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Education

- 2016** Docent in War Studies, Swedish Defence University.
- 2009** Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Peace and Development Research, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 2003** M.Soc.Sci. in Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- 2000** B.A. in International Relations and Economics (also fulfilling the requirements for a double major in government), University of Queensland, Australia.

Present positions

- Since Oct 14** Associate Professor in War Studies (Military Operations), Dept. of Military Studies, Swedish National Defence University (tenured in 2015, docent in 2016)
- Since Aug 15** Senior Research Fellow, Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden (promoted to Senior Research Fellow in Dec 15)

Previous positions

- Apr 14-Dec 14** Researcher, Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), Stockholm, Sweden.
- Apr 14-Jul 15** Associated Researcher, Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden
- Apr 10-Mar 14** Research Fellow, Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Jan 14-June 14** Lecturer in International Relