

# PROFESSOR MARIA GRAHN-FARLEY

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## **CURRENT POSITION**

Visiting Professor of Law (tenured) Gothenburg University (2023- current)  
Coordinator HR Just. Coordinator for Horizon HRJust, of 3 million Euros, 2023-2026.  
<https://www.gu.se/handelshogskolan/juridik/human-rights-justifications-hr-just>

## **ACADEMIC DEGREES**

Harvard Law School S.J.D., Doctor of Juridical Science (2013)  
Harvard Law School LL.M., Master of Laws (2005)  
Gothenburg University, Sweden, Jur.Kand., BA & LL.M (1999)  
Uppsala University, Docent (the degree) (2019)

## **RECENT POSITIONS**

Visiting Professor, Tema Barn, Linköping University (7-12 May 2023)  
Professor of Law, Leeds Beckett University, UK (2021- 2023)  
\*Director of PhD program  
\* Responsible for developing modules for PhD program  
\* Member of University Research Degree Sub Committee  
\* Member of Equality and Diversity Committee  
\*Responsible for bringing in the large bids (successful coordinator for Horizon 2022)  
\*Responsible to develop and monitor REF: overseeing output, impact and environment  
\*Member of SLT  
\*Line Manager  
\*Attend all the Director of Research meetings on behalf of the Dean who is our Director of Research  
\*Responsible for developing 5yrs plan with all staff  
\*Responsible for developing the Research Committee  
\*Responsible for all research audit of staff  
Docent (Reader), Uppsala University, School of Law (2019)  
Assistant Professor, Uppsala University, School of Law (2015)  
Associate Professor of Law at Albany Law School (2008 – 2015)

## **SAMPLE OF SERVICE**

\* Main supervisor to Anna Waldenström, Uppsala University (until I moved to Leeds Law School).  
\*Co-supervisor to Karolina Stenlund (Successfully Defended Spring 2021)  
\*External examiner of midway PhD seminar Elica Ghavidel, Stockholm University, 31 Sep. 2022  
\* Opponents on Mr. Damon Barrett's Doctoral Defense, 28 Sep. 2018, Stockholm University.  
\* Review of Two-year-text of Doctoral Candidate Naomi Umuhzoza, November 2018, Uppsala University.  
\* Supervised eighteen LL.M. Dissertation at Uppsala Law Faculty (this is a research dissertation average 120-150 pages).  
\*In the USA supervisory work of close to 100 Doctor Juris (JD) work, it is a mandatory task as the professor responsible for the two main International Law Courses. The USA doctorate is 3 years and a minimum of 150-200 pages dissertation.  
\* Recruitment Committee of Uppsala Law Faculty.  
\* Member of an interdisciplinary- cross university collaboration on the child perspective in sport. (Örebro University (ed. school); Gothenburg University (ed. school); and Uppsala University (law school).

- \*Per reviewer for Migration Letters (July 2022)
- \*Per reviewer for Special Issue, Legalities: The Australian and New Zealand Journal (Oct. 2022)
- \*Per reviewer for Förvaltningsrättsligtidskrift (Oct. 2022).

### **AWARDS & HONORS**

- \*Coordinator for Horizon HRJust, of 3 million Euros, 2023-2026.
- \*Winner of the Scandinavian Human Dignity Award 2021. (for work against child sex trafficking and the book on the Child Rights Convention).
- \*Awarded 1,5 million SEK (£150,000) research award from the Swedish National Bank (had to decline the award because my move to Leeds Law School) (2021).
- \* Winner of the annual academic book award – prize money 150 000 SEK (£15,000). (2019) for Barnkonventionen – en kommentar (Child Rights Convention – a commentary).
- \*Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship (UCHRI residential) (2002-2003)
- \* Harvard Law School Gammon Fellowship (2004 – 2005)  
Awarded for high academic achievement.

### **VISITS**

- \*Visiting Professor of Law at Albany Law School (2007-2008)
- \*Visiting Professor, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (2011-2012)
- \*Godfrey Lecturer, University of Maine School of Law (2007)
- \*Faculty Mentor to Harvard Undergraduate (2006)  
Assigned to Ms. Susanna Kim as her English Department Thesis Mentor
- \* Visiting Scholar, Graduate Dept. of Sociology, Boston College. (2001-2002)
- \* Visiting Adjunct Professor, Golden Gate Law School, California (2000-2001)
- \*Human Rights Award: Child Trafficking and The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Minnesota University School of Law, 2 April 2010.
- \*Selected as the new voice of American Legal Academia in Human Rights Law: Neutral Law and Eurocentric Law Making, Voices in Human Rights Panel Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, 7 Jan. 2009.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

