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## EDUCATION

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- 06/2026 PhD, Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute, Italy. Dissertation: *Following Contested Categories: The Infrastructural Politics of Knowing Climate Mobility in Eastern Africa*, successfully defended on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026. Supervisor: Prof. Jeffrey Checkel.
- 06/2021 MSc (cum laude) in Political Science. Specialisation: International Relations. Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 06/2020 BSSc in Development Studies, Department of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 09/2022 – 06/2026 **European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Italy.**  
PhD candidate, funded by the Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet).
- 09/2025 – 12/2025 **Stanford University, The Breyer Center for Overseas Studies in Florence, Italy.**  
Course coordinator, instructor, examiner and course designer of the undergraduate level course: *Climate Justice in Europe: Theory, Policy and Practice*.
- 02/2025 – 03/2025 **Stockholm University, Stockholm Center on Global Governance, Sweden.**  
Visiting PhD candidate at the Department of Political Science, hosted by Dr. Niklas Bremberg.
- 09/2024 – 12/2024 **Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology, Department of Disaster Management and Sustainable Development, Kenya.**  
Visiting PhD candidate, during fieldwork, hosted by Dr. Nicodemus Nyandiko.
- 11/2021 – 08/2022 **Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Urban and Rural Development, Sweden.**  
Research assistant (full-time) in the projects: *Governance, Justice and Resistance: On the way to a fossil-free welfare society* (FORMAS, principal investigator Prof. Anke Fischer) and *Fighting windmills* (MISTRA Environmental Communication, principal investigator Prof. Jutta Haider).

01/2021 –  
05/2021

**University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, Netherlands.**

Research assistant (part-time) in the project: *Outsourcing Migration Control: Externalizing European Borders to Africa* (Swedish Research Council, principal investigator Prof. Joakim Berndtsson).

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Original research articles
- Söderberg, N. (2025) Multi-sited research disrupted: Chokepoints and the Panama canal. *Qualitative Research* 25(6): 1195-1215. [doi.org/10.1177/14687941241297515](https://doi.org/10.1177/14687941241297515)
- Darshan Vigneswaran, Nora Söderberg, Natalie Welfens and Saskia Bonjour (2024) Capitalizing on a Crisis: The European Union Trust Fund for Africa. *European Journal of International Relations*. [doi.org/10.1177/13540661241260606](https://doi.org/10.1177/13540661241260606)
- Wiebren Johannes Boonstra and Nora Söderberg (2024) Theorising resistance in times of fossil fuels: Ecological grief, righteous anger and interaction rituals in Sweden's energy regime shift. *Energy Research & Social Science* 116. [doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2024.103652](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2024.103652).
- Anke Fischer, Sofie Joosse, Jacob Strandell, Nora Söderberg, Kornelia Johansson and Wiebren Johannes Boonstra (2024) How justice shapes transition governance – a discourse analysis of Swedish policy debates. *Journal of Environmental Planning and Management* 67(9): 1998-2016. [doi.org/10.1080/09640568.2023.2177842](https://doi.org/10.1080/09640568.2023.2177842).
- Symposium
- Nora Söderberg (2025) Multiple connections, singular site: Following by staying. In Both, M., Nicole-Berva, O. & Saetre, J. (eds.) Symposium: From case to phenomenon: Incorporating the Multi-Sited Approach in Political Science. *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*. [doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15495699](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15495699)

## SCIENTIFIC REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS (NON-PEER REVIEWED)

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- Scientific reports
- Anke Fischer and Nora Söderberg (2022) Klimatpolitiken i riksdagsdebatterna 2018-2022: hur rättvisan stoppade den gröna omställningen. In: Bolin, N., Falasca, K., Grusell, M. & Nord, L. (eds.), Reflektioner från valet 2022. Snabbtänkt, DEMICOM-rapport nr 51, Mittuniversitetet: 26–27. [online] [https://www.miun.se/globalassets/forskning/center-och-institut/demicom/snabbtankt\\_2022\\_12okt.pdf](https://www.miun.se/globalassets/forskning/center-och-institut/demicom/snabbtankt_2022_12okt.pdf)
- Jutta Haider, Björn Ekström, Elisa Tattersall Wallin, David Gunnarsson Lorentzen, Malte Rödl and Nora Söderberg (2023) Tracing online information about wind power in Sweden: An exploratory quantitative study of broader trends. [online] [doi:10.1111/1740876](https://doi.org/10.1111/1740876)
- Policy brief
- Kornelia Johansson, Nora Söderberg, Nora Förell and Anke Fischer (2023) Policy Brief: Stoppar rättviseargument Sveriges omställning till ett fossilfritt välfärdssamhälle? [doi:10.13140/RG.2.2.11969.22880](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.11969.22880)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION (SELECTED)

