

# REMESO

Institute for Research on Migration,  
Ethnicity and Society





# Moving Knowledge

Addressing some of the most urgent challenges of our time

**HUMAN MIGRATION AND MOBILITY** are as old as history, and they affect every society in the world. They also belong to history's most changeable phenomena, as they are often linked to political conflicts, economic inequalities, environmental change, ethnic and racial discrimination, and social unrest. The numbers of labor migrants, refugees, and internally displaced people are increasing, totaling almost 400 million in 2022. Our time is an age of migration.

Animated by the need for adequate knowledge of international migration and ethnic relations, REMESO was founded in 2008 as a Centre of Excellence with funding from the Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE), Linköping University and Norrköping Municipality. REMESO is today a university-wide institute and part of the Department of Culture and Society (IKOS). Situated at Campus Norrköping, it has about 30 faculty members and PhD students and collaborates with some 20 affiliated researchers. It regularly hosts international scholars and PhD candidates for research stays of various length.

REMESO is a major European hub for ethnic and migration studies. Our faculty attains considerable external project funding and publishes with major journals and leading international university presses. We are one of the few intellectual milieus in Europe that combine transdisciplinary research on migration and ethnicity with a complete range of educational programmes (bachelor, master, doctorate) that prepare new generations of world citizens and professionals to tackle one of the most urgent challenges of our time in responsible and sustainable ways.

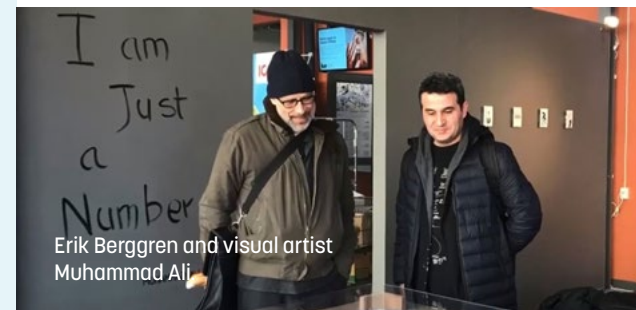


## What is REMESO?

- Institute for research on migration, ethnicity, and society
- Transdisciplinary research projects
- Doctoral programme
- International graduate school in migration and integration
- International master's programme with global recruitment
- Bachelor's programme in Social and Cultural Analysis
- Weekly and bi-weekly research seminars and workshops
- Public lectures and discussions
- Visiting guest researchers, PhD students, artists and writers
- Cooperation with social movements, migrant organizations, public agencies, and cultural institutions
- Collaboration with colleagues and institutions across the world
- Commentary and analysis in press and media
- Exhibitions

REMESO has a commitment to critical research, transformative education, and socially useful collaboration on issues, ideas, and migratory movements that define the future.

Haqqi Bahram.

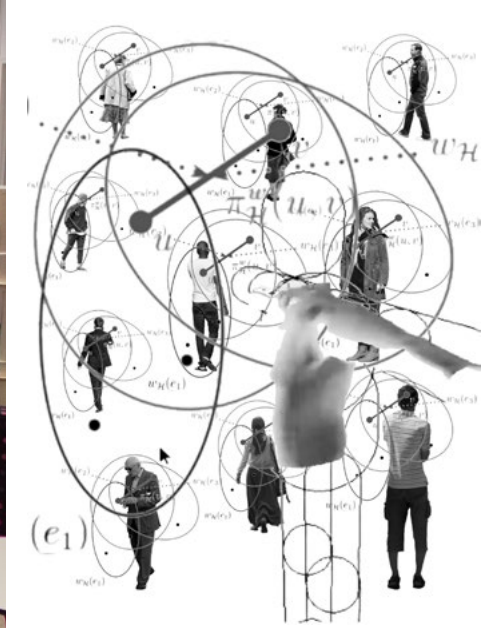


Erik Berggren and visual artist Muhammad Ali



“REMESO has become a leading centre for research on migration and ethnicity, with a growing reputation for the quality of its research both in the Nordic context, and more broadly in Europe and internationally.”

FORTE Centres of Excellence Evaluation, 2018



Anna Ådahl's artwork "In-Visible Infrastructures" is part of the research project Collective Agency in an Era of Authoritarian Automation.

# Research

## Areas of Research

REMESO's research perspective synthesizes economic, ecological, technological, social, and cultural dynamics to understand social discrimination, migration, social justice, and social inclusion. We seek to explain how migration and displacement are caused by forces and events such as socioeconomic inequalities, precarious livelihoods, unfair labor conditions, climate change, and armed conflict. We examine how migration processes are met and managed by local, national, international, and geopolitical regimes of inclusion and exclusion.

