

## Curriculum Vitae

1. **Name:** UTAS Mats
2. **Date of birth:** 11<sup>th</sup> October 1968
3. **Place of Birth:** Uppsala, Sweden
4. **Nationality:** Swedish
5. **Civil Status:** Married, with 2 children

### 6. Education

Institutions: Date:	Qualifications/Degree
Uppsala University, Sweden, 2008	Docent degree (associate professor)
Uppsala University, Sweden, 2003	<i>PhD degree June 7, 2003</i> PhD Program in Cultural Anthropology Faculty research funding 1998-2003 (Child leave – September 2001-May 2002)
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1995	MA, Cultural Anthropology
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1994	African Studies, Department of Cultural Anthropology
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1993	Political Science, Department of Government
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1992	BA, Cultural Anthropology
Uppsala University, Sweden, 1987	German, Department of German
Linnéskolan, Uppsala, Sweden, 1987	High school degree, Social Science Stream

### 7. Current Positions:

Senior researcher at the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities/Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala

Head of the Africa Programme, Swedish National Defence College

### 8. Anthropological Fieldwork

**Countries:** Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ivory Coast, Somalia and Sweden

- Anthropological fieldwork, Sierra Leone, June 2004-June 2006 (with additional fieldtrips in April, July 2007, August 2008 and June 2009)
- Anthropological fieldwork, Liberia, November 1997-December 1998
- Anthropological fieldwork, Ivory Coast, January-May 1996
- Anthropological fieldwork, Sweden, March-April 1995

#### Shorter fieldtrips

- Fieldwork in Kenya and Dubai on Somalia, March and October 2009
- Fact finding missions in Ethiopia and Nigeria on AU and ECOWAS, October-November 2007
- Fact finding mission in Liberia, May 2006
- Preparatory study, Sierra Leone, July-August 2001

### 9. Language skills

Language	Level	Passive	Spoken	Written
Swedish	Mother Tongue	5	5	5
Danish	Fluent	5	5	4
English	Fluent	5	5	4
Krio (Sierra Leone)	Fluent	5	5	3
German	Good (university level)	4	3	3
Liberian English	Good	4	2	—
French	Fair	3	2	1

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Spanish	Fair (high school level)	3	2	1
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## 10. Academic and professional appointments

- Senior Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute (externally funded by The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities), October 2006 – current
- Head of the Africa Programme, Swedish National Defence College, January 2009 – current
- Lecturer in African Studies, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala Univ., January-March 2007, January-March 2008.
- Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, September-October 2006
- Senior lecturer, Department of Sociology, Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone, June 2004-May 2006
- Researcher, Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, February 2004-August 2006
- Lecturer, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala Univ., September 2003-January 2004
- Lecturer, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala Univ., September 2002-January 2003
- Lecturer, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Liberia, 1998
- Part time lecturer, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala Univ., 1996-2003
- Humanitarian aid consultant for UNICEF (Sierra Leone), Sida (Liberia x 2), Belgian Red Cross (Liberia), International Rescue Committee (Liberia), Amnesty International (Liberia) 1998-2008

## 11. Research supervision

- Assistant supervisor to PhD student at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, 2007-2011
- Assistant supervisor to PhD student at the Department of Anthropology and Ethnography, University of Aarhus, 2009-2012
- Supervision of one MA student at Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, August 2009-December 2010
- Supervision of one BA student at Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, January-June 2008
- Supervision of three MA students, Department of Sociology, Fourah Bay College, Freetown, Sierra Leone, September 2004-September 2006
- Field supervision in Sierra Leone of one BA student, Department of Government (development studies), Uppsala University, November-December 2004
- Supervision of four BA students and one MA student, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, September 2003-February 2004
- Supervision of four BA students, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, January 2003-June 2003

## 12. Administration and general contributions

- Convenor of
  - Conflict, Peace and the Security on the African Continent, course for FOI, Sida, Swedish Foreign and Defence Departments (2008)
  - African Studies, undergraduate course (2007 and 2008)
  - Anthropological Debates, undergraduate course (2006)
  - Culture in Armed Conflicts, graduate/undergraduate course (2002 and 2003)
  - Anthropological Theory and History, undergraduate course (1998)
  - Directions in Visual Anthropology, graduate/undergraduate course (1996).

