

## RESEARCH INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – 2022 AUTUMN SEMESTER

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**INTERNSHIP DURATION:** 29 August 2022 - 15 January 2022

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 23 March 2022, 12:00 (noon)

**INTERVIEWS:** 28 March - 1 April 2022 (potential supervisors may do the first selection of the candidates prior to the interviews; they will invite each selected candidate for the interview by a personal email)

**DECISIONS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 8 April 2022, 15:00 at the latest (by email sent to the candidate by the supervisor)

The Department of Global Political Studies (GPS) is pleased to announce the availability of unpaid internship positions in the 2022 autumn semester, connected to the research projects listed below. The internships are offered in the first place to the students in the master's programmes at GPS\* and give the applicants the opportunity to

- gain versatile experience relevant to their education, by participating in diverse activities related to a research project;
- engage their academic knowledge on a practical level pertaining to the research process;
- gain experience of work in a university setting beyond research-related activities, such as teaching, administration and different practical tasks.

\* In order to have an internship credited as a part of your programme you need to apply for and complete the elective research internship course. Please note that the research internship is examined depending on whether you are in the GP or IMER Master's programme. Further information on the examination format will be provided via the relevant course pages on Canvas.

**ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:** students currently enrolled in master's programmes at GPS, who will acquire 60 credits in the programme by the date of internship start; exceptionally also other candidates who are or have been affiliated to the Faculty of Culture and Society, Malmö University

### **DUTIES:**

- research assistance in agreement with the supervisor (Principal Investigator in the chosen project), such as obtaining, transcribing and analysing data, reviewing literature and engaging in other activities relevant to the project;
- participation in other types of work at GPS that are not related to the research projects, such as administrative work, teaching, seminar discussions, assistance in the organisation of meetings, in agreement with the supervisor and the Head of Department. Please note that you are expected to use your own laptop during the internship.

**WORKING HOURS and LOCATION:** 40 hours per week, in *Niagara* building, Nordenskiöldsgatan 1, Malmö

**WORKING LANGUAGE:** English (other languages might be required in relation to specific projects)

**RESPONSIBLE SUPERVISOR:** Principal Investigator in the chosen project (see Appendix)

**FORMAL RESPONSIBILITY** for the internship contract: Magnus Ericson, Head of Department, GPS

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**TO APPLY, PLEASE PROVIDE** the following pdf documents (with *your family name* as the first part of the title):

- letter of motivation (max one page) with clearly stated name of the chosen project on the top, followed by your name and e-mail, and a brief motivation for your choice of project (file title: **family name + Letter**);
- Curriculum Vitae (max one page), including the information on the languages you can (a) speak (so that you can e.g. do interviews); (b) read and translate from (file title: **family name + CV**);
- a copy of documents with your undergraduate grades (file title: **family name + undergrad. grades**);
- a copy of the documents with your grades in the current MA programme (file title: **family name + MA grades**).

Please send these documents by e-mail (mail title: **GPS INTERNSHIP + your FAMILY NAME**) to the **Principal Investigator** in the chosen project by **Wednesday, 23 March, 12:00 (noon)**.

**You may apply for one project only.**

Principal Investigators may choose to, but are not obliged to, invite the applicant for an interview in the period between 28 March - 1 April.

Decisions will be announced by 8 April, 15:00 at the latest, by personal notification sent to your e-mail address.

**GPS is not obliged to account for the decision-making process concerning the selection of applicants.**

For any clarification concerning the research projects, please contact Principal Investigators (your potential internship supervisors) directly.

For any clarification concerning the formal aspects of the internship contract, contact Magnus Ericson, Head of Department ([magnus.ericson@mau.se](mailto:magnus.ericson@mau.se)).

## Appendix: Description of projects and interns' tasks

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### Academia and cultural production as 'postmigrant' fields in Sweden

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The project "Academia and cultural production as 'postmigrant' fields in Sweden" (<https://mau.se/en/research/projects/academia-and-cultural-production-as-postmigrant-fields-in-sweden/>) is looking for a committed student to assist in different project tasks and to engage in independent collection of interview material. Fluency in Swedish or in Arabic is not a precondition but would be an asset for the internship. Ability to read academic literature in German would be an asset as well.

#### Project description

The migrants' and their descendants' presence in leading positions in Europe is full of tensions and does not develop at the same pace in all professional fields. This project explores such processes of establishment in present-day Sweden, in academia and cultural production as the two fields in which migrants have the highest representation in leading positions in public institutions. This project contributes to the emerging cross-European debate and research on the 'postmigrant' condition that acknowledges antagonistic positions towards migration, and struggles about participation and representation, but also highlights new alliances that are not reduced to origin or heritage.

Our empirical interest is directed at the paths to recognition and professional influence of people who self-identify as migrants or migrant descendants and work as university teachers and researchers on the one hand, and as authors, cultural journalists and professionals in performing arts on the other. Spanning ethnology, migration and literary studies, the project explores different constellations of alliances between migrants, their descendants and 'natives', with a particular interest in the role of friendship. It addresses issues of professional influence and public visibility and asks how they differ in the two fields. It also brings insights into the under-explored Arabic language-based cultural field in Sweden.

#### The internship

The intern will assist in the collection of background material, transcribe interviews conducted by the researchers in the team, and do independent interviews (in Sweden or possibly in some other country) to broaden the empirical basis of the project. The intern will also have the opportunity to do theoretical work in the form of literature reviews, and use the independently obtained interview material in their MA thesis.

## TiMS: The role of tourism in multicultural societies

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The project TiMS is looking for an engaged, diligent and hard-working student to assist with various research tasks during the autumn 2022. The intern will be required to conduct certain tasks independently.

Except for fluency in English, it is highly valued if applicants interested in this project also have reading and speaking skills in one or more of the following languages: Chinese, Japanese and Swedish. However, the language skills, except for English, are not required to be able to work as an intern for TiMS.

Applicants interested in this project should – in addition to the general requirements - provide a few sentences indicating a) their motivation (and possible future research interests, if related to this project), b) earlier research experiences and c) language skills.

### The project

Tourism and the tourism industry have been criticized for contributing to a uni-dimensional view of culture and people, which (re)produces stereotypic images, discredited histories and romantic fantasies. There is a risk that tourism reduces places to monocultures where the complexity that makes them interesting disappear. No modern society has only a culture, language or identity. Globalization, migration and other intercultural exchanges changes places. Inclusion and participation are increasingly highlighted in tourism and place branding literature. However, tourism and place branding have rarely been associated with concepts such as integration, migration and multiculturalism. TiMS' objective is to explore the role of tourism in multicultural societies, in Sweden and beyond, as well as to act for the inclusion and representation of diversity in tourism development and place branding.

The material collected by an intern may be used in their MA thesis, whereby the principal investigator may act as a formal supervisor.

### The internship

The intern in this project would be assisting the principal investigator in several different research tasks. You will be working not only with PI in Malmö but also with researchers in University of Gothenburg as well.

Such tasks may include (but not exclusively):

- Conducting fieldwork exploring the patterns and experiences of visiting friends and relatives within and outside Sweden among persons of migrant background (VFR Tourism)
- Conducting fieldwork exploring ethnic networks among Chinese and Indian migrants in hospitality industry
- Coding of racial and ethnic representation on communication materials (e.g. Visit Sweden, Tourism i Skåne)

The project may cover the costs for travelling necessary to conduct research tasks upon agreement.

## **Reproduction of national identities in Sweden**

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This project analyses how national identities are being re-produced in a. the Swedish municipalities during their national day celebrations and b. how claims of migration are articulated (which narratives) in various genres (forms of communication) in Swedish media, and over time. In both cases, the applicant follows a pre-defined coding-scheme in the analysis of the collected text material. This requires a high degree of diligence and carefulness. In addition, the applicant needs to make independent decisions throughout the coding process. The coding process and the continuous evaluation of the coding instructions require a high degree of analytical thinking, which is also needed for finalising the country report and the literature review (see below).

In the application, a declaration how the current research interests merge with the topic of the internship should be included. Ideally, the applicant's current research interests should dovetail with one or both of the cases, which deals with the reproduction of national identities in contemporary Swedish society and politics.

### **Discursive changes and national day development in Sweden**

The Swedish national day (6 June) was formally made a national holiday in 1983 and a public holiday in 2005. Significantly, citizenship, rather than nationality, is used as a basis for unity-narration and the Swedish nation is being reproducing by top down practices and by means of nationalising citizenship e.g. with the inclusion of citizenship ceremonies rather than by invoking historical memories.