More specifically, this entails the study of our contemporary landscape of borders and border practices: an infrastructure of political regulations, economic policies, government agencies, and legal instruments, in addition to medical and digitized systems for surveillance, screening, admission, and exclusion. In this landscape, our research examines the precarisation of work and citizenship, the role of race

and ethnicity in healthcare, schools, and urban segregation, and the effects of climate change, wars, and eroding state sovereignty on refugee movement and consequent transformations of the global, European and national asylum system. Equally important, we study how borders are transformed by the strategies and knowhow of migrants who seek inclusion by way of residency and citizenship, labor-market integration, education, language acquisition, housing, healthcare, and access to welfare and rights.

REMESO investigates how regulation of migration are intertwined with discourses of difference and structures of discrimination related to stratifications and identities of nation, race, class, gender, and sexuality. We examine the colonial and imperial legacies that underlie such structures. We analyze the rise of rightwing populism and racism, and explore how everyday ideas, media discourses, cultural expressions, and the arts relate to ethnicity and

nationalism, including the ways in which digital infrastructures and media shape our imagination of national and cultural boundaries.

REMESO also emphasizes that research should embrace multiple perspectives and experiences, not least those of migrants and racialized groups. In many of our projects, we study the voices, agency and practices of migrant organizations and social movements, including their struggles for recognition, redistribution, and rights, as well as the artistic and aesthetic expressions of such struggles.

## Research Concept

Migration and ethnicity require a transdisciplinary outlook and unorthodox methodological approaches. This recognition underlies our common theoretical platform: a dual critical commitment. On the one hand, our activities are characterized by a materialist, historicizing, sociological approach, where ethnicity and migration are studied in relation to ongoing transformations of the economy. On the other hand, we adopt a critical approach to textual

objects, ideologies, and discourses, according to which ethnicity and migration are entities that demand sustained interpretation and conceptual clarification, or what may be called a 'hermeneutics of suspicion'. This approach emphasizes how texts, in the broadest sense (language, symbol, document, archival object, speech, image, sound), serve to create and recreate society and human subjects.

This theoretical platform accommodates a broad multiplicity of methods, from quantitative sociology and economics to aesthetic analysis and history. The idea is not that each individual scholar should embrace the same set of theoretical and methodological approaches, but that the dual commitment creates a ground for critical dialogue. Research and teaching that connect the two perspectives can surpass the limitations inherent in academic disciplines and specialized methodological and theoretical traditions.

Visit [liu.se/remeso](http://liu.se/remeso) to see ongoing and recently concluded research projects.

## Research Collaboration – National and International

REMESO is a hub for research on ethnicity and migration at Linköping University, for other Swedish universities, and internationally. We are an active member of IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network), which organises Europe's principal environments in migration research, and we benefit from several other partnerships and exchange agreements with institutions across the world, from the African Centre for Migration and Society at the

University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, to the Autonomous University of Zacatecas, Mexico. REMESO welcomes international scholars and PhD students who come to do their own research in our vibrant intellectual environment. For a duration between one month and 18 months, colleagues are offered office space as well as access to our activities, facilities and research infrastructure.

### Examples of Our Research Projects

A sample of externally funded projects in process 2023 (with participating REMESO researcher/s and funding agency).

'Läuft Afrika der EWG davon?' The Role of European Integration in the Colonization and Decolonization of Africa during the late 1950s and early 1960s (Peo Hansen. Riksbankens Jubileumsfond)

Mobility Does Not End at the Border: Logistics of Refugee Reception in Sweden and Germany (Karin Krifors. Swedish Research Council)

Cultures of Rejection: Social Crises and Conditions of Acceptability of Rightwing Expressions (Stefan Jonsson, Celina Ortega Soto, Anders Neergaard. Volkswagen-Stiftung)

A New Biologism? How Medical Research, Policy and Clinical Practice Approach Ethnic Differences in Health (Anna Bredström. Swedish Research Council)

Managing the Unreliability of Migration Control: A Study of Biometrics and EU Information Technology Systems in Sweden (Anna Bredström. Karin Krifors. Nedžad Mesic. Swedish Research Council)

The Scania Enigma and Geographies of Solidarity: Place Identities in the Shadow of Growing Ethno-Nationalism (Anders Neergaard. Swedish Research Council)

Immunity Passports, 'Vaccinated Travel', and the Governance of Mobility across South Africa's Borders with Zimbabwe and Botswana after Covid-19 (Xolani Tshabalala. Riksbankens Jubileumsfond)

Collective Agency in an Era of Authoritarian Automation. (Stefan Jonsson, Anna Ådahl. Swedish Research Council)

Motivations, Experiences and Consequences of Returns and Readmissions policy (Zoran Slavnic, Branka Likic-Brboric. EU-Horizon)