*Includes responsibility for planning and developing course curricula, lecturing, assessment of coursework and examination, supervision and administration*
- Pre-examiner of PhD thesis in Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University (2008)
- Member of board for restructuring undergraduate courses in Cultural Anthropology (2003)
- Developing a new curriculum for the use of visual material in Cultural Anthropology (2003)
- Representative for the PhD candidates and member of the board, Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University (1999-2000)

### 13. Professional contributions outside the university

- Consultant for *Sida*, power analysis of Liberia, for the Swedish Liberia Strategy, 2008.
- Researcher for African Studies division of *Swedish Defence Research Agency*, 2007.
- Editor and co-author, part of the *Swedish Government White Paper on Africa*, 2007.
- Consultant for *Amnesty International*, Liberia, 2006
- Consultant for *UNICEF*, Sierra Leone, 2004
- Consultant for the *Army Museum*, Stockholm, 2003
- Consultant for *Migrationsverket*, Stockholm 2002
- Consultant for *Sida*, Liberia, 2000
- Consultant for *Belgian Red Cross*, Liberia, 1998
- Consultant for *International Rescue Committee (IRC)*, Liberia, 1998
- Lecturer for *Foreign Ministry/Ministry of Defence team to Liberia*, 2008
- Lecturer for the *Swedish Election Observers to Sierra Leone*, 2007
- Lecturer for the *Swedish UN military contingent to Liberia*, 2004
- Lecturer for *Sida/UD* (Swedish foreign department), 2003
- Lecturer for Swedish high school students on child soldiers
- External supervisor (*Sida Minor Field Studies students*, Swedish high school students, etc.).

### 14. Media

2009

- Review of manuscript for Swedish National Television documentary on Eritrea (October 2009) and Liberia (November 2009)
- Interview: *Dagens Eko*, Swedish national radio), August 21, 2009. Concerning the war in Somalia
- Interview: *Dagens Eko* (Swedish national radio), August 13, 2009. Concerning US foreign minister Hillary Clinton's visit to Africa and US interests in Africa
- Interview: *Studio Ett* (Swedish national radio), August 10, 2009. Concerning US foreign minister Hillary Clinton's visit to Africa and US interests in Africa
- Interview: *Gommoron Sverige* (Swedish national television), July 15, 2009. Concerning the trial of Charles Taylor in the Hague
- Interview: *Studio Ett* (Swedish national radio), July 13, 2009. Concerning the trial of Charles Taylor in the Hague
- Interview: *Nyhetsmorgon* (TV4), July 9, 2009. Concerning childsoldiers in Afrika
- Interview: *Vetandets värld* (Swedish national radio), July 1, 2009. Concerning anthropology in the armed forces and Somalia
- Interview: *Second Opinion*, April 19, 2009. Concerning Somali pirates.

2003-2008

- Interviewed by the Swedish Television: *SVT Aktuellt* 2003, *SVT morgon* 1998, *SVT 24* 2003, *TV 8* 2006, 2007, *Kunskapskanalen* 2007
- Interviewed by Swedish National Radio (*Dagens Eko*, *Studio 1*, *P1 morgon*, *Vetandets Värld*, *Summerat*) 2000, 2002, 2003 (x 3), 2006, 2007 (x 2); German radio 2007 (x2).
- Interviewed (or reviewed work for) *Norsk Telegrambyrå*, 2003; *Helsingin Sanomat*, 2004; *UN-IRIN News*, 2005; *Dagsavisen* 2007, *Expressen.se* 2007, *TV4* 2007; *Swedish National Television*, 2008 (x 2); *Veckans Affärer*, 2008.

