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Gothenburg, 1979. Dissertation thesis: I Atatürks spår. Det Republikanska Folkpartiet och utvecklingsmobilisering i Turkiet, från étatism till populism, Lund: Dialog, 1978. (transl.: In the Footsteps of Atatürk. The Republican People's Party and Development Strategies in Turkey, from Étatism to Populism). Honorary docent in Sociology, University of Gothenburg, 1987.

Professor in Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 1994.

Employment record

Since my disputation in 1979, I have mainly worked at the following four institutions:

a. The Department of Sociology at Middle East Technical University, Ankara, where I started to teach part-time during the fall of 1983 and continued full-time as assistant professor (1984-88), associate professor (1988-94) and as full professor (1994-2009). At various stages, I have taken leave from this position to pursue different research projects and other commissions, specified under b and c below.

b. The Department of Sociology, University of Gothenburg, which has served as academic host for four research projects based on research grants provided by the Swedish Research Council for Humanities and the Social Sciences (HSFR/VR), Stockholm. For more detail, see under "Research grants" below.

c. The Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul (SFII), where I worked part-time as project director from 1996-98 and was responsible for the programme "Islam's culture", and as director (full-time 1999-2002 and 2009-2011). During my years at SFII, I organized nine conferences, the proceedings of seven of which were published under my own, or, in some cases, shared editorship. For titles, see publications list. I have also organized academic courses based on cooperation between Swedish and Turkish universities and various series of public lectures ("spring and autumn lectures") at SFII. Attached as senior researcher 2015-18.



d. The Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Bilkent University, Ankara, where I have been enrolled as professor from September 1, 2011 until January 31, 2015 (September 2011- August 2013 as head of the department).

Research grants

Title of project	Period	Funding institution
The development of democracy in Turkey in historical and sociological perspective	1979-82	The Swedish Research Council for Humanities and the Social Sciences (HSFR/VR)
Islamic revivalism in modern Turkey	1992-95	The Swedish Research Council for Humanities and the Social Sciences (HSFR/VR)
Culture and Society in West and Central Asia, with special emphasis on the Fethullah Gülen revivalist movement	1997-2000	The Swedish Research Council for Humanities and the Social Sciences (HSFR/VR)
Islam and nationalism in Turkey after Mustafa Kemal Atatürk	2003-05	The Swedish Research Council for Humanities and the Social Sciences (HSFR/VR)
Nationhood and citizenship in Turkish Friday sermons: from 1908 Young Turk revolution to early 21st century pro-Islamist governments	2014-2016	Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences), Stockholm

Publications

Monographs

The Veiling Issue, Official Secularism, and Popular Islam in Modern Turkey, London: Curzon, 1998. (Translated into Turkish as *Modern Türkiye’de Başörtüsü Sorunu*, Istanbul: Ufuk Yayınları, 2008.)

Guds ord eller folkets vilja. Om historiska och sociala villkor för demokrati i Turkiet (transl.: *The Word of God or the Will of the People. On the Historical and Social Bases of Democracy in Turkey*), Lund: Dialogus, 1987.

I Atatürks spår. Det Republikanska Folkpartiet och utvecklingsmobilisering i Turkiet, från etatism till populism (transl.: *In the Footsteps of Atatürk. The Republican People’s Party and Development Strategies in Turkey, from Étatism to Populism*, published PhD thesis), Lund: Dialogus, Lund 1978.

Articles

Articles in English and German

Gleichklang oder Gleichschaltung? Staat und Religion in Russland und der Türkei, *Osteuropa*, Heft 10-12 (68. Jahrgang), 2018.

Islamism and Nationalism as Sister Ideologies: Reflections on the Politicization of Islam in a Longue Durée Perspective, *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 3, pp. 407-23, May 2009.

Those Crazy Turks: Polemical 'Pamphlet' Rather than Historical Novel, *Middle East Critique*, Vol. 18. No. 1, pp. 61-71, Spring 2009.

The Hidden Arab. A Critical Reading of the Notion of Turkish Islam, *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 42, No. 4, pp. 551-70, July 2006.

Redeemer or Outsider? The Gülen Community in the Civilizing Process, *The Muslim World*, Vol. 95, No. 3, pp. 429-46, July 2005.

Secularizing Trends in Fethullah Gülen's Movement: Impasse or Opportunity for Further Renewal? *Critique: Critical Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 12, No. 1, pp. 61-73, Spring 2003.

Worldly Asceticism in Islamic Casting: Fethullah Gülen's Inspired Piety and Activism, *Critique*, Vol. 17, pp. 83-104, Fall 2000.

Education in the Name of 'Order and Progress.' Reflections on the recent Eight Year Obligatory School Reform in Turkey, *The Muslim World*, Vol. 89, No. 3-4, pp. 414-38, July-October 1999.

Womanhood, Dignity and Faith. Reflections on an Islamic Woman's Life-story, *European Journal of Women Studies*, Vol. 4, pp. 473-97, November 1997.

A Secularism in Need of Secularization, *Newsletter of the Turkish Area Study Group*, No. 45, pp. 21-3, November 1997.

Veiling Banned and Imposed. Some Reflections on a Controversial Contemporary Issue, in *Meddelanden* (Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Stockholm), Vol. 20, pp. 34-57, 1995.

Necip Fazıl Kısakürek: Heroic Nationalist in the Garden of Mysticism, *Meddelanden* (Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Stockholm), Vol. 19, pp. 5-27, 1994.

On Islamic Revivalism and Radicalism in Turkey, *Journal of Islamic Research*, Vol. 4, 1989. Is Religion Religion or Something Else? *Journal of Islamic Research*, Vol. 2, 1989.

Articles in Swedish

Den nödvändiga nationalismen (transl.: The necessary nationalism), *Sociologisk Forskning*, Stockholm, Vol 48, nr 1, 2011, s. 5-61.

Turkiets rättssystem ifrågasatt (transl.: The Turkish Legal System Called into Question), *Internationella Studier* (quarterly), Utrikespolitiska Institutet/Institute for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, pp. 12-19, February 2006.

Islam i turkisk politik, *Världspolitikens dagsfrågor*, Utrikespolitiska Institutet/Institute for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm (monthly monograph publication, 32 pp.), 1996.

Varken svärdet eller ordet (transl.: Neither the Sword nor the Word), *Internationella Studier* (quarterly), Utrikespolitiska Institutet/Institute for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, pp. 37-50, February 1991.

En sprucken mosaik (transl.: A Cracked Mosaic), *Källa 37: Allt kan inte sägas* (transl.: Everything Cannot Be Told), Forskningsrådsnämnden/National Committee of Research Councils, Stockholm, pp. 3-13, May 1991.

Sekulariseringsreformer och lojalitetskonflikter i det moderna Turkiet, *Sociologisk Forskning*, Stockholm, No. 1, pp. 26-36, 1987.

Turkiets väg in i Europa, *Världspolitikens dagsfrågor*, Utrikespolitiska Institutet/Institute for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, 1987.

Folkstyre som alternativ i turkisk utvecklingspolitik (transl.: Democracy as an Alternative in Turkish Development Policies), *Historisk Tidskrift* (Stockholm), No. 1, pp. 32-52, 1979.

Kooperativ byutveckling i Turkiet (transl.: Rural Development Based on Co-operation in Turkey), *Kooperatören* (Stockholm), No. 4, pp. 35-9, 1977.

Mellan folket och makten (transl.: The Turkish Republican People's Party Squeezed between the State and the People), *Tiden* (Stockholm), No. 9, pp. 574-81, 1977.

Den demokratiska vänsterrörelsen i Turkiet (transl.: The Democratic Left Movement in Turkey), *Tiden* (Stockholm), No. 2, pp. 92-101, 1976.

Articles in Turkish

Tasavvuf Bahçelerinde Dolaşan Bir Milli Kahraman: Necip Fazıl Kısakürek, *Toplum ve Bilim*, Ankara, Vol. 74, pp. 176-80, Autumn 1997.

Modern Bir Haçlının Kusurları: M. Watt ve İslamı Entellektüelizmle Fehtetmenin Zorlukları, (transl.: Shortcomings of a Modern Crusader. Montgomery Watt and the Difficulties in Conquering Islam with Intellectualism), *Tezkire*, Ankara, Vol. 11-12, pp. 24-37, Fall 1997.

Türkiye'de Bir Sosyolog Olmak Üzerine (transl.: On What it is Like to Be a Sociologist in Turkey Today), *Toplum ve Bilim*, No. 48/49, pp. 27-33, Spring 1990.

Halk ve İktidar Arasında (transl.: Neither Power Based on Force, nor Power Based on Consent), *Toplumcu Düşün*, Ankara, Vol. 9, pp. 279-305, 1979.

Anthologies

Co-editor with Simon Stjernholm: *Muslim Preaching in the Middle East and Beyond. Historical and Contemporary Case Studies*, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh, 2020.

Co-editor with Daniella Kuzmanovic: *Novels and Nations in the Muslim World*, Palgrave, N.Y., 2015.

Author of *Kimlik Denklemleri. Türkiye'nin Sosyo-Kültürel Anlam Haritası Üzerine* (transl.: Identity Equations. Patterns of Social and Cultural Meaning in Turkey, collected articles by Elisabeth Özdalga), Istanbul: İletişim, 2014.