The coding of the national day celebrations emanates from internet sites as primary sources. The empirical analysis serves to answer the following research questions: what are the effects of the electoral fortunes of the Sweden Democrats, if any, how we choose to re-confirm our loyalty to the nation? Has there been a discursive shift how we reproduce the nation in contemporary Sweden over the years?

I have together with Gabriella Elgenius from the Department of Sociology and the Migration network CERGU in Gothenburg, developed a coding scheme and detailed coding instructions to analyze activity programs in the 290 different municipalities, from 2016-2019.

### **Tasks**

The first task is to follow up with similar coding also for 2022. During the current pandemic situation no physical celebrations have been held in neither 2020 nor 2021; how does it look now, has the national day celebration changed in character? Has it become more or less important, compared to before the pandemic situation? Does the answer to this question differ between the different municipalities? The second task is to write a literature review; engaging with recent literature dealing with national day celebrations, generally, and in Sweden, in particular. The third task is to write a report on the socio-cultural specificities of 10-20 selected municipalities.

### **Language requirements**

Good Swedish is needed for the first and third tasks. Good English skills are needed for the second task.

## European life-style emigration: opportunities for the good life and remote work after the pandemic

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The project on European emigration is looking for an engaged and diligent student who is willing to undertake innovative and independent work during autumn 2022.

### The project

This explorative project places its focus on the intersection of the idea of 'the good life', mobility and immobility and remote work. Some groups, for example the 'digital nomads', have been engaging in location-independent work for a while, leading a mobile life in line with their personal values. The Covid-19 pandemic has drawn the spotlight on the nexus work-mobility on a global scale. With the extensive implementation of remote work (home office), more people have experienced location-independence and have learned to imagine working from 'anywhere' (including those that leave Europe as an act of protest against their government's pandemic restrictions). This development has triggered opportunities of different kind, such as to repopulate rural areas, return home for migrants and rethink life projects and routines.

This project thus seeks to explore the intersection between personal values, im/mobility and remote work in a European context. It will do so largely through online methods, containing of a survey and the collection of social media data. It will also include in-depth interviews. The objective is to establish a comprehensive overview on the intersection between values, mobility and the role the gig economy plays in it, and to identify issues of relevance for future research.

### The internship

The intern will be conducting this small project relatively independently with the support of the PI. The tasks will include compiling comprehensive literature reviews on life-style migration and personal values, digital nomadism and remote work. It will further necessitate substantial reading to acquaint the intern to digital qualitative methods and social media-based research. The intern is then expected to conduct their own (digital) survey study, complemented by in-depth interviews (this can be done over zoom/skype). The intern will then do an analysis of the material and prepare a draft version of a paper (at least publishable as a Working Paper). The PI will support this work throughout the process and act as co-author for the paper.

Most of the work will be conducted in English, nevertheless the knowledge of additional languages is required. This could be European languages (preferably German) and/or languages spoken by larger groups of citizens/residents in Europe (for example, Arabic, Somali etc.).

Please note which languages you read and in which languages you would be able to conduct the interviews.

The modalities of using the internship tasks for the purpose of designing an independent MA thesis may be discussed.

# Exploration of hiring discrimination and alleviation of bias through eye-tracking

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Except for fluency in English, we value applicants who have reading skills in one or more of the following languages: German, French and Swedish. It is also a bonus if the applicants have some knowledge in quantitative methods and data processing software such as STATA or SPSS. The language skills and quantitative skills are not a requirement.

Applicants interested in this project should – in addition to the general requirements - provide a few sentences indicating a) their motivation (and possible future research interests, if related to this project), b) earlier research experiences and c) language skills.

## The project

This project investigates *the mechanisms and processes of ethnic and racial discrimination in hiring through examining employment decisions* using eye-tracking in combination with dialogue and survey in an experimental setting. The quantitative and qualitative data examine the relation between what employers attend to when reviewing a CV (demonstrated through eye tracking) and what employers communicate about their decision-making process (demonstrated through dialogue), and how this correlates with expressed attitudes (demonstrated through survey).

