

CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. EDUCATION

Doctoral degree

Ph.D. Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, 20 April 2007. Dissertation: *Equal Peace? Gender Power-Relations and United Nations Peace Operations in Timor-Leste.*

Higher education degrees

M.A. in Social Sciences, Uppsala University, 1998. (Peace and Conflict Studies, Political Science, Economics, and Economic History.)

2. EMPLOYMENT and WORK MERITS

Current employment

September 2017-present. Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway.

Prior Employment

January 2016- January 2018. Senior Advisor on Women, Peace and Security and Gender Mainstreaming, Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA), Sweden.

March 2016-February 2017 (part time). Researcher at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University focusing on gender equality, sexual violence and armed conflict.

November 2011 – February 2015. Head of the UNSCR 1325 Program at the FBA. The work included budget responsibilities, program management, training assignments, and policy support. In addition, Olsson did research on local ownership and international peace operations in Afghanistan, and on gender and armed conflict. She also led an evaluation of EU's work on Women, Peace and Security in Georgia, the Palestinian Territories, and Kosovo.

February 2008 – October 2011. Researcher and Project leader at the FBA. The work included evaluating NATO's work on Women, Peace and Security in Afghanistan (the ISAF operation) and organizing the Gender adviser seminar "Increasing Dialogue and Collaboration between the UN and Regional Organizations" in a cooperation with the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

August 2008 – January 2012 (5%). Assistant professor and lecturer, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. Teaching at the Master program (courses: Causes of War and Review Writing).

March 2007 – July 2008. Director of Studies, Department of Peace and Conflict Research. The work included responsibility for budget, personnel, and content of the

teaching. In parallel, Olsson taught at the Master program on Causes of War, Methodology, and Review Writing.

November 2007 – December 2008. Consultant to the Swedish Defense College. Project: “Implementing resolution 1325 in the Nordic Battlegroup”.

July 2000 – 20 April 2007. PhD candidate, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University. Advisors: Professor Peter Wallensteen and Associate Professor Mats Hammarström.

October 1999 to June 2000. Research assistant, Department of Peace and Conflict. Project: “Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective in Multidimensional Peace Support Operations”.

July to November 1999. Amanuens (teaching assistant), Department of Peace and Conflict Research. Teaching was conducted at the undergraduate level.

February to June 1999. Research assistant, Department of Peace and Conflict. Project: “Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective in Multidimensional Peacekeeping”.

Additional work merits

Head of FBA’s Research Working Group on Women, Peace and Security, 2009- 2018. The purpose of the group has been to strengthen empirical research of central relevance for forwarding the implementation of the UN resolutions on women, peace and security. The work has included starting, organizing, and leading the research network, as well as editing the book *Gender, Peace and Security* (Routledge, 2015). Results include impact on the work of the UN’s Office of Internal Oversight Services and on the UN’s Global Study on UNSCR 1325.

Member of International Studies Association’s Grant Committee, 2015-2018

Assistant supervisor to PhD candidate, 2011-2015.

FBA’s representative to the working group developing the new Swedish National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security led by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 2015-2016.

Project leader of the evaluation “UNSCR 1325 in EU’s CSDP Missions”, 2012-2014. The recommendations from the final report (see policy reports below) constituted the basis for a ‘non-paper’ presented by Sweden to the EU’s Peace and Security Committee in 2015. The paper received support from 21 member states for strengthening gender integration in CSDP missions.

Organizer of two Gender Coach Programs, a leadership training program on gender mainstreaming and gender equality for senior decision-makers. One for the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and one program for FBA in cooperation with the Swedish Armed Forces and the Swedish Civil Contingency Service. The work also included being a coach to:

- The Supreme Commander of the Swedish Armed Forces, 2015-2017.
- The Head of the Military Intelligence and Security Directorate of the Swedish Armed Forces, 2013- 2014.

FBA’s representative to the Core Planning Team for the 6th International Lessons Learned Conference, Karlberg Castle, Stockholm, in cooperation with the Swedish Armed Forces, 2009-2010.

Project leader, “NATO in Afghanistan: Resolution 1325 as a Tool for Enhanced Effectiveness”, 2008- 2009. The international research team (with members from Norway, Finland,

Netherlands, Denmark and Sweden) presented its findings to NATO's Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council and led to an increased use of the gender perspective in NATO's operations (see policy report below).