Co-editor with Sait Özervarli and Feryal Tansuğ: *Istanbul as Seen from a Distance. On the Relationship between Provincial Ottomans and their Imperial Centre*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 20; eddy.se publications, Visby, Sweden, 2011.

Co-editor with Sune Persson: *Contested Sovereignties: Government and Democracy in Middle Eastern and European Perspectives*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 19; London: I.B. Tauris, 2010.

Editor of *Tarihsel Sosyoloji* (Historical Sociology), Ankara: DoğuBatı, 2009 (this work in Turkish includes a longer introduction by Elisabeth Özdalga: "Historical Sociology as Vision and Craftsmanship," pp. 9-62 and seven interviews conducted by her students with leading historians/social scientists in Turkey).

Author of *İslamcılığın Türkiye Seyri. Sosyolojik Bir Perspektif* (transl.: The Trajectory of Islamism in Turkey. A Sociological Perspective, collected articles by Elisabeth Özdalga), Istanbul: İletişim, 2006.

Editor of *The Last Dragoman. The Swedish Orientalist Johannes Kolmodin as Scholar, Activist and Diplomat*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 16; London: I.B. Tauris, 2006.

Editor of *Late Ottoman Society. The Intellectual Legacy*, London: Routledge, 2005.

Co-editor with Rita Liljeström: *Autonomy and Dependence in the Family: Turkey and Sweden in Critical Perspective*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 11; London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2002.

Co-editor with Anders Hammarlund, Tord Olsson: *Sufism, Music, and Society in Turkey and the Middle East*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 10; London: Curzon, 2001.

Editor of *The Nakshibendi in West and Central Asia: Change and Continuity*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 9; London: Curzon, 1999.

Co-editor with Tord Olsson, Catharina Raudvere: *Alevi Identity: Cultural, Religious, and Social Perspectives*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 8; London: Curzon, 1998.

Co-editor/author with Sune Persson: *Civil Society, Democracy and the Muslim World*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 7; London: Curzon 1997.

Book chapters

“Friday Sermons in a Secular State: Religious Institution-Building in Modern Turkey,” in Simon Stjernholm and Elisabeth Özdalga eds: *Muslim Preaching in the Middle East and Beyond. Historical and Contemporary Case Studies*, Edinburgh University Press, Edinburgh, 2020.

“Reflections on the Relationships between Imaginative Literature and Religious and National Identities,” in Riva Kastoryano ed.: *Turkey between Nationalism and Globalization*, London: Routledge, 2013.

“Secularism,” in Metin Heper and Sabri Sayari eds: *The Routledge Handbook of Modern Turkey*, London: Routledge, 2012.

“Familj och samhälle i Sverige och Turkiet: ett moderniseringsperspektiv,” in A. Singer and M. Jänträ-Jareborg eds: *Familj, religion, rätt. En antologi om kulturella spänningar i familjen med Sverige och Turkiet som exempel*, Uppsala: Iustus förlag, 2010, pp. 85-96.

“Sekularism och politisk islam i det moderna Turkiet,” in A. Singer and M. Jänträ-Jareborg eds: *Familj, religion, rätt. En antologi of kulturella spänningar i familjen med Sverige och Turkiet som exempel*, Uppsala: Iustus förlag, 2010, pp. 143-162.

“Transformation of Sufi-based Communities in Modern Turkey: The Nakşibendis, the Nurcus, and the Gülen Community,” in Kerem Öktem, Celia Kerslake, and Philip Robins eds: *Turkey’s Engagement with Modernity*, New York: Palgrave, 2010.

“The Alevis - a ‘New’ Religious Minority? Identity Politics in Turkey and its Relation to the EU Integration Process,” in Dietrich Jung and Catharina Raudvere eds: *Religion, Politics and Turkey’s EU Accession*, New York: Palgrave, 2009, pp. 177-98.

“Kimlik kuramı üzerine. Sosyolojik ve antropolojik perspektifler” (transl.: Reflections on the Concept of Identity: Sociological and Anthropological Perspectives), in A. Arslan Avar and Devrim Sezer eds: *Hassan Ünal Nalbantoğlu’na Armağan. Symbolae in Honorem* (Festschrift for H. Ü. N.), Istanbul: İletişim, 2008, pp. 405-20.

“Den o-orientaliserade Orienten. Reflektioner kring Johannes Kolmodins vetenskapliga, politiska och diplomatiska gärning,” in Micael Björk och Marita Flisbäck eds: *I sitt sammanhang. Essäer om kultur och politik tillägnade Rolf Törnqvist*, Stockholm: Symposium, 2005, pp. 132-63.