### 15. Memberships, grants and awards

- The Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities
  - Researcher funding 2007-2011
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)
  - Post doc funding 2004-2006
  - Project funding 2007 (partial)
- Åke Wibergs Minnesfond
- Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse
- Humanistisk-Samhällsvetenskapliga Forskningsrådet (HSFR)
- Nordiska Afrikainstitutets resestipendium
- Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas Minne
- Södermans stipendium – Uppsala Universitet

- Vegafonden – Svenska Sällskapet för Antropologi och Geografi (SSAG)
- Wallenbergsstiftelsens fond för yngre forskares resor – Kungliga Vitterhets Historie och Antikvitets Akademien
- Member, American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- Member, Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA)
- Member, Living Beyond Conflict Seminar (LBC)
- Member, Centre for Development and Security Analysis (CEDSA)

## Research Outcome

### 16. Research

My research has had a focus on youth in the Mano River Region, which consists of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

A project on urban youth and marginality was initiated during 2004 (funded by Sida). Taking a thorough look at economic transaction in the informal economic sector as well as exploring the abstraction of imagination and fantasies, the project aims at getting a better understanding of the predicaments of marginalised young people in Sierra Leone. The project links up with my previous research in Liberia by taking the initial standpoint that real and imagined marginality drove young people into participation in civil war. Fieldwork was conducted for a period of two years (June 2004-June 2006 and follow up trips in April, July 2007 and August 2008) with focus on an informal group of young people surviving from washing cars, stealing and selling drugs. Their survival techniques and their social networking form the base for a study that takes a more general grip on urban poverty in Sierra Leone.

In Sierra Leone I have also conducted research on other relating issues:

- Trauma healing among victims of sexually abuse
- Military strategies among militia groups
- Diamond mining and trade
- How youth is politicised
- Prostitution
- Political awareness of the Sierra Leone hip-hop scene
- Democratic Elections (research April-August 2007)

Fieldwork has been conducted in Liberia (1997-98) with a focus on youth combatants active in the 1990-1996 Liberian Civil War. A dissertation on the topic was defended at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University in 2003. I have thereafter published numerous articles on the topic in both co-edited books and journals.

Additional field studies have been carried out in Ethiopia (AU) and Nigeria (ECOWAS) (2007) related to a study on formal/informal security structures of the Mano River Region. I have also carried out research on Liberian refugees in the Ivory Coast (1996), as well as immigrant youth in suburban Sweden (1995).

A new project with focused on businessmen as war brokers have been initiated in 2009. Fieldwork has been conducted in Nairobi among the Somali diaspora community.

### 17. Guest lectures and other speaking engagements

1. *Bullets, Big Men and Business: Conflict networks in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Somalia*. Top Level Seminar on Peace and Security, **Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University**. December 1, 2009.
2. *Bullets, Business and Big Men: Somalia today*. Culture in Armed Conflicts, **Department of Cultural Anthropology, Uppsala University**. November 26, 2009.
3. *Johnny Mad Dog, some thoughts about a film on child soldiers in Liberia*. **Världens Barn/Utrikespolitiska Föreningen**. Fyrisbiografen. November 24, 2009.
4. *Hur fungerar Somalia? Länsrätten i Skåne Län*. November 20, 2009.
5. *Blodsdiamanter i Sierra Leone: fattigdom, våld och jakten på rikedom*. **Södertörns Högskola (FUIS/Studiefrämjandet)**. November 17, 2009.
6. *The Devil of Civili: masquerade aesthetics and social meaning in Sierra Leone*. **The Nordic Africa Institute, Kulturnatten**. September 12, 2009.

