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PROFILE

Offers a unique combination of extensive and successful experience from academia and the financial software business working internationally. I am a firm believer in the importance of ethnographic methods to shed light on societal challenges.

Researchwise, I am intrigued by epistemologies and ontologies that shape our understanding of the world. Academically, I have focused on the field of taxation and spearheaded an anthropology of taxation working internationally and in interdisciplinary environments. This has given me a deep and broad-based knowledge of how to approach the socio-cultural impact in complex fields. From my business experience I thoroughly understand the forces and potentials of digitization in market and society. I combine research with independent consultant work, leading initiatives that bridge anthropology with practical solutions for governments and organizations worldwide. I am a thought leader passionate about humanizing (fiscal) policy for a more sustainable society.

To Bygglifytet, I bring a creative and curious mindset seasoned with an entrepreneurial flair. The leadership I apply is to coordinate and co-produce, rather than to command. I thrive in interdisciplinary contexts, while engaging with people at all levels in society.

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2024 Research Fellow, University of Exeter Business School
2018- Independent researcher and consultant.
2011-2018 Post. Doc. and Associate Professor. Tema T, Linköping University

EXAMs and APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 Associate Professor (Docent) in Social Anthropology, Linköping University.
2010 Doctor in Philosophy, Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.
2002 Master of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.
1986 Bachelor of Science, Economics, Umeå University.

PROJECTS (selection recent)

- 2024 Boverket: *Varför minskar inte slöseriet? - en studie av kunskapskulturen i den svenska byggbranschen* (m. Katarina Graffman).
- 2023- CSR Sweden: Initiator and co-organizer *TAXSURGE: Sustainable and Responsible Taxation for Sweden, Ukraine, Georgia*. Developing academic courses and establishing a collaboration between various stakeholders - Universities, businesses (through Corporate Social Responsibility - CSR - organisations) and tax administrations in the three countries.
- 2023- Centre for Taxpayer Rights, Washington DC: Interview study of low-income taxpayers in Toward a more inclusive tax system: Shaping the Benefits-mission of the Internal Revenue Service.
- 2022-24 *Swedish tax force for the future*. With Cécile Brokelind (PI) and Åsa Hansson, Lund University. RJ Network initiation grant.
- 2022- *Tax, Society, People*. Educational booklet on tax based on anthropological research. With Nicolette Makovsky, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies. Global Initiatives Grant, Wenner-Gren Found.
- 2021-2024 *Fiscal Citizenship in Migrant Societies: An International Cross Country Comparison*. Co-investigator, PI Lynne Oats, University of Exeter. ORA-ESRC.
- 2022 Kvadrat konsulter, Sverige: *Digitalisering & människa i samklang – kurs i etnografiska metoder* 3 dagars kurs (med Katarina Graffman).

BOOKS

- forthcoming *Fiscal Belonging. A Social Perspective on Taxation and Migration* (w. Lynne Oats). Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2018 *A Fair Share of Tax: A Fiscal Anthropology of Contemporary Sweden*. Palgrave Macmillan. Open Access. +29,000 downloads.
- 2017 *Shaping Taxpayers. Values in action at the Swedish Tax Agency*. Oxford: Berghahn Books. (Podcast in New Books Network. Reviewed in Journal of Cultural Economy 2017 by Rebecca Bramall and in TaxNotes 2019 by Roberta Mann).
- 2010 *Illegal yet Licit. Justifying Informal Purchases of Work in Contemporary Sweden*. Stockholms Universitet.

ARTICLES in JOURNALS (selection, peer reviewed)

- forthcoming Fiscal citizenship from an interdisciplinary perspective. Opportunities and risks of a cross-disciplinary research project (with Hans-Joachim Lauth). *World Tax Journal*. Accepted with revisions.
- 2023 Ethnographic Interventions and Thought Paradigms at a Governmental Revenue Service. *Journal of Cultural Economy*. Published 3.7
- 2022 Game of Tax. Rethinking the relation between redistribution and reciprocity through a Georgian tax lottery. *Economic Anthropology* 10(1), pp. 100-111.
- 2021 Tax Compliance Dancing. The Importance of Time and Space in Taxing Multinational Corporations (with Benedicte Brøgger). *Journal of Legal Anthropology* Vol 5(1), pp. 85-109.
- 2021 Taxation (with Karen Boll). *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology*.
- 2019 Editorial: How should we theorize algorithms? Five common tropes in analyzing algorithmic normativities (with Francis Lee) *Big Data & Society*. Published 13.8.
- 2019 Recalibrating Counting and Accounting Practices: Dealing with Algorithmic Output in Public and Private (with Farzana Dudhwala). *Big Data & Society*. Published 17.7.
- 2019 Taxing Large Businesses: Co-operative compliance in action (with Lynne Oats). *Intereconomics: Review of European Economic Policy*. Vol 54(3), pp. 165-170.
- 2019 Algorithmic Normativities (co-editor with Francis Lee). Special theme *Big Data & Society*.
- 2019 What tax morale? A moral anthropological stance on a Swedish Cooperative Compliance initiative. *JOTA - Journal of Tax Administration*. Vol 5(1).
- 2017 (with Ulf Johannesson and Karin Thoresson) A thrice-told tale: A collaboration between the Swedish Tax Agency and Academia. *JOTA - Journal of Tax Administration*. Vol 3(1).
- 2017 Mind the (tax) gap: An ethnography of a number. *Journal of Cultural Economy*. Vol 10(5), pp. 419-433.
- 2015 'Common sense' at the Swedish Tax Agency. Transactional boundaries separating taxable and tax-free income. *Critical Perspectives on Accounting*. Vol 31, September 2015, pp. 75-89.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS and INTERVENTIONS (selection)

- 2024 Mottos for a more tax compliant society: Strategies, tax compliance research and fiscal practices at the Swedish Tax Administration. In Johanna Mugler, Miranda Sheild Johansson & Robin Smith eds. *Anthropology and Tax: Ethnographies of Fiscal Relations*. Cambridge University Press, pp. 178-199.
- 2023 Tax Culture/s. Fiscal Citizenship Working Paper No. 1.
- 2021 Svart Arbete (Sweden). In Alena Ledeneva ed. *Global Informality Project*.
- 2020 AAA webinar Pandemic Change-Up – Invisible Social Structure Revealed (with Inga Treitler, Christine Avenarius, Nimmo Elmi, Taapsi Ramchandani and Natalia Usme). *American Anthropological Association*.
- 2019 "Anthropology of Tax. A smorgasbord of insights, perspectives, methods and theories." Transforming the Future of Money, World Academy of Arts and Science. Dubrovnik. 18-20.11
- The Georgian Tax Lottery of 2012. A Multi-Methodological Assessment. (with Rubina Arakelyan, Teimuraz Gogsadze, Mariam Katsadze, Sophiko Skhirtladze and Nino Muench). *ISET W.P.* 09-19.
- 2019 Large Businesses: Co-operative compliance in action (with Lynne Oats). *FairTax Policy Brief*
- 2018 Nordic Experiences of Co-Operative Compliance Programmes: Comparisons and Recommendations (with Karen Boll, Benedicte Brøgger, Jaana Kettunen, Tuulia Potka-Soinen, Jukka Pellinen, Mette Brehm Johansen and Kiran Aziz). *FairTax Working Paper Series* 20 pp. 1-135.