“Following in the Footsteps of Fethullah Gülen: Three Woman Teachers Tell their Stories,” in Yavuz, Hakan and Esposito, John L. eds: *Turkish Islam and the Secular State: The Gülen Movement*, Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2003, pp. 85-114.

“Necmettin Erbakan: Democracy for the Sake of Power,” in Metin Heper and Sabri Sayari eds: *Political Leaders and Democracy in Turkey*, Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2002, pp. 127-46.

“Political Islam – An Anomaly of Liberal Democracy,” in Ole Höiris and Sefa Martin Yürükel eds: *Contrasts and Solutions in the Middle East*, Aarhus/Oxford: Aarhus University Press, 1997, pp. 394-400.

“Civil Society and its Enemies. Reflections on a Debate in the Light of Recent Developments within the Islamic Student Movement in Turkey,” in E. Özdalga and S. Persson eds: *Civil Society, Democracy and the Muslim World*, Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Transactions No. 7; London: Curzon, 1997, pp. 73-84.

"Om människovärde och tro. En islamisk kvinnas levnadshistoria" (Swedish) (transl.: On Human Dignity and Faith. An Islamic Woman's Life-story) in Ulla Björnberg, Anna-Karin Kollind, and Arna Nilsson eds: *Janus och genus*, Stockholm: Brombergs, 1994, pp. 234-56.

“On Islamic Revivalism and Radicalism in Turkey,” in James Reiner ed: *The Influence of the Frankfurt School on Contemporary Theology*, New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 1993, pp. 331-42.

“East and West as Symbols of Good and Evil. Turkish Muslim Intellectuals Facing Modernity,” in Bo Utas and Annika Rabo eds: *The Middle East Viewed from the North*, Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Bergen, Norway: Alma Mater Forlag, 1992, pp. 73-84.

Batılı Gözüyle Türk Ailesi Üzerine Gözlemler (transl.: The Turkish Family from a Western Perspective), *Türk Aile Ansiklopedisi*, Ankara 1992, pp. 78-83.

Other academic activities:

a. Faculty examiner

i. Faculty examiner of Sabina Cwejman's dissertation thesis *Befrielse eller exploatering. Om kvinnoliv i statens, kyrkans och frihetsrörelsens Polen*, University of Gothenburg, October 1987.

ii. Faculty examiner of Lene Kofoed Rasmussen's dissertation thesis *Den muslimske kvinde genfortalt. Nye narrativer i 1990'ernes kønsdebat i Cairo*, University of Copenhagen, March 1999.

iii. Faculty examiner of Therese Sandrup's dissertation thesis *Farfars hus. Norsktyrkiske familier; innvandrede utvandrere*, Department of Social Anthropology, Oslo University, March 8, 2013.

iv. Faculty examiner of Anne Ross Solberg's dissertation thesis *The Mahdi Wears Armani. An Analysis of the Harun Yahya Enterprise*, University of Gothenburg/Södertörn University, Stockholm, June 13, 2013.

b. Visiting fellowship

I have spent three semesters (spring 1994, spring 2005 and spring 2015) as a visiting fellow in the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University. My first visit was supported by the Fulbright Commission. The second was financed as part of a research project supported by the Swedish Research Council in Stockholm in 2003-2005 and the third by a research project supported by The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond) in Stockholm.

c. Initiation of an academic research network entitled “Islam and Nation Formation in the Middle East. National Identity Politics in Comparative Perspective.”

I have initiated a multi-disciplinary project on Islam and nationalism. The first workshop was held at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul in February 2007. Four conferences have been held: Lund University, Sweden (May 2008); the CIDOB Foundation, Barcelona (June 2009); the Danish Institute in Damascus (October 2010); and the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul (October 2012).

d. Review of book manuscripts and book reviews.

Several book manuscripts, which have been accepted for publication, and book reviews in well-known international journals.

e. Other

Member of the board of the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, 2005-09.

Since 1994, I have been a member of the North American Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), and have presented papers at several of its yearly conferences.

Since 1978, I have been a member of the Swedish Sociological Association/European Sociological Association.

Activities outside of academia:

1. Newspaper articles:

a. *Svenska Dagbladet* (Stockholm daily), especially “Under strecket” (publishing full page feature articles).

b. Various Turkish newspapers including the Istanbul English-speaking daily *Today’s Zaman*.

2. Various interviews with Swedish and Turkish newspapers, television and radio stations.

3. Lectures for non-academic audiences in Turkey, Sweden and other Scandinavian countries on the ongoing social and political developments in Turkey and the Middle East.