7. *Liberia underneath: the importance of locating informal socio-political structures*. **Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)**. August 25, 2009
8. *Understanding conflicts in contemporary Africa*. **Swedish National Defence College**. August 11, 2009
9. *Somalia works: the logic of bullets and business*. **African Studies, Uppsala University**. May 18, 2009
10. *The boys and the African city*. **African Studies, Uppsala University**. February 12, 2009.
11. *En plats på gatan: marginalisering och överlevnad bland unga i efterkrigets Sierra Leone*. Docent lecture, **Historisk-filosofiska fakulteten, Uppsala University**. December 8, 2008.
12. *Marginalisering och överlevnad bland unga i urbana Västafrika*. **Swedish National Defence College**. December 3, 2008.
13. *War Child: social navigators in West African wars*. **Icelandic Red Cross**, Reykjavik, November 12, 2008.
14. *Street-corner youth in contemporary Africa*. **The Institute of Anthropology, University of Iceland**, Reykjavik, November 12, 2008.
15. *Watermelon men: navigating the streets of Freetown and beyond*. **School of Social Sciences, Brunel University**, London, October 30, 2008.
16. *Reconciliation, justice and democracy in Sierra Leone: a road to lasting peace?* (with Tim Kelsall) **Swedish Development Forum**, October 28, 2008.
17. *Barnsoldater i Afrika*. **Fredsmuseum (The Peace Museum)**, Uppsala, October 1, 2008.
18. *Children, youth and military navigation in West African wars*, **Network on Humanitarian Assistance, Uppsala University**, September 18, 2008.
19. *Children, youth and military navigation in West African wars*, Culture in Armed Conflicts, **Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University**, September 9, 2008.
20. *West Side Boys: political culture and military navigation in war-torn Sierra Leone*. Conflict, Peace and the Security on the African Continent, course for FOI, Sida, Swedish Foreign and Defence Departments, Uppsala, May 30, 2008.
21. *Political Culture in Liberia: notes on Big Men and informal networks*. Conflict, Peace and the Security on the African Continent, course for FOI, Sida, Swedish Foreign and Defence Departments, Uppsala, May 30, 2008.
22. *Children at war*. African studies and development cooperation, **Göteborg University/NAI**, Uppsala, May 14, 2008.
23. *Child soldiers in Africa*. **Network on Humanitarian Assistance: From emergency assistance to peace-building, Uppsala University**, April 7, 2008.
24. *What is youth really?* Youth in Africa Seminar, **Sida**, Stockholm, April 4, 2008.
25. *Qualitative methods in war-torn societies: initiating dialogue between research and practice*. Anthropology & Development cooperation lecture series, Sida, Stockholm, March 11, 2008.
26. *Youth and social transitions to adulthood*. **Norwegian Centre for Childhood Research**, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 6, 2008.
27. *Children as soldiers*. **Norwegian Centre for Childhood Research**, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 6, 2008.
28. *Dialectics of youth in anthropology: life cycle and identity; generation and beyond* (Plenary speech) at the workshop: The politics of youth mobilization, **Danish Institute for International Studies**, Copenhagen, February 21, 2008.
29. *Ezra av Newton Aduaka*. Talk about the film Ezra. Slottsbiografen, Uppsala, February 13, 2008.
30. *The Mano River Basin: a baseline study for multifunctional action*. **Swedish Defence Research Agency/Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, December 14, 2007.
31. *Den Afrikanska barnsoldaten*. **Fredsmuseum** (Peace Museum), Uppsala, December 12, 2007.
32. *Det "mystiska" Afrika och bilden av barnsoldaten*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, December 4, 2007.
33. *Med staten som fiende: marginaliserad ungdom i Sierra Leone*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, December 4, 2007.
34. *Unga kvinnor i afrikanska krig*. **MR-Dagarna**, Stockholmsmässan, November 19, 2007.
35. *Childsoldiers in African Civil Wars*. **Dalarna University**, November 13, 2007.
36. *Excombatants, streetcorners and trust in Freetown, Sierra Leone*. **Department of Anthropology, Yale University**, October 22, 2007.
37. *Beyond the victim cast: childsoldiers in African Civil Wars*, **Ethnography and Social Theory Colloquium, Yale University**, October 22, 2007.
38. *Children at war*, Culture in Armed Conflicts, **Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University**, October 9, 2007.