Fieldwork Experience

Georgia, August 2013, interviews with personnel at the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia on the gender aspects of conflict and in the work for international peace and security.

Afghanistan, November 2008 and February 2009, conducting interviews with ISAF personnel for the project on UNSCR 1325 in NATO military operations.

Timor-Leste, February-March 2006, conducting interviews for the dissertation project.

Namibia, May-June 2000 conducting interviews for the UN-led project "Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective in Multidimensional Peace Support Operations".

Research grants

Swedish Research Council, "From Hopeful Agreements to Disillusioned Peace? The effects of peace agreement implementation on women's security and empowerment", 2018-2020. Project leader: Erika Forsberg (Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University).

Swedish Research Council, "Disciplining Fighters: Understanding Armed Political Actors' Control of Sexual Violence", 2016-2018. Project leader: Angela Muvumba Sellström (Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University).

Swedish Research Council, "Inequality and insurgency in India", 2015-2017. Project leader: Erika Forsberg (Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University).

Swedish International Development Agency, "Opportunities and Obstacles: Local Ownership of Development and Stability in Northern Afghanistan", 2010-2012. Project leader: Louise Olsson (Folke Bernadotte Academy).

Swedish Research Council, "UN Peacekeeping and Local Women – A neglected relationship", 2001-2003. Project leader: Louise Olsson (Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University).

3. PUBLICATIONS

Books

Olsson, Louise. *Gender Equality and United Nations Peace Operations in Timor-Leste*. Leiden: Brill Publishers, 2009.

Monographs

Olsson, Louise. *Equal Peace. United Nations Peace Operations and the Power-Relations between men and women in Timor-Leste*. Doctoral Dissertation. Department of Peace and Conflict Research Report 76. Uppsala: Uppsala University, 2007.

Peer-reviewed journals

Theodora-Ismene Gizelis and Louise Olsson. Commentary: "Toward an equal peace or stuck in the twilight zone? The known knowns and the known unknowns of gender disaggregated data in peacekeeping research", *International Peacekeeping*, 2016.

Olsson, Louise, and Theodora-Ismene Gizelis. Commentary: "Advancing Gender and Peacekeeping Research". *International Peacekeeping*, 21(4), 2014.

Olsson, Louise, and Frida Möller. Commentary: "Data on Women's Participation in UN, EU and OSCE Field Missions: Trends, possibilities and problems", *International Interactions*, 39(4) 2013.

Olsson, Louise. "Militära insatser och FN:s säkerhetsrådsresolution 1325", *International Politikk*, 03, 2013.

Jarstad, Anna K., and Louise Olsson, "International Perspectives on Local Ownership of Development and Stability in Afghanistan", *Global Governance*, February 2012.

Olsson, Louise. "Gender Mainstreaming in Practice: The United Nations Transitional Assistance Group in Namibia" in *International Peacekeeping*, Vol. 8, No.2, 2001.

Olsson, Louise. "Mainstreaming Gender in Multidimensional Peacekeeping: A Field Perspective", *International Peacekeeping*. Vol.7, No.3, 2000.

Book chapters:

Olsson, Louise and Theodora-Ismene Gizelis, "The Production of the Global Study: What's in a measurement?" in Sara Davies and Jacqui True (Eds.) *Oxford University Press Handbook on Women, Peace and Security (WPS)*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming 2018).

Olsson, Louise. "Same Peace, Different Quality? The importance of Security Equality for Quality Peace" in Madhav Joshi and Peter Wallensteen (Eds.) *Understanding Quality Peace*. Milton Park and New York: Routledge (forthcoming 2018).

Olsson, Louise, "Fred och säkerhet ur ett jämställdhetsperspektiv" i Karin Aggestam och Kristine Höglund (Eds.) *Om krig och fred. En introduktion till freds- och konfliktstudier*. Andra upplagan. Lund: Studentlitteratur, 2017.

Forsberg, Erika, and Louise Olsson, "Gender inequality and internal conflict" in *Oxford Research Encyclopedias of Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.