## The internship

The intern in this project would be assisting the principal investigator in several different research tasks. You will be working not only with PI in Malmö but also with researchers at Lund University, NCCR/University of Neuchâtel and Copenhagen Business School.

Such tasks may include (but not exclusively):

- Literature review
- Assisting with the logistics of data collection
- Working with data cleaning (quantitative survey data)
- Working with transcription and coding of the qualitative material (dialogue data)

The project may cover the costs for travelling necessary to conduct research tasks upon agreement.

## Why is global trade political and how do different actors seek to shape its governance?

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### The project

This project is interested in the political actors challenging how contemporary global trade agreements are negotiated and implemented. Since at least the early 1990s civil society groups have become increasingly mobilized around trade politics. In recent years, this has expanded to include governmental actors, such as municipalities, which have challenged how higher levels of government engage in global trade politics. As a topic, the concept of 'trade' has expanded to include an ever-wider area of human activity such that since the 1980s a revolutionary shift took place in which very many areas of society moved away from a concern with the public good to focus instead on market concerns. In response, many advocacy groups that had previously understood their concerns in largely national terms came to include an interest in global trade politics within their campaigning portfolios. This included many different groups, including environmentalists, labour unions, feminist groups, development charities, and many more. Where the European Commission became the central negotiator for its Member-states in the World Trade Organisation, in response many civil society groups formed trans-European relations and, in the process, became the strongest embodiment of a 'European civil society'. These groups typically campaigned at the national level, but have relied extensively upon a 'European' identity to facilitate the exchange of crucial information on trade negotiations. In more recent years, even local government actors have become politicised around global trade politics, aligning themselves with civil society. This was most evident during the campaign that saw the collapse of negotiations to create an EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP).

This is an ongoing research project with collaboration between Malmö and Warwick universities. It is interested in studying the various ways in which global trade politics is contested by this diverse range of actors, including how they frame their campaigns and communicate with one another. Previous findings have been presented to the UK Parliament and been discussed in a published report by the Parliamentary International Trade Committee that was directly quoted within a UK government trade policy report.

### The internship

The tasks are varied and will include supporting the compiling of a dataset on trade contestation, with extensive reading and data collection from campaign and policy documents. The intern will also be expected to participate in regular meetings with the international partner.



## War rhetoric and enemy images

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Kristian Steiner has for some years been teaching on war rhetoric and enemy images. Together with a colleague in UCLA, he is now completing a textbook on this topic. Moreover, Steiner has conducted research on religious leaders in Israel and Palestine, and their understanding of the conflicts in the area.

### Project description

#### *Text book:*

Enemy images are powerful ingredients of political rhetoric with the aim to denigrate or dehumanize adversaries for a wide range of purposes. In their most simple function, they establish powerful imaginations of existential antagonisms, an unbridgeable divide between 'us' and 'them' fueled by fear. Once these frames of perceiving the absolute other are established, enemy images can serve to condone or endorse violence in its different forms, both indirect (structural) or direct (physical). Hence, enemy images are central ingredients in violent conflicts and warfare both within and between societies and to counteract them is key to processes of appeasement, reconciliation, and peacebuilding.

For the first time, our proposed textbook will bring a proper understanding of enemy images to the forefront of academic teaching. This textbook will address their emergence, acceptance, consequences, and counteraction.

#### *Research on religious leaders in Israel and Palestine:*

This is a study on how Israeli Messianic ideology, as it is communicated by its leadership, sets the perimeters of the Israeli Messianic movement and thus influence its group dynamics. More specifically, we will analyze how Messianic leaders' ideology, as stated in our data, define who is accepted into the movement or excluded, define the attitudes to and the social position of outgroups, define who is regarded as high- or low-status members of the group, and formulate the purpose and the cause of the group.

Empirically, the study will be based upon 24 interviews from 2015-2018 among Israeli Messianic leaders and youth, observations, and printed and on-line documents published by leading figures within the movement.

### The role for the intern

The project "War rhetoric and enemy images" is looking for a student to assist in

1. The writing of a textbook on the aforementioned theme. The student will be assisting in the final work of the textbook.
2. The writing of an academic article on attitudes to the Middle Eastern conflict among Messianic Jewish and Palestinian Evangelicals. The student will assist in the systematic analysis and coding of data.

Proficiency in English is a requirement.