4 books (anthologies and monographies, not including doctoral dissertation), 27 Chapters and article, 2 reports, 7 international symposia

### **BOOKS**

- \* Child Rights, Legal Theory, and Social Advocacy, Cambridge University Press, 2023 (Monograph) (under contract).
- \*Poverty Law Symposium, *De Lege, Iustus* (2021) (ed. anthology).
- \*Governing with Public Agencies, Stockholm Stiftelse Juridiska Fakulteten (eds. Maria Grahn-Farley, Mauro Zamboni, and Jane Reichel, anthology).
- \* Tillitsjuridik och den folkrättsliga paradoxen, *Iustus*, 2019 (book) (monograph).
- \* Barnkonventionen- en kommentar, Studentlitteratur, 2019 (book) (monograph).
- \*How Children Got Right, Doctoral Dissertation, Harvard Law School, 2013. (monograph).

### **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

- \* The Human Rights Claim in Climate Justice, Journal of Transnational Law & Policy, Vol. 25, 439 (2022).
- \* To Walk Together – but Where To?, in Poverty Law Symposium, *De Lege, Iustus* (2021).
- \* Vad är det för fel på Holmes? Europakonventionens plats i normhierarkin (2019).

- \* Drugs and the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Fragmentation, Contention and Structural Bias, Review of Doctoral Thesis by Damon Barrett), *Juridisk Tidskrift* No. 3, (2018-19).
- \* Critical Race Theory (Chapter) in, *Juridisk metodlära*, Reds. Mauro Zamboni & Maria Nääv, Studentlitteratur, (2018).
- \* Fördragskonform tolkning av MR-traktat, SvJT Nr. 5/6 – 2018 (The article is a re-worked version of the research I did for my part of the survey for the Cultural Department on Treaty Conformity).
- \* Högsta domstolens rättighetspraxis från 2003 till 2015: utmaningar och möjligheter med en inkorporering av Barnkonventionen, ERT, 2017.
- \*Book review: Grundläggande rättigheter och juridisk metod, Norstedts Juridik, 2015, ERT Nr. 2, (2016).
- \*The Politics of Inevitability: The Limits of the Free Agency Argument: Women in Bosnian War Camps, *in* FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES ON CONTEMPORARY INTERNATIONAL LAW: BETWEEN RESISTANCE AND COMPLIANCE? (Sari Kouvo and Zoe Pearson, eds., Hart Press: 2011).
- \*The Forgotten History of the White House Children’s Conferences, 1909-1971, and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child Symposium, 20 *Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems* 307 (2011).
- \*Book Review: WAR, COMMERCE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW 38 (NO. 1) *International Journal of Legal Information* 307 (2010).
- \*The Child Perspective in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (Introduction) Symposium: The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and NY State Law, 12 *New York City Law Review* 431 (2009).
- \*Neutral Law and Eurocentric Law Making: A Postcolonial Analysis of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, 43 *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* 1 (2008).
- \*Race & Class: More than a Liberal Paradox, 56 (no. 4) *Buffalo Law Review* 935 (2008).
- \*Urgent Times, 31 (no. 3) *New York University Review of Law & Social Change* 435 (2007).
- \*An Essay for Professor Ruth-Arlene W. Howe of Boston College Law School, 26 *Boston College Third World Law Journal* 1 (2006).
- \*Astrid and Me, 17 (no. 1) *Law and Literature* 269 (2005) (review essay).
- \* Between Formalism and Pragmatism in a World of Equals, LL.M. Thesis, Harvard Law School (2005).
- \*The Master Norm: On the Question of Redressing Slavery, 53 (no. 3), *DePaul Law Review* 1215 (2004), (14 pages).
- \*The Ideology of Genus & the Ghost of Heidegger, 29 (no. 1) *Brooklyn Journal of International Law* 1 (2003).
- \*To Do Feminist Legal Theory, 9 (no. 2) *Cardozo Women's Law Journal* 197 (2003).
- \*A Theory of Child Rights, 57 *University of Miami Law Review* 867 (2003).
- \*An Open Letter to Pierre Schlag, 57 (no. 3), *University of Miami Law Review* 755 (2003).
- \*A Ghost is Haunting Europe, 24 (no. 1) *Michigan Journal of International Law* 169 (2002).
- \*A Child Perspective on Juvenile Justice System, 6 *Journal of Gender, Race & Justice* 297(2002).
- \*Crossing Borders, 30 (no. 4) *Capital University Law Review* 657 (2002).
- \*The Law Room: Hyperrealist Jurisprudence & Postmodern Politics, 36 *New England Law Review* 29 (2001).
- \*Not for Sale! Race & Gender Identity in Post-Colonial Europe, 17 *New York Law School Journal of Human Rights* 271 (2000). Reprinted in CRITICAL RACE FEMINISM, 2nd edition (Adrien Wing, ed., NYU Press: 2003).

## GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Detention of Migrants, a study on behalf of the United Nations, Committee on the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (CMW) in preparation of General Comment No. 5 – United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner. (supervisor)(2019).

\* Utredning för Kulturdepartementet, Fördragskonform tolkning (Utredningsledare Jane Reichel, utredare, Maria Grahn-Farley (Praxis och doktrin), Patrik Bremdal (Myndigheter). KU 2017/01390/DISK – UFV 2017/1056.

## SELECTED ACADEMIC TALKS

\*The Invisible Laws and Policies that Create Illness, Inequality, Disenfranchisement and Discontent in America. How our Laws and Policies Affect the Health, Wellness and Thriving of a Nation and What We Can Do about It, 15 October. 2022, Meharry's Medical School, Nashville, USA.

\*Presenting at Law & Society Workshop, 13 July, 2022, Lisbon, Portugal.

\*Presenting at WG Hart Workshop, 9 -10 June, 2022 at Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, UK.

\*Invited speaker at the Child Rights Research cluster at Linköping University, 30 May, 2022.

\*Keynote, Conference of Interdisciplinarity, Gothenburg University, 24 August, 2021.

\* Keynote, Barnkonventionen blir svensk lag, Pedagogiska Institutionen, Gothenburg University. 24 May, 2019.

\* Seminar at Riksdagens Ombudsmän regarding the interpretation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. 16 May, 2019.

\* Keynote, International Law Association, Sweden, by invitation. 4 March 2019. Treaty law within the Swedish legal system.

\* Panel participant at Limmud, organized by the Jewish Congregation of Stockholm, 17 Nov. 2018, on the subject of Nazis demonstrations outside of Jewish Temples.

\* Lecture in Human Rights at the Swedish Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority, (Brottsoffermyndigheten), 15 Nov. 2018.

\* Seminar with Doctoral Students at Lund University on Creating a Research Question, 11 Oct. 2018.

\* The Image of the Child in the CRC, International Law and Race, 3-4 Aug. 2018, Boulder, Colorado, USA.

\* Freedom of Speech and the Child, World Congress of the IACL, 18-22 June 2018, Seoul, Korea.

\* Trumpism: A Feminist Critique, Harvard Law School, May 16-17, 2018.

\* Kvinnomaraton 2017 (Föreningen för kvinnliga forskare i Uppsala), 10 Nov. 2017.

\* Föreläsning Critical Race Feminism, Göteborgs Universitet, 7 Sep. 2017.

\* Folkkrätten möter svensk rätt, föreläsning för Riksdagens Ombudsmän, 1 Sep. 2017.

\*Child Rights, Talk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs 10 May 2017

\*Barnrätt på uppdrag av Polisutbildning (seminarium) 12 April 2017

\*The Challenge of being a Young Lawyer during the Trump Era, Talk to ELSA students April 11 2017.

\*Barnkonventionen, Barnombudsmannen i Uppsala, 29 March 2017

\*HD:s Praxis och Inkorporeringen av FN:s Barnkonvention. Stockholm University, 24 Feb. 2017.

\*The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, NEPOC, Confronting the Violence of Our Times, 2016, Touro College, 21 May 2016

\*Girls Rights

Harvard Law School, 8 May 2015

\*The American-Swedish Twentieth Century in Child and Family Law, Suffolk Law School, 22 Oct. 2013

\*How Children Got Rights

S.J.D. Colloquium Harvard Law School, 13 November 2012

\*The Possibilities for a Child Rights Social Movement in the United States of America  
University of Ulster, Derry, Northern Ireland, 18 June 2010

\*Keynote Address:  
Child Trafficking and The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Minnesota University  
School of Law, 2 April 2010

\*Child Rights in the United States University of Iowa Law School, 5 March 2010

\*More than a Liberal Paradox:  
The role of the welfare state LatCrit, Washington D.C., 3 October 2009

\*Neutral Law and Eurocentric Law Making, Voices in Human Rights Panel Association of  
American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, 7 Jan. 2009 New