Bjarnegård, Elin and Erik Melander et al. "Gender, peace and armed conflict", in *SIPRI Yearbook 2015: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security*. Stockholm: SIPRI, 2015.

Olsson, Louise, Anita Schjølset and Frida Möller. "Women's participation in international operations and missions" in Theodora-Ismene Gizelis and Louise Olsson (Eds.) *Gender, Peace and Security: Implementing UN Resolution 1325*. Milton Park and New York: Routledge, 2015.

Olsson, Louise, & Anna K. Jarstad. "Local ownership of peace. Hobbes, Rousseau and international support for state-building in Afghanistan" in Hanne Fjelde and Kristine Höglund (Eds.) *Building peace, creating conflict? Conflictual dimensions of local and international peace-building*. Nordic Academic Press, 2011.

Olsson, Louise. "Resolution 1325 och den Nordiska Snabbinsatsstyrkan" in Berggren, Anders W. (red) (2008) *Förutsättningar för att verka internationellt - Slutrapport från temaområde Människan i NBF 2004 - 2008*. Stockholm: Försvarshögskolan, 2008

Olsson, Louise. "Peacekeeping" in *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. Sage 2008.

Olsson, Louise. "The Namibian Peace Operation in a Gender Context" in Dyan Mazurana, Angela Raven-Roberts, and Jane Parpart (Eds.) *Gender, Conflict, and Peacekeeping*. Rowman & Littlefield: Boulder & Oxford, 2005.

Edited books/journals:

Gizelis, Theodora-Ismene, and Louise Olsson (Eds.). *Gender, Peace and Security: Implementing UN Resolution 1325*. Milton Park and New York: Routledge, 2015.

International Interactions; "A Systematic Understanding of Gender, Peace and Security: Implementing UNSCR 1325." 39(4). Theodora-Ismene Gizelis and Louise Olsson (Guest Editors), 2013.

Security Dialogue; "Gender and Security" 35(4), Lene Hansen and Louise Olsson (Guest Editors). London: SAGE Publications, 2004.

Olsson, Louise, and Torunn L. Tryggestad (Eds.) *Women and International Peacekeeping*. London & Portland: Frank Cass Publishers, 2001.

Policy reports and publications (selection):

Louise Olsson and Anna Björsson, *Gender training for leaders: The Swedish Gender Coach Program*. Occasional Paper. Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, 2017. https://giwps.georgetown.edu/sites/giwps/files/gender_training_for_leaders-the_swedish_gender_coach_program.pdf

Louise Olsson. *Leading the way to a more equal peace: Senior Management and Gender Mainstreaming*. Policy brief 2016:4, The International Forum for the Challenges of Peace Operations, 2016 (<http://www.challengesforum.org/en/Reports-Publications/CF/POLICY-BRIEF-20164/?retUrl=/Templates/Public/Pages/PublicStartPage.aspx?id%3d960%26epslanguage%3den>).

Olsson, Louise. *Pirates of the European Union*. Blog, OpenDemocracy 50/50, July 2015 (<https://www.opendemocracy.net/5050/louise-olsson/pirates-of-european-union>)

Olsson, Louise, et al. *Gender, Peace and Security in the European Union's Field Missions. Assessments of EUMM Georgia and EUPOL COPPS Palestinian Territories with Observations from EULEX Kosovo*. Stockholm: Folke Bernadotte Academy, 2014.

Operational effectiveness and UN Resolution 1325 – Practices and Lessons from Afghanistan, Louise Olsson and Johan Tejpar (eds.) Stockholm: FOI, 2009.

Women, men and international interventions. Training material for the Nordic Battle group. Written for the Swedish Defense College, 2007.

Olsson, Louise, *GENDER AND THE UNTAC OPERATION. Gender balance and Gender mainstreaming in the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia 1992-1993*. Report for the UN seminar: Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective in Multidimensional Peace Support Operations, May 29-31, 2000, at Windhoek, Namibia.

Olsson, Louise, *GENDER AND THE UNTAG OPERATION. Gender balance and Gender mainstreaming in the United Nations Transitional Assistance Group Mission to Namibia 1989-1990*. Report for the UN seminar Mainstreaming a Gender Perspective in Multidimensional Peace Support Operations, May 29-31, 2000, at Windhoek, Namibia.