## Mapping conflict-related violence in postwar cities

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### Short description of project

The continuation of conflict-related violence from war to peace tends to be particularly concentrated in contested postwar cities. Beirut (Lebanon), Belfast (Northern Ireland), and Mitrovica (Kosovo) are all topical cases where such violence has concentrated and made these postwar cities dangerous for citizens to live in; poorly functioning; and flashpoints for renewed armed conflict. The concentration of conflict-related violence in postwar cities thus has grave consequences in, for, and beyond them. Yet to date we lack comparative data on how, when, and where conflict-related violence manifests itself in postwar cities. We can therefore neither assert its patterns and trends nor account for its causes. This project will address this research gap. We will create a comprehensive large-N dataset on conflict-related violence in postwar cities where events are disaggregated at the street level. We will then use this novel data to analyse patterns and trends of conflict-related violence in postwar cities as well as (assisted by fieldwork in selected cities) explore its causes. This will advance our theoretical and empirical knowledge on conflict-related violence in postwar cities – which then can be used to theorise preventive measures, explore intra-urban conflict dynamics, and assess the impact of conflict-related violence on the constitution and functioning of postwar cities.

### Potential role for intern

This project consists of consist of three parts, which are partly overlapping and interlinked. Part I will conceptualize conflict-related violence, the postwar city, and the link between the two. Part II will focus on data collection in order to generate a large-N dataset on conflict-related violence in postwar cities where events are systematically coded and spatially disaggregated to the street-level. Part III will then rely on this novel dataset – as well as fieldwork in strategically selected cities – to map patterns and trends of conflict-related violence in postwar cities as well as test hypotheses about why, and under what conditions, it occurs.

The intern will be invited to participate in all three project parts, although primarily in the second and third. Potential tasks can involve:

- *Literature overviews on project topics.* This includes everything from what kind of data on conflict-related violence in postwar cities exist, to different hypothesis on how and why violence manifests itself in cities, to the historical as well as current trajectories of violence in the case cities (Abidjan, Beirut, Belfast, Mitrovica).
- *Coding violent events.* This includes expanding information on different violent events in postwar cities as well as coding the locality of the events with maximum precision (i.e. street level).
- *Mapping different datasets on violence in cities.* This includes searching for different datasets on violence in cities (i.e. not only *conflict-related* violence in *postwar* cities) in order to assess how other datasets have been compiled, what their strengths and weaknesses are, and how we can learn from them.

## **View on the internship**

We envision this as an equal and mutually beneficial internship. This means that we will strive for the intern to develop theoretical skills and broaden empirical horizons, to tap into their creativity, and to nurture their academic curiosity. To this end, the tasks mentioned – as well as other potential ones – are intended as a broad selection from which the intern will be able to choose, according to interest and skills, in order to develop as much as possible as an academic.

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## **What is the role of healthcare within democracy?**

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## **The project**

This project sits within an international consortium on which Malmö University is part, called 'Precision Health and Everyday Democracy' (PHED). PHED seeks to address an urgent challenge to society, namely the requirement to better understand how health practitioners and policy-makers can respond to increasing variations in the Swedish population that impact health needs and outcomes. To achieve that goal, the proposed multinational consortium is intended to internationalize the development of: 1) precision healthcare tools that are sensitive to the needs of a varied population; 2) political science research to identify the social exclusions that undermine precision healthcare and, using democratic theories, to explore the options for ensuring medical practitioners are better equipped to listen and acknowledge variation amongst the individuals they treat; and 3) educational modules associated to these research topics. In the long-term perspective, our innovative programme is likely to increase the equality of precision treatment in Sweden, as well as promote the integration and education of new citizens, followed by an improvement in health equity with additional benefits for Sweden. The project includes collaboration with the University of Lund as its lead partner, as well as partners at the University of Texas and Rio de Janeiro. Most recently, PHED also includes interest in the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within healthcare, including the emerging global governance of big data on health, and more local experiences of using such systems. For more information, please see: <https://mau.se/forskning/projekt/phed/>

## **The internship**

Continuing internship work carried out in previous semesters, students will be asked to develop an ongoing literature review of social and medical science research that looks at the intersection between health care and democracy. Students may also be asked to engage in compiling a database relevant to the topic.