

## CV

### Research

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Doctoral student in Social Anthropology, University of Gothenburg

Research project:

*How to think differently about difference: convivialities and contentions in a postmigration condition*

In the Swedish integration debate, difference is constructed as an inevitable problem. This notion has become an unquestionable truth, echoing across political, social, and academic spheres. In turn, these debates end up producing fundamental and unbridgeable differences between so-called “natives” and “migrants”. This thesis strives to move beyond this ethos and challenges us to think otherwise.

To understand how differences and sameness are made in the everyday, I empirically investigate this at a large DIY store in Sweden. Based on in-depth ethnographic fieldwork amongst employees, the thesis moves away from ideas about inevitable conflicts or specific cemented categories as it delves into how differences and sameness are experienced in everyday life. With a focus on experiences of difference and sameness in the postmigration condition, this thesis makes several theoretical, methodological, and empirical contributions to an anthropology that can move beyond binary oppositions by providing alternative narratives to a taken-for-granted truth.

The thesis suggests a novel approach to examining the social production of difference and sameness by applying the postmigration condition as a conceptual point of departure. The concept of the postmigration condition allows for a “theoretical troubling” that is not trying to signal an “idealised overcoming” of all differences but rather an interrogation of how the obsession with migration intersects with exclusions and racism and how the postmigration condition embodies a myriad of different ‘life-worlds and experiences’ (Gaonkar et al. 2021: 25). I close in on classical anthropological themes such as kinship, solidarity, humour, and language and bring them into the contemporary postmigration condition (see Schramm et al. 2019; Gaonkar et al. 2021) to explore how to rethink difference and sameness. One key finding in the thesis concerns the construction of allyship that extends far beyond any binary conviviality between non-migrants and migrants. The most important contribution of this thesis is that it moves beyond the fundamentally cemented idea of problematic integration (and migration) in Sweden by providing alternative narratives, that are often left untold to this taken-for-granted truth.

My project is part of the Forte financed research project: *Everyday practices of integration: Negotiating identity through culture, ethnicity and religion*, together with Prof. Lisa Åkesson and Prof. Jörgen Hellman.

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## Education

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2020- present Doctoral student, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg

2016-2018 Master of Science, Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

Title of thesis: *I'm not a nationalist but...?': On mobilisation and identity formation of the Scottish independence movement* (30 CET). Pass with distinction.

2014-2016 Bachelor of Arts, Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

Title: *Valfrihetens begränsningar – en socialantropologisk studie om SFI-elevs upplevelser av individualiserad utbildning* (15 CET).

## Teaching experiences

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2024 Supervision of bachelor thesis, Social Anthropology, (SA1511)

2024 Course convening, teaching, grading and supervision, Migration, Power and Identity, MA-level (SA2233)

2023 Course convening, teaching, grading and supervision, Migration, Power and Identity, MA-level (SA2233)

2022 Course convening, teaching, grading and supervision, Migration, Power and Identity, MA-level (SA2233)

2022 Teaching, Anthropological Analysis (SA1221)

2022 Teaching, Methodology in Global Studies (GS1311)

2022 Teaching, Världen i Vården, Vården i Världen (OM3203)

2021, spring term 2022, fall term 2022 Teaching, supervision of fieldwork in group and grading, Introduction to Social Anthropology (SA1121)

2021 Supervision of bachelor thesis, Global Studies (GS1511)

2021 Teaching and grading, Perspektiv på makt, rättvisa och hållbar utveckling (GS1211)

2021 Teaching, Anthropological Analysis (SA1221)

2021 Behörighetsgivande högskolepedagogik 1: Baskurs (PIL101)

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## Conference participation

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2024 Swedish Anthropology Association (SANT) annual conference

Co-convening the panel: *On the Fringes of Truth: Meaning-Making in Ambiguous Realms*

Presentation of paper: *Speaking the Unspeakable: Unveiling Untold Truths through the Dynamics of Gossip*

2023 American Anthropology Association (AAA) annual conference

Convening the panel: *Rumors: Making sense in times of transition*

Presentation of paper: *Rumours: the seeds of conflicts and convivialities*

2023 Swedish Anthropology Association (SANT) annual conference

Co-convening the panel: *We don't care about concepts! (And the people who care for them)*

Presentation of paper: *"Joking with heart": Taking care of awkward notions through joking.*

2022 Swedish Anthropology Association (SANT) annual conference

Co-convening the panel: *Futurity and contemporality of diversity: de-migranticization, the post-migrant condition and what else?* Presentation av: *The paradox of plurality in the post-migrant condition* i samma panel.

2022 European Association for Social Anthropologists (EASA) biennial conference. Presentation av *The case of the gold(ish) fish: making sense of categorisations in migration research and beyond* in the panel: (Re)Thinking Transformations through solidarity: Limits and Potentials.

2022 Nordic Migration Research Conference: Re: migration New perspectives on movement, research and society.

Co-convening the panel: *Avoid falling down the rabbit hole of ethnicity: de-migranticization, the post-migrant condition and what else?* Presenter of: *The case of the gold(ish) fish: understanding the post-migrant condition through convivialities and contentions* i samma panel.

## Positions of trust

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2024- present Svenska Antropologförbundet/ Swedish Anthropological Association (SANT), board member

2023 – 2024 Svenska Antropologförbundet/ Swedish Anthropological Association (SANT), treasurer

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2022 Conference committee member of the Swedish Anthropological Association annual conference

2021 och 2023 Vice Chair of the PhD council

## Public outreach

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2024 Co-organising World Anthropology Day at *Arbetets Museum*, Norrköping

2023 Open lecture about the project: *Everyday practices of integration: Negotiating identity through culture, ethnicity and religion*, together with Prof. Lisa Åkesson and Prof. Jörgen Hellman. Organisers: University of Gothenburg and Folkuniversitetet

2022 Blog post: *The Alien(ating) Act*. Co-authored together with Fisseha Fantahun Tefera and Juanita Esguerra Rezk.

## Practical research experiences

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2021-2022 Ethnographic fieldwork for dissertation

Eight months of fieldwork in Sweden and a four months media narrative analysis. Semi-structured interviews and participant observation. Transcriptions of interviews and coding. NVivo.

2018 – 2019 Expo

Volunteer work at Expo as a researcher within their project “Mytkollen”. The project investigates conspiracy theories within right-wing national networks.

2017 Ethnographic fieldwork for MA thesis

Four months in Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland. Semi-structured interviews and participant observation. Transcriptions of interviews and coding.

2016 Ethnographic fieldwork for BA thesis in Sweden

Three months in Stockholm, Sweden. Semi-structured interviews and participant observation.

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