39. *Vattenmelondemokrati? Politik, fattigdom och demokratiska val i efterkrigets Sierra Leone*, **SAMspråk, Almedalen/Politikerveckan** i Visby, July 9, 2007.
40. *Ungdomarna vid gathörnet: hot eller resurs*. (for Swedish election observers to Sierra Leone), **Sida**, June, 14, 2007.
41. *Problematiserande ungdom? Ungas försök att vinna sitt levebröd och framtid i Afrika*. (with Dorte Thorsen) **ABF**, Stockholm, May 31, 2007.
42. *Kriget efter freden*. **Rosendals gymnasium**, Uppsala, May 29, 2007.
43. *Africa from within*. (with Magnus Jörgel) **Nordic Battle Group**, Enköping, May 22, 2007.
44. *Med staten som fiende/den afrikanska barnsoldaten*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, May 15, 2007.
45. *West Side Boys: a military perspective*. **Centre for Development and Security Analysis (CeDSA)**, Freetown, April 24, 2007.
46. *West Side Boys: out of the strategic tool box*. **Ethnologisches Seminar, University of Basel**, April 11, 2007.
47. *Diamanter är för evigt – men Sierra Leonsk ungdom är utbytbar*. Panel discussion on the film Blood Diamond, **Sandrews/the Nordic Africa Institute**, Filmstaden Uppsala, March 16, 2007.
48. *Youth and social transitions to adulthood*. **Norwegian Centre for Childhood Research**, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 15, 2007.
49. *The African Childsoldier*. **Norwegian Centre for Childhood Research**, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, March 15, 2007.
50. *Med staten som fiende: marginaliserad ungdom i Sierra Leone*. **Rotary**, Järvsö, February 19, 2007.
51. *Den Afrikanske barnsoldaten: mellan offermallen och den mystiska kategorin "ungdom"*. **AFRA Akademien, Sida**, Stockholm, February 16, 2007.
52. *Demystifying Africa*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, January 31, 2007.
53. *Marginalized lives: youth, economic survival and social repercussions of civil wars*. Lecture, **Dalarna University**, Falun, November 28, 2006.
54. *Navigating youth – generating adulthood*. Book launch lecture, **Danish Institute for International Studies**, Copenhagen, November 14, 2006.
55. *Fighting in the badlands of modernity*. Lecture, **Centre for Development and Security Analysis (CeDSA)**, Freetown, April 31, 2005.
56. *"Empty rice bag can't stand": youth-combatants in and out of the Liberian Civil War*. Guest Lecture, **Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology**, Halle, May 6, 2004.
57. *Utanförskapet våldsamma logik*. Lecture. **Föreningen för Utvecklingsfrågor**, Stockholm, May 3, 2004.
58. *Åt helvete med tålamodet*. Lecture, Children and war – war-children and child-warriors, exhibition. **The Army Museum**, Stockholm. April 20, 2004.
59. *The violent logic of marginality: youth and the Liberian Civil War*. **Nordic Africa Institute Public Lecture Series**, Uppsala. March 18, 2004.
60. *On youth soldiers in Liberia*, given to the Swedish UN military contingent to Liberia, P10, Strängnäs. February 12, 2004.
61. *Åt helvete med tålamodet*. **Zenit**, Stockholm. December 8, 2003.
62. *From marginalisation to remarginalisation*. **Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)/ Ministry of Foreign Affairs (UD)**. November 21, 2003.
63. *Åt helvete med tålamodet*. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). November 21, 2003.
64. *Of masks and men: Liberian youth combatants and the experience of marginality*. Refugee Studies Centre Public Seminars 'Adolescents, armed conflict and forced migration: an international seminar series', **University of Oxford**. October 29, 2003.
65. *Åt helvete med tålamodet* (on politics and youth in war-torn Liberia). **National Defence College**, Stockholm. October 6, 2003.
66. *Child and youth soldiers in Africa – special case on Liberia*. **Migrationsverket**, Stockholm. November 11, 2002.
67. *Reconciliation and Trauma work in West Africa in general and Liberia in particular*. At **Sida** (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency), Stockholm, May 28, 2001.
68. *The sweetness of war: the internal conflict in Liberia from a child soldier's perspective*. At **Pax et Bellum**, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University, January 30, 2001.
69. *Demobilisation and reintegration of ex-combatant youth in Liberia*. No Peace, No War – Conflict and Morality in Postcolonial Africa. At **the Nordic Africa Institute**, Uppsala. September 14, 2000.