\*Rape and Agency in Times of War Human Rights Without Freedom  
Vanderbilt University, 23 October 2008

\*Lawyer, Liar 23-24 March 2007  
Presentation as part of panel on Lying, Deception & the Pretext Problem Association  
for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities  
10th Annual Conference: March 23 & 24 Georgetown University Law Center Washington,  
DC

\*The Urgency of Time  
Opening Address Teaching from the Left Harvard Law School, 11-12 March 2006

\*Memories of Slavery  
DePaul University School of Law DePaul Law Review Symposium: Emerging Issues in  
Race and the Law Chicago, Illinois, 9-10 March 2004

\*The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child  
DePaul University School of Law  
Faculty Colloquium Chicago, Illinois, 13 May 2004

\*The Ideology of Genus  
Duke University, Law & Sexuality Seminar Invited by Prof. Jerome M. Culp Durham,  
North Carolina, 4 Nov. 2002

\*The Motion of Rights  
University of North London  
Critical Legal Conference in London (United Kingdom), 6-8 Sept. 2002

\*International Child Rights  
Gothenburg University Human Rights Seminar Gothenburg, Sweden, 15 May 2002

\*Juvenile Justice & International Norms, Western Law Teachers / People of Color  
Conference, Half Moon Bay, California, 24 March 2002

\*Scandinavian Feminism  
Golden Gate University School of Law Public Lecture San Francisco, California,  
17 March 2002

\*Rights in Motion  
University of Miami School of Law, 23 February 2002

### **SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED AND NETWORKS**

\*SYMPOSIA ON THE GLOBAL ADMINISTRATIVE STATE  
Together with Professors Jane Reichel and Mauro Zamboni of Stockholm University on the Global  
Administrative Space to be held in Stockholm, 16-17 September 2019.

\*SYMPOSIUM ON CRITICAL LEGAL THEORY, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY  
Together with Prof. Joel Samuelsson, I am organizing an international symposium at Uppsala  
university on 23-24 of August, 2019.

\*SYMPOSIUM ON THE U.N. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Organized symposium on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Karin Söder, former Secretary of State of Sweden and former President of Save the Children-Sweden. Entire symposium published in, 12 NEW YORK CITY LAW REVIEW 431 (2009)

**\*TEACHING FROM THE LEFT: A CONFERENCE AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**

Organized legal theory conference through the European Law Research Center at Harvard Law School on March 11-12, 2006: <http://teachingfromtheleft.org/> 31 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL CHANGE (2007).

**\*A SYMPOSIUM IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR RUTH-ARLENE W. HOWE**

ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSTON COLLEGE THIRD WORLD LAW JOURNAL: Black Children and their Families in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Surviving the American Nightmare or Living the American Dream? Organized Festschrift for Prof. Ruth-Arlene W. Howe of Boston College Law School. 26 BOSTON COLLEGE THIRD WORLD LAW JOURNAL 1-130 (2006).

**\*INTERNATIONAL JURISPRUDENCE CONFERENCE**

Organized (along with Professor Eva-Maria Svensson) a three-day conference of scholars from the Scandinavian nations and the USA at the Gothenburg University School of Economics and Commercial Law on July 7-9, 2003.

**\*INTERNATIONAL CHILD RIGHTS ABROAD & At HOME: A SYMPOSIUM ON THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

Organized symposium on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child consisting of articles written by my students. Entire symposium, my students' articles, the foreword and the afterword, were published in 30 CAPITALUNIVERSITYLAWREVIEW 657 (2002).

**TEACHING AREAS**

Leeds Law School: \* ML Independent Legal Research 40 Credit \* Human Rights  
Sample of Previous Teaching in Sweden and the USA: \*Swedish Constitutional Law \*Critical Theory \*Human Rights \*Public International Law \*Human Rights \*Critical Race Theory \*Feminist Legal Theory \*Post-Colonial Theory \*Child Rights \*USA Con. Law I.

**CITED BY THE SUPREME COURT IN LANDMARK CASE**

The Supreme Court of Sweden, Case Ö 1020-20.

§§ 21-22 on the interpretation on the principle of the best interest of the child principle of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, as the source for the interpretation used by the Supreme Court.

**HIGHER EDUCATIONAL PEDAGOGICAL CREDITS**

- \*10 weeks of full-time higher education pedagogic course.
- \* Higher education pedagogical course (5 weeks full-time in classroom).
- \* Supervising Master students (2 weeks full-time in classroom).
- \* Supervising PhD. Students (3 weeks full-time in classroom).