Unpacking the Logistics Town: How Local Communities are Reshaped in the Wake of Amazon's European Warehouse Expansion (Karin Krifors. Formas)

Political Economy of Informalisation (Zoran Slavnic. Riksbankens Jubileumsfond)

Improvement of Educational Outcomes in Segregated Schools, But How? (Olav Nygård. Forte)

Democratizing Global Migration Governance: What Space for Civil Society? (Branka Likic-Brboric, Aleksandra Ålund, Carl-Ulrik Schierup. Swedish Research Council)

The Social Life of XG: Digital Infrastructures and the Reconfiguration of Sovereignty and Imagined Communities (Stefan Jonsson, Mauricio Rogat, Karin Krifors. Forte/CHANSE)

Admitted But Not Accommodated. Planning for Sustainable Housing for Migrants with Refugee Backgrounds in Time of Changing Migration Policies (Branka Likic-Brboric, Kristoffer Jutvik, Nicolina Edwards Öberg. Formas)

## Publication Highlights 2007–2023

REMESO scholars and PhD students publish many articles and books. Below is a small sample of all the publications that have contributed to our academic and intellectual profile over the years.

### 2007

Berggren, E., Likić-Brborić, B. Trimikliniotis, N. and Toksöz, G., eds. *Irregular Migration, Informal Labor: A Challenge for Europe*. Shaker Publishers.

Dahlstedt, M., Hertzberg, F., Urban, S. and Ålund, A. *Utbildning, arbete, medborgarskap: strategier för social inkludering i den mångkulturella staden*. Borea bokförlag.

### 2008

Hansen, P. *EU:s migrationspolitik under 50 år: Ett integrerat perspektiv på en motsägelsefull utveckling*. Studentlitteratur.

Jonsson, S. *A Brief History of the Masses: Three Revolutions*. Columbia University Press.

Tesfahuney, M. and Dahlstedt, M., eds. *Den bästa av världar? Beträktelser över en postpolitisk samtid*. Tankekraft.

### 2009

Hansen, P. "Post-national Europe, without cosmopolitan guarantees." *Race & Class: A Journal on Racism, Empire and Globalization*.

Neergaard, A., ed. *European perspectives on exclusion and subordination: the political economy of migration*. Shaker Publishers.

Wolfson, C. *The Labour Theory of Culture: A Re-examination of Engels' Theory of Human Origins*. Routledge.

### 2010

Slavnic, Z. "Political Economy of Informalisation." *European Societies*.

Hansen, P and Hager, S. B. *The Politics of European Citizenship: Deepening Contradictions in Social Rights and Migration Policy*. Berghahn.

Jonsson, S. "The Ideology of Universalism." *New Left Review*.

### 2011

Gruber, S. "In the name of action against 'honour-related' violence: National nations, gender, and boundaries in the Swedish school's ambitions to combat violence and oppression." *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*.

Schierup, C-U. and Ålund, A. "The end of Swedish exceptionalism? Citizenship, neoliberalism and the politics of exclusion." *Race & Class*.

Thörnquist, A. and Engstrand, Å-K., eds. *Precarious employment in perspective: Old and new challenges to working conditions in Sweden*. Peter Lang.

### 2012

Munck, R., Schierup, C-U. and Delgado Wise, R. eds. *Migration, Work and Citizenship in the New Global Order*. Routledge.

Syssner, J. *Världens bästa plats? Platsmarknadsföring, makt och medborgarskap*. Nordic Academic Press.

Urban, S. "University Education as a Compensation Strategy Among Second-Generation Immigrants." *The International Migration Review*.

### 2013

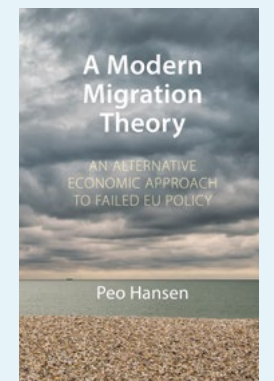
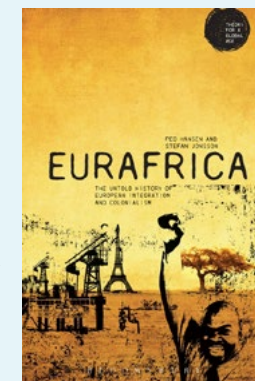
Jonsson, S. *Crowds and Democracy: The Idea and Image of the Masses from Revolution to Fascism*. Columbia University Press.

Likić-Brboric, B, Slavnic, Z and Wolfson, C. "Labour Migration and Informalisation: East Meets West." *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*.

Slavnic, Z. "Working in the 'Bleak House': an autoethnographic study of ethnic segmentation, precarization and informalization in the London hotel industry." *Hospitality & Society*.