## 18. Conference and Seminar Participation

1. Chair and closing speech. *Experiences from Security Sector Reform in Liberia*. **Swedish National Defence College**, December 10, 2009.
2. Discussant. *Culpability and Guilt: child soldiers in fiction and autobiography*, by Mark Sanders. Relocating ethics: **Department of English, Uppsala University**, May 31-June 6, 2009.
3. Workshop paper. *Trapped in the Game: militia and gang members in war and post-war Sierra Leone*. Global Gangs: Comparative workshop, **The Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding**, Geneva, May 15, 2009.
4. Chair and discussant. *Militancy and violence in West Africa*. **King's College London**, April 23-24, 2009.
5. Workshop paper. *Mercenaries of democracy: the 'politricks' of remobilised combatants in the Sierra Leone 2007 general elections* (with Maya Christensen), Youth and African Conflict, **African Network Norway and Fafo**, Oslo, December 2, 2008.
6. Postscript: *Youth and Hope*. Nordic Africa Days, **University of Copenhagen**. October 9, 2008.
7. Workshop paper. *Mercenaries of democracy: the 'politricks' of remobilised combatants in the Sierra Leone 2007 general elections*. Demokratisering, statsbyggande och konflikt, Workshop at **Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA)** annual meeting, Uppsala, September 27, 2008.
8. Workshop paper. *From demobilisation to remobilisation*. Conceptual issues of common concern: violence, borders, agents of order, workshop at **AIS Leangkollen**, Oslo, August 20, 2008.
9. Guest speaker. Sustainable camp approaches in conflict and disaster areas. Workshop organized by **The Swedish Defence Research Agency, The Swedish Armed Forces and United Nations Department of Field Support**. Näsby Slott, Stockholm, May 12, 2008.
10. Seminar paper. *The West Side Boys: military navigation in the Sierra Leone Civil War*. Research Seminar at the **Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University**. February 15, 2008.
11. Workshop paper. *"Borbor Pain" and his big brother "Borbor Belleh": research on youth and informal power structures in the Mano River Region*. The Upper Guinea Coast: topics and problems addressed in current research, organized by **Center for African Studies Copenhagen and Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale**. Copenhagen, February 8, 2008.
12. Seminar paper. *The West Side Boys: military navigation in the Sierra Leone Civil War*. **Swedish National Defence College**, Stockholm, December 13, 2007.
13. Conference paper. *In God we trust – everybody else pay cash: on a personalized state and alternative moral communities in urban Sierra Leone*. **ECAS/AEGIS**, Leiden, July 12, 2007.
14. Panelist (with Professor Bo Huldt, General Daniel I. Opande (AU), and Henri Boshoff (ISS)). *Strategic studies: Africa*. **Swedish National Defence College**. Stockholm, February 1, 2007.
15. Discussant of three papers. *On Ethnographies of knowledge: the fourth Uppsala-Leuven doctoral workshop*. **Uppsala University**, January 11-12, 2007.
16. Conference paper. *The street is our office/images of street life in a Freetownian "hood"*. Mass Violence in Africa. **Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and Nordic Africa Institute**. Uppsala, December 1, 2006.
17. Seminar paper. *Skating the invisible city: street-corner youth, crime and moral economy in Sierra Leone*. **Street Life Seminar**. Stockholm University, November 2, 2006.
18. Conference paper. *(Fighting) the System: the Sierra Leone state in the minds and hands of urban youth*. **ECAS/AEGIS**, London, Juli 1, 2005.
19. Conference paper. *Making hearts 'go cold': sexual abuse, trauma and local variations of psychosocial healing in Sierra Leone*. Structure of vulnerability: mobilization and resistance, **Stockholm University/Sida**, Stockholm. January 13, 2005.
20. Workshop presentation. *Traditional healing of sexual abuse victims in the aftermath of the Sierra Leone Civil War*. Workshop on Girls left behind and traditional healing methods for sexual abuse victims, **UNICEF Freetown**. August 25, 2004.
21. Conference paper. *Sunjata warriors – Sunjata walks*. From violent conflicts to civil governance – **AEGIS thematic conference**, Uppsala. May 27, 2004.
22. Conference paper. *Abject heroes: marginalised youth and violent paths of the Liberian Civil War*. Nordic perspectives on researching children and youth in Africa. **Nordic Africa Institute**, Uppsala. May 14, 2004.
23. *Child-soldiers*. Panelist at the opening ceremony seminar, Children and war – war-children and child-warriors, exhibition. The Army Museum, Stockholm. March 25, 2004.
24. Conference paper. *Malignant organisms: continuities of state run violence in rural Liberia*. Vital matters: war and the state. **University of Bergen**. February 22, 2004.

25. Conference paper. *Beyond Victimcy: the story of a young woman in the Liberian Civil War*. **African Studies Association** (ASA), Boston. November 1, 2003.
26. Conference paper. *Violent upbringings-violent heroes-violent paths: young males and war in Liberia*. **American Anthropological Association** (AAA), New Orleans. November 24, 2002.
27. Conference paper. *Fluid research fields: studying combatants of the Liberian Civil War*. Workshop on violence, political culture and development in Africa, **Roskilde University**, Bornholm. May 21, 2002.
28. Conference paper. *Child ex-combatants: the challenges of reintegration*. Workshop on Africa: a future beyond the crises and conflicts, **NAI, Helsinki**. April 20, 2002.
29. Conference paper. *Agency of victims: young women in the Liberian Civil War*. **CODESRIA**, Dakar. July 2, 2001.
30. Conference paper. *Understanding Ex-combatant Youth in Liberia: Conflict resolution, conflict prevention and reintegration activities, with a special reference to research methodology*. Workshop on Post-Conflict Transition, the State and Civil Society, **the Nordic Africa Institute**, Uppsala, May 28-29, 2001.
31. Conference paper. *Research on Consumerism and Qualitative Methods of Data Collection*. **Culturelab Workshop. Hasseludden**, May 12, 2001.
32. Conference paper. *Agency of Victims: young women's survival strategies in the Liberian Civil War*. Children and Youth as Emerging categories in Africa, **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven**, Belgium. November 4-6, 1999.
33. Conference paper. *War, violence and videotapes: the usage of media in the Liberian Civil War*. Nordiska Afrikadagar, **the Nordic Africa Institute**, Uppsala. October 29-31, 1999.
34. Conference paper. *Conflicts Fruit: Poverty, Violence and the Politics of Identity in African Arenas*. At Sophienberg Slott, Rungsted Kyst, Denmark. October 21-24, 1999.

## 19. Convenorship and organisation of conferences and workshops

1. Organiser of panel at the **ECAS/AEGIS conference**. *Navigating urban space*. Leipzig June. 4-8, 2009.
2. Organiser of conference at **King's College London**. *Militancy and violence in West Africa*. London, April 23-24, 2009.
3. Organiser. *Africa Security Updates*. Monthly updates at the Swedish National Defence College. 2009.
4. Convenor. Guest lecture with Jakkie Cilliers, head of ISS, South Africa: *Africa in the new world: how global and domestic developments will impact by 2025*. Co-organized lecture Nordic Africa Institute, Swedish National Defence College and the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. Stockholm, February 9, 2009.
5. Convenor/Organizer *Youth and Hope*, Nordic Africa Days, **University of Copenhagen**, October 8-9, 2008.
6. Convenor/Organizer *Sierra Leone Youth(e)scape*, workshop at the Nordic Africa Days, Uppsala, October 5-7, 2007.
7. Organiser of Nordic Africa Institute *Research Unit Retreat*, Krusenberg, May 15-16, 2007.
8. Organiser of the Nordic Africa Institute *Research Unit Public Lecture Series* (throughout 2007).
9. Chair at the Nordic Africa Institute Lectures (Chris Coulter, February 15, 2007; Nicolas Argenti, March 1, 2007, Filip De Boeck, December 6, 2007).
10. Organizer. *Nordic Workshop on researching children and youth in Africa*. **The Nordic Africa Institute**. May 14-16, 2004.
11. Organizer. *Research Methodologies Reconsidered: A Workshop on Anthropology and Conflict*. **The Living Beyond Conflict Seminar**. Fläskudden Conference Centre. September 18-19, 1999.

## 20. Review and readership

- Reviewer of articles for *J-RAI*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *African Affairs*, *Anthropological Quarterly*, *Ethnos*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Social Dynamics*, *Journal of Material Culture*, *Young*, *Reproductive Health Matters*, *Security Dialogue*, *Childhoods*, *Africa Insight*, *Afrika Focus*, *Museum Anthropology*, *Human Organisation*, *Journal of Social Sciences and Management*
- On the Expert Committee for Social Sciences *The Research Council of Norway*
- Reviewer of research proposals for *Sida/Sarec*, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, *Swiss National Science Foundation*
- Reviewer of book manuscripts and reports for *Swedish Defence Research Agency*, *Life and Peace Institute*, *SIPRI*, *NAI/ZED books*, *NAI Policy Series*

- Reviewer of film manuscript *DDR Driver* by Cullen McGraw
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