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Research articles	‘Productive Uncertainties: The ambiguous value of (not) knowing climate mobility futures in Eastern Africa’. Solo-authored research article, submitted as part of a special issue on anticipatory technologies in security governance (currently under review).
Book manuscript	‘Following Contested Categories in International Politics’. Solo-authored book manuscript based on PhD dissertation (currently under preparation).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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04/2026	<b>European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Italy.</b>  Course co-designer, lecturer and facilitator of the PhD workshop <i>Putting Social Science in Motion – Tracing, Following and Beyond</i> , co-led by Prof. Jeffrey Checkel (EUI), Dr. Nicholas Rush Smith (SOAS) and Nora Söderberg (EUI).
09/2025 – 12/2025	<b>Stanford University, The Breyer Center for Overseas Studies in Florence, Italy.</b>  Course coordinator, instructor, examiner and course designer of the course: <i>Climate Justice in Europe: Theory, Policy and Practice</i> . Undergraduate level, 10 weeks.
09/2024 – 09/2026	<b>Uppsala University, Centre for Environment and Development Studies (CEMUS), Sweden.</b>  Guest lecturer (recurring) in the undergraduate level course: <i>Välfärd, utveckling och globalisering</i> (Welfare, development and globalisation).
05/2024	<b>European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Italy.</b>  Co-designer and facilitator of the PhD workshop <i>Comparing, Casing and Generalizing: Traditional Designs and Innovative Approaches</i> , led by Dr. Erica Simmons (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

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04/2024 – 05/2024	<b>European University Institute, Italy.</b>  <i>Introduction to Teaching and Learning in Higher Education</i> (20 + 20 hours).
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## METHODOLOGICAL AND FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

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2024	<b>Multi-sited ethnographic fieldwork, Kenya:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four months of fieldwork for doctoral dissertation.</li> <li>• Over 70 interviews (semi-structured and relational) with experts and practitioners at international and nongovernmental organisations, as well as members of less formal civil society groups.</li> </ul>
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- Over 60 hours of participant observation in institutional environments and community workshops.

Since 2024 **Qualitative methodological innovation:**

- Author of *Multi-sited Research Disrupted: Chokepoints and the Panama Canal* (Qualitative Research, 2024) which introduces a threefold methodology for studying connections from sites of disruption.
- Contributor to a symposium (APSA QMMR, 2025) which outlines the promise of multi-sited ethnography in political science.
- Co-organiser of workshops around innovative approaches to comparative research (with Dr. Erica Simmons) and relational, processual methodologies in political science (with Prof. Jeffrey Checkel and Dr. Nicholas Rush Smith, forthcoming at EUI in April 2026 and at APSA in September 2026).

Since 2021 **Interdisciplinary research collaborations:**

Research experience in two multi-national, interdisciplinary projects combining interviews, online ethnography and document analysis:

- *Governance, Justice and Resistance: On the way to a fossil-free welfare society.* Funded by FORMAS, principal investigator Prof. Anke Fischer, participating institutions: Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala University and the James Hutton Institute (Aberdeen, Scotland).
- *Outsourcing Migration Control: Externalizing European Borders to Africa.* Funded by the Swedish Research Council, principal investigator Prof. Joakim Berndtsson, participating institutions: University of Gothenburg and University of Amsterdam.

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## RESEARCH FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2022 – 2026 **Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet), Doctoral funding.**

Funding for doctoral studies at the European University Institute.

2024 **European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Competitive research funding.**

Awarded €5110 for doctoral fieldwork in Kenya.

2023 **Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas Minne, Individual research grant.**

Awarded 30 000 SEK for doctoral fieldwork in Kenya.

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Since **European University Institute, Department of Political and Social Sciences, Italy.**

09/2023

Coordinator of the student-led Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group (Qualifie)

- Organisation of workshops around, e.g. fieldwork ethics, transdisciplinary methodologies and participatory approaches.
- Coordination with invited speakers and Qualifie's international network.

Since  
09/2022

**European University Institute, Italy.**

Active contributor to academic life across departments:

- *International Theory Working Group*: recurring discussant of doctoral papers and chapters, recurring presenter of dissertation chapters.
- *Europe in the World Seminar Series*: regular participant; discussant for Prof. Jef Huysmans (Queen Mary University of London).
- *Migration Working Group*: regular participant, presenter of dissertation chapter.
- *Departmental Seminar Series*: recurring attendee, discussant at Prof. Nitsan Chorev's book talk (Brown University).
- *Decolonising Initiative*: member contributing to decolonising curriculum development.

02/2025 –  
03/2025

**Stockholm University, Stockholm Centre for Global Governance (SCGG), Sweden.**

Regular participant at the SCGG seminar series and presenter at the *SCGG days*.

Since 2024

**Reviews** for Energy Research & Social Science.

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**INVITED TALKS IN SEMINAR SERIES AND NETWORKS**

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06/2025

**School of Transnational Governance, EUI, Italy.**

Invited presentation at the *EUI Climate Workshop*: "The Emergence of a Climate Mobility Knowledge Infrastructure in Eastern Africa".

05/2025

**Stanford University, The Breyer Center for Overseas Studies in Florence, Italy.**

Invited talk at the *Lunch Time Talks* series: "Climate change and migration in international politics".

03/2025

**Climate Security Network, Swedish Defence University, Sweden.**

Invited to present draft paper: *The Everyday Making of "Climate Migrants": Turning a contested label into operational category.*

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**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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08/2025

**Pan-European Conference on International Relations of the European International Studies Association (EISA), Bologna, Italy.**

Roundtable participant and presenter of two papers on climate mobility, forecasting and categorisation.

06/2025

**Nordic Science and Technology Studies Conference, Stockholm, Sweden.**

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	Paper presentation on the everyday making of climate migration categories.
08/2024	<b>Pan-European Conference on International Relations of the European International Studies Association (EISA), Lille, France.</b>
	Presentations of two papers on multi-sited ethnography and feminist philosophy of science in International Relations.
09/2023	<b>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Los Angeles, USA.</b>
	Paper presentation on methodological innovation in multi-sited research.
09/2023	<b>Beyond Crisis/Beyond Normal Conference, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway.</b>
	Presentation of a co-authored paper on temporalities and resistance in energy transitions.

## POPULAR SCIENCE AND OUTREACH

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Blogpost	Nora Söderberg and Otwor Dennis (2025) Flooded, forgotten, still here: The struggle for solutions in Western Kenya's informal displacement camps. Migration Policy Centre Blog. Published 18 June 2025. <a href="https://migrationpolicycentre.eu/informal-displacement-camps-western-kenya/">https://migrationpolicycentre.eu/informal-displacement-camps-western-kenya/</a>
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## PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP (SELECTED)

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04/2024 – 04/2026	<b>PeaceWorks, Sweden.</b>
	Vice President (03/2025 – 04/2026) and board member of a national youth-led peace organisation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for strategic planning, project oversight, international collaborations with Colombian and European partners.</li> <li>Direct responsibility for staff support and coordination, budget planning and alignment between organisational goals, funding requirements and project delivery, in close collaboration with the President.</li> </ul>
08/2025	<b>Selam, Sweden.</b>
	Consultant responsible for the study <i>En internationell scen i Stockholm</i> (An international scene in Stockholm), funded by the Municipality of Stockholm.
2021	<b>PeaceWorks, Sweden.</b>
	Project coordinator for EU-funded Erasmus+ projects:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for planning, implementation and reporting of the project <i>International Solidarity for Peace</i>.</li> <li>Author of the successful project application <i>Anti-racism in Practice and As Practice</i>.</li> </ul>
2020	<b>Solidaridad Suecia – América Latina (Latinamerikagrupperna), Colombia &amp; Sweden.</b>

Intern supporting project management and stakeholder engagement in transnational collaborations between Colombian grassroots organisations and Swedish civil society.

## LANGUAGES

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Swedish	Native
English	Fluent
Spanish	Working proficiency
Italian	Basic

## REFERENCES

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<b>Prof. Jeffrey T. Checkel</b>	<b>Chair in International Politics, Department of Political and Social Sciences, European University Institute (EUI), Florens, Italy.</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:jeffrey.checkel@eui.eu">jeffrey.checkel@eui.eu</a>	PhD Supervisor (2022-2026).
<b>Prof. Anke Fischer</b>	<b>Professor of Environmental Communication, Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden.</b>
Email: <a href="mailto:anke.fischer@slu.se">anke.fischer@slu.se</a>	Former boss and PI for the multinational project “Governance, justice and resistance – on the way to a fossil-free welfare society” (2021-2022).