### 2014

Hansen, P. and Jonsson, S. *Eurafrica: The Untold History of European Integration and Colonialism*. Bloomsbury.

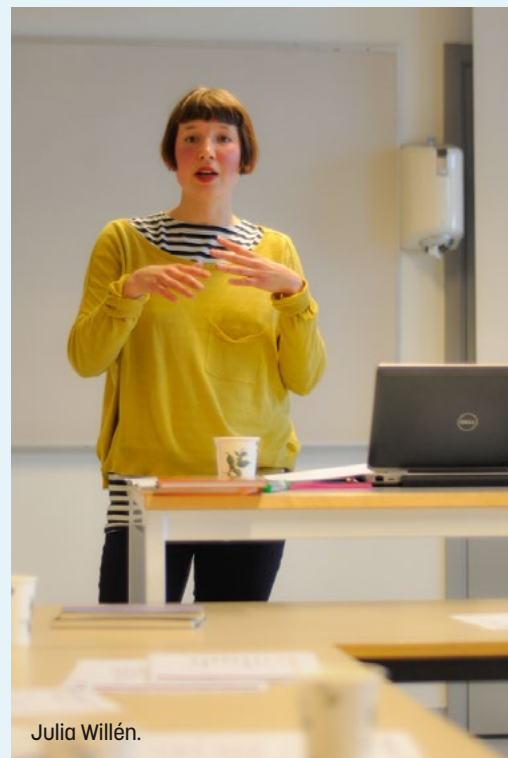




- Klinthäll, M. and Urban, S. "Second-Generation Immigrants in the Small-Business Sector in Sweden." *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*.
- Lundström, C. *White Migrations: Gender, Whiteness and Privilege in Transnational Migration*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Sommers, J. and Woolfson, C., eds. *The Contradictions of Austerity: The Socio-Economic Costs of the Neoliberal Baltic Model*. Routledge.

## 2015

- Bredström, A. and Gruber, S. "Language, Culture and Maternity Care: 'Troubling' Interpretation in an Institutional Context." *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*.
- Dahlstedt, M and A Neergaard, eds. *International Migration and Ethnic Relations: Critical Perspectives*. Routledge.
- Scarpa, S. *The spatial manifestation of inequality: Residential segregation in Sweden and its causes*. Diss. Linnaeus University Press.
- Schierup, C-U., Munck, R., Likic-Brboric, B. and Neergaard, A., eds. *Migration, Precarity, and Global Governance: Challenges and Opportunities for Labour*. Oxford University Press.



Julia Willén.

## 2016

- Bennich-Björkman, L., Kostic, R. and Likic-Brboric, B., eds. *Citizens at heart? Perspectives on integration of refugees in the EU after the Yugoslav wars of succession*. Uppsala university.
- Gavanas, A. *Pensionärsplaneten: Spaniensvenskar och pensionsmigration i en globaliserad värld*. Makadam förlag.
- Schierup, C.-U. "Under the Rainbow. Migration, Precarity and People Power in Post-Apartheid South Africa." *Critical Sociology*.

## 2017

- Ålund, A., Schierup, C-U and Neergaard, A, eds. *Reimagining the Nation, Essays on Twenty-First-Century Sweden*. Peter Lang.
- Jonsson, S. and Willén, J., eds. *Austere Histories in European Societies: Social Exclusion and the Contest of Colonial Memories*. Routledge.
- Mulinari, D. and Neergaard, A. "Theorising Racism: Exploring the Swedish racial regime." *Nordic Journal of Migration Research*.
- Schierup, C-U. and Bak Jørgensen, M., eds. *Politics of Precarity: Migrant conditions, struggles and experiences*. Brill Publishers.

## 2018

- Bredström, A. and Bolander, E. "Beyond cultural racism: Challenges for an anti-racist sex education for youth." *In Youth, Sexuality and Sexual Citizenship*, ed by Aggleton, P, R Cover, D Leahy, D Marshall and M L Rasmussen. Routledge.
- Schierup, C-U., Ålund, A. and Neergaard, A. "Race" and the upsurge of antagonistic popular movements in Sweden." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- Slavnic, Z. and Urban, S. "Meandering Rides of the Swedish Taxi Industry: Flourishing Entrepreneurship or Ethnic Segmentation." *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*.
- Willén, J. and van der Vlies, A. "Reading for Hope: A Conversation about Texts and Method." *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies*.

## 2019

- Berggren, E. and Gomis, E. C., eds. "Art as a Resistance or as a Reinsurance? Artistic Strategies of Migration." *Journal of Mediterranean Knowledge*. Special Issue.

- Bredström, A. "Culture and Context in Mental Health Diagnosing: Scrutinizing the DSM-5 Revision." *Journal of Medical Humanities*.
- Schierup, C-U., Likic-Brboric, B., Delgado Wise, R. and Toksöz, G., eds. *Migration, Civil Society and Global Governance*. Routledge.
- Tshabalala, X. "On the Key Distinction between Trafficking and Smuggling: Views and Implications from the Horn of Africa and Southern Africa." *Forum on Crime and Society*.

## 2020

- Barot, S., Bredström, A., Mulinari, S. and Shutzberg, M. *Genetik och ras*. Special Issue *Fronesis*, no. 66–67.
- Jonsson, S. *Där historien tar slut: Makt, monster och motstånd i en delad värld*. Norstedts.
- Jutvik, K. *Governing Migration: On the Emergence and Effects of Policies Related to the Settlement and Inclusion of Refugees*. Diss. Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis.
- Tazreiter, C. "Emotions, borders and the role of visual culture in refugee arrivals." *Critical Criminology*.

## 2021

- Boréus, K., Neergaard, A. and Sohl, L., eds. *Ojämliga arbetsplatser: Hierarkier, diskriminering och strategier för jämlikhet*. Nordic Academic Press and Kriterium.
- Bahram, H. "Towards a Stateless Standpoint Epistemology." *The Statelessness and Citizenship Review*.
- Hansen, P. *A Modern Migration Theory: An Alternative Economic Approach to Failed EU Policy*. Agenda Publishing.
- Krifors, K. "Logistics of migrant labour: Rethinking how workers 'fit' transnational economies." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
- Tazreiter, C. and Weber, L., eds. *Handbook on Migration and Global Justice*. Edward Elgar.

## 2022

- Andersson, H. and Jutvik, K. "Do Asylum-seekers Respond to Policy Changes? Evidence from the Swedish-Syrian Case." *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.
- Hansen, P. "Decolonization and the Spectre of the Nation-state." *British Journal of Sociology*.



- Krifors, K. "Rural multiculturalism? Migrants, antiracism, and convivial cultures in provincial Sweden." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- Rogat, M. *Even Flows and Deferred Lives: The Logistification of Migrant Settlement in Sweden*. Diss. University of Gothenburg.
- Bak Jørgensen, M. and Schierup, C-U., eds. *Contending Global Apartheid Transversal Solidarities and Politics of Possibility*. Brill Publishers.
- Ådahl, A. *Inside the postdigital crowds: The aesthetics and politics of the mediation and governing of digitised crowds*. Diss. Royal College of Art, London.

## 2023

- Andreassen, R., Lundström, C., Keskinen, S. and Tate, S. A., eds. *The Routledge International Handbook of New Critical Race and Whiteness Studies*. Routledge.
- Hübinette, T, Lundström, C. and Wikström, P., eds. *Race in Sweden: Racism and Antiracism in the World's First 'Colourblind' Nation*. Routledge.

For a comprehensive list of publications:  
[tinyurl.com/REMES0pub](https://tinyurl.com/REMES0pub)



Kenna Sim, Mavis Hooi and Rudeina Mkdad.

## REMESO doctoral dissertations

New research directions are often staked out by young researchers whose work identify emerging empirical areas and issues, just as they adopt and develop new theoretical and conceptual approaches. Listed below are the 25 doctoral and licentiate theses that have been completed since 2007, and the ones that are in process.

- Avrahami, Dina (2007) *Vi dansar inte på bordet: Lesbiska invandrarkvinnor i Sverige: stigmatisering & stolthet*. Pickabook Förlag.
- Gruber, Sabine (2007) *Skolan gör skillnad: Etnicitet och institutionell praktik*. Linköping University Electronic Press / Liber.
- Bredström, Anna (2008) *Safe Sex, Unsafe Identities: Intersections of Race, Gender and Sexuality in Swedish HIV/AIDS Policy*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Khayati, Khalid (2008) *From Victim Diaspora to Transborder Citizenship? Diaspora formation and transnational relations among Kurds in France and Sweden*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Malmsten, Jenny (2008) *Den föreningsdrivna antirasismen i Sverige: antirasism i rörelse*. Malmö University/Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Narvselius, Eleonora (2009) *The Nation's Brightest and Noblest: Narrative Identity and Empowering Accounts of the Ukrainian Intelligentsia in Post-1991 Lviv*. Linköping University Electronic Press.

- Puskás, Tünde (2009) *We belong to them: Narratives of belonging, homeland and nationhood in territorial and non territorial minority settings*. P.I.E. Peter Lang.
- Lundqvist, Catarina (2010). *Möjligheternas horisont: Etnicitet, utbildning och arbete i ungas berättelser om karriärer*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Osanami Törngren, Sayaka (2011) *Love ain't got no color? Attitude toward interracial marriage in Sweden*. Malmö University/Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Qvist, Martin (2012) *Styrning av lokala integrationsprogram: Institutioner, nätverk och professionella normer inom det svenska flyktingmottagandet*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Suter, Brigitte (2012) *Tales to Transit: Sub-Saharan African Migrants' Experiences in Istanbul*. Malmö University/Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Bengtsson, Jenny (2013) *Jag sa att jag älskade han men jag har redan sagt förlåt för det: Ålder, genus och sexualitet i skolans tidigare år*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Tovatt, Caroline (2013) *Erkännandet: Janusansikte: Det sociala kapitalets betydelse i arbetslivskarriärer*. Santérus Academic Press.

- Zachrisson, Mozghan (2014) *Invisible voices: understanding the sociocultural influences on adult migrants' second language learning and communicative interaction*. Malmö University/Linköpings University Electronic Press.
- Foultier, Christophe (2015) *Regimes of Hospitality: Urban Citizenship between Participation and Securitization – the Case of the Multiethnic French Banlieue*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Larsson, Jennie K. (2015) *Integrationen och arbetsmarknaden: Hur jämställdhet, arbete och annat "svenskt" görs av arbetsförmedlare och privata aktörer*. Bokförlaget Atlas.
- Ahlstedt, Sara (2016) *The Feeling of Migration: Narratives of Queer Intimacies and Partner Migration*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Vesterberg, Viktor (2016) *Ethnicizing Employability: Governing the Unemployed in Labour Market Projects in Sweden*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Krifors, Karin (2017) *Managing Migrant Workers: moral economies of temporary labour in the Swedish IT and wild berry industries*. Linköping University Electronic Press.

- Mešić, Nedžad (2017) *Negotiating Solidarity: Collective Actions for Precarious Migrant Workers' Rights in Sweden*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Tshabalala, Xolani (2017) *Hyenas of the Limpopo: The Social Politics of Undocumented Movement Across South Africa's Border with Zimbabwe*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Genelyte, Indre (2018) *Lost in Mobility? Labour Migration from Baltic Lithuania to Sweden*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Nygård, Olav (2020) *Educational Aspirations and Attainments: How resources relate to outcomes for children of immigrants in disadvantaged Swedish schools*. Linköping University Electronic Press.
- Tibajev, Andrey (2022) *The value of immigrants' human capital for labour market integration*. Linköping University Electronic Press.

## Licentiate dissertations

- Sköld, Birgitta (2013) *Strukturerna och företagandet: en longitudinell studie av kvinnors och mäns företagande i spåren av den offentliga sektorns omvandling*. Licentiate thesis. Linköping University Electronic Press.

## PhD dissertations in process - with preliminary titles

- HAQQI BAHRAM.** Between Statelessness and Refugeehood: Kurds from Syria and the Question of Citizenship
- NICOLINE EDWARDS ÖBERG.** Home making in times of changing migration regimes
- ASHER GOLDSTEIN.** Indifference to Extraction
- MAVIS HOOI.** Informal learning. Social media activism. Intersectional antiracism
- LISA KARLSSON BLOM.** Måste vi prata om ras? Samtal om rasism och antirasistisk praktik i Sverige på 2010- och 20-talen

- RUDEINA MKDAD.** Navigating 'Respectability': The Relationship to the Family Center in Sweden for 'Racialized Parents' from Muslim-Majority Countries
- CELINA ORTEGA SOTO.** Cultures of Rejection: rejection of migrants and authorities in the shadow of the corona pandemic in Sweden
- KENNA SIM.** Movement is Foundational: Cultures of Resistance in the Context of Climate Mobilities
- JULIA WILLÉN.** Futures Lost of South African Whiteness: the Writings of Nadine Gordimer 1953-1979



# Education

## PhD programme in Ethnic and Migration Studies

The PhD programme at REMESO gives doctoral students insight into central dimensions of Swedish and international research on ethnicity, migration and society. The courses are distinctly interdisciplinary and usually offered in English. Course work and thesis writing are thoroughly integrated throughout the programme. PhD students are offered to teach at undergraduate level and complete training in pedagogics, to help prepare for their academic career. The PhD programme is connected to our International Graduate School, which offers students a range of mandatory or elective courses. The PhD programme is coordinated by REMESO's Collegium of Supervisors.

On average REMESO recruits 1–2 new PhD students per year and has a cohort of 5–10 active students. Because PhD students enjoy the benefit of full-time employment, recruitment to the programme depends on available funding. We can not accept applications other than those that respond to issued calls for applications. These calls are announced at the university web pages.

Scan the QR code to read more about the PhD programme.



## International Graduate School

Our Graduate School in Migration and Integration is jointly run by REMESO and the University of Gothenburg's Department of Sociology and Centre on Global Migration. The school is financed by a grant from the Swedish Research Council and provides Swedish and international PhD students with the opportunity to participate in advanced teaching and research training in the areas of migration and integration. Since these research fields suffer from weak representation within PhD education, the school serves as a national and international hub for PhD teaching, research-training and networking, with participation of students from Sweden and across the world. The partnership with the University of Gothenburg ascertains that students benefit

from a wide range of theoretical and methodological approaches and enables us to offer both comprehensive and specialized courses. The comprehensive courses cover main theoretical, methodological and empirical approaches while our specialized courses focus on key themes such as climate change, the labour market, welfare policy, housing segregation, political economy, citizenship and globalization. Our partnership thus allows for a dynamic curriculum that is responsive to both crucial issues and student demand.

Scan the QR code to read more about the international graduate school.



Celina Ortgea Soto and Stefan Jonsson.

## Courses offered by the International Graduate School

- Theories and Politics of International Migration
- Theories of Ethnicity, Nationalism and Racism: Historical and Contemporary Debates
- Migration and Intersectional Perspectives
- Mixed Methods in Ethnic and Migration Research
- Citizenship, Civil Society, and the Welfare State
- Migration and International Law
- Climate Change and Migration:
- Labour Market Integration, Decent Work and Sustainable Working Life
- Housing Segregation and the Challenge of Building Sustainable Migration Policies
- The Political Economy of Migration and Integration





EMS Master students by Motala ström, 2020: Céline Couronne, Tamarau Suowari and Franziska Blanz.

## Master in Ethnic and Migration Studies

The Master in Ethnic and Migration Studies is a two-year campus-based programme taught in English. Each autumn semester it welcomes between 30 and 45 new students from around the world. More than 70 nationalities are represented in our global classroom and among alumni. EMS relates ethnicity and migration to global economic and cultural change, as well as to systems of domination and movements of resistance. Students learn to analyze the causes of migration, as well as its consequences for emerging formations of race, gender, labor, citizenship, health care, welfare and culture.

The programme trains students to understand and explain migration and ethnic relations at international, national and local levels. Graduates of the programme are prepared for professional careers in administration, communication, business, government, public life, media and the cultural sector, or other sectors and institutions that demand expertise in ethnicity and migration. The programme also equips its graduates to actively

contribute with their acquired knowledge and skills to the analysis and debate on ethnicity and migration in a wide range of areas from culture, media and the arts to politics, business and administration. The EMS programme also offers a foundation for further postgraduate studies in the humanities and social sciences.

The programme is characterized by its effort to integrate the humanities and the social sciences. EMS provides a curriculum that enables a comprehensive grasp of ethnic and migration studies and offers opportunities for specialization through elective courses, internships and studies abroad. The EMS is a founding partner of the EuMIGS network, consisting of programmes that offer student exchange and a European master's double degree in migration studies.

Scan the QR code to read more about the master's programme.



## Bachelor in Social and Cultural Analysis

Kandidatprogram i samhälls- och kulturanalys

One of the first educational programmes to be initiated at Campus Norrköping, the programme in Social and Cultural Analysis (SKA), is an interdisciplinary undergraduate education taught mainly in Swedish with some English courses. Students gain insights into historical conditions, learn to analyze contemporary societal conditions and acquire tools to work with change for the future. They study democratization, globalization, migration, racism, ethnic differences, class and gender from different theoretical perspectives and thus gain tools to analyze working life, welfare, integration, urban planning, and the emergence of different forms of society. The importance of economic and social conditions, as well as norms and values help students understand modern society and its changes.

Students experience an intimate intellectual environment in which committed teachers encourage and support analytical independence and writing skills. SKA alumni can be found in many different sectors, spanning from project leaders in private industries to case managers in municipal organisations or qualified administrators in NGOs. Many students have also continued to build successful academic careers.

SKA is a three-year programme (180 credits) of full-time studies. It accepts between 45 and 60 students each year.

Scan the QR code to read more about the bachelor programme (in Swedish).



## Freestanding courses and commissioned courses

Many of REMESO's courses at master's and bachelor's level are also offered as freestanding courses open to non-programme students. We occasionally develop basic orientation courses (7,5 credits) on topical issues in Ethnic and Migration Studies, such as nationalism, integration, racism, and diversity. We also tailor courses on migration, ethnicity, integration and diversity for specific professions and stakeholders. Organizations that have commissioned courses include the Swedish National Agency for Education (Skolverket) and the Church of Sweden (Svenska kyrkan).

REMESO's doctoral courses, offered by our international graduate school, are open to all PhD students in the humanities and social sciences and often also to eligible advanced students at master's level.



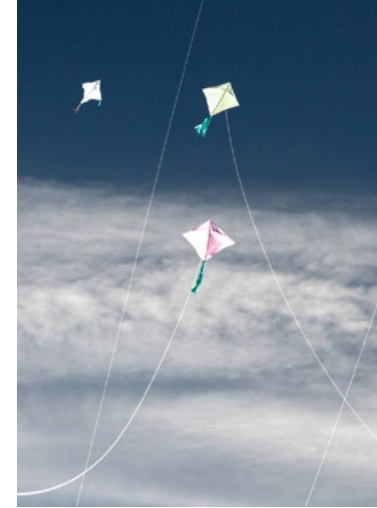




Christophe Foutier and Xolani Tshabalala.



The Nordic Migration Research Conference 2018 was organized by REMESO on the topic of New (Im)mobilities.



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# Cooperation and Outreach

REMESO cooperates with civil society organisations, social movements, cultural institutions, businesses, and authorities on local, national and transnational levels. These cooperations involve education and knowledge exchange as well as project development and evaluation.

Engaging with our overall activities or specific projects, our partners include the Swedish Migration Board, Regional Board Östergötland, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights,

Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare, Swedish National Agency for Education, Public Health Agency of Sweden, Swedish Employment Agency, Swedish Association for Sexuality Education, Global Challenge, PGA – Peoples’ Global Action for Migration, UN High Level Political Forum on Migration, UNESCO Council’s Social Science Program MOST, Ericsson, Tensta Art Center, Norrköping Art Museum and various Swedish Municipalities.

By collaborating in research, education, and dissemination, REMESO has built a network of affiliated researchers and experts. Our affiliated researchers are based at other institutes or

universities and temporarily engage in our activities. These networks connect us to ongoing outreach activities involving think tanks, popular publications, pod casts and public events.

Exchanges with visual artists, writers and public intellectuals will continuously be a strong interest and commitment for the Institute. This is marked by the 2022 approval of a grant from the Swedish Research Council, “Communication alliance in the field of Migration and Integration: New forms of knowledge circulation for public education and societal dialogue”. Within this program

REMESO will host artists, writers, and journalists in order to enhance knowledge circulation in the field of migration and integration and thus increase the wider societal knowledge on these issues.

On Campus Norrköping REMESO runs since 2017 an exhibition space – LOBBY – in which contemporary artists are invited to address and confront issues linked to our research. Exhibitions that reformulate, challenge and translate issues of ethnicity and migration are aimed at other researchers, students as well as the general public.



# REMESO Staff (2023)

## Faculty

**ANNA ÅDAHL** Postdoc

Contemporary art practices. Crowds and collective behaviour. New technologies.

**ALEKSANDRA ÅLUND** Professor emerita

Multiculturalism. Antiracist activism. Migration, governance and justice movements.

**ERIK BERGGREN** Lecturer

Political theory. Art and critique. Right-wing populism and fascism.

**ANNA BREDSTRÖM** Associate professor and Docent

Medical sociology. Feminist intersectionality theory. Biometrics and border technologies.

**POURAN DJAMPOUR** Postdoc

Borders, resistance and solidarities. Deservingness. Migration. Feminist and postcolonial/decolonial theory.

**PEO HANSEN** Professor

European integration. Migration. Macroeconomics. Geopolitics.

**STEFAN JONSSON**, Professor

Critical cultural theory. Collective identities. Political aesthetics of modernity and coloniality.

**KRISTOFFER JUTVIK** Assistant professor

Residence status. Policy evaluation. Inclusive societies and cities.

**KARIN KRIFORS** Associate professor

Critical logistics. Border control. Convivial multiculturalism.

**BRANKA LIKIC BRBORIC** Senior associate professor

Global migration governance and sustainability. Comparative studies of inclusion and citizenship. Post-socialist transformations and EU enlargement.

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Migration. Whiteness. Gender.

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Inequality in working life. Solidarity and trade union representation of immigrant workers. Radical right-wing parties, anti-feminism, anti-environmentalism and racism.

**OLAV NYGÅRD** Associate professor

Social stratification. Education. Integration.

**MAURICIO ROGAT** Postdoc

Anthropology of migration and mobility. Housing. Logistics and infrastructure.

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Ethnicity, nationalism and race. Political economy of migration and citizenship. Precarity, governance and social transformation.

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Informal economy. Political economy of international migrations. Data epistemologies and interpretive ethics.

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Forced migration and social change. Memory studies and belonging. Visual cultures and methodologies.

**XOLANI TSHABALALA** Postdoc

Critical border studies. Southern African cross-border informality. Decolonial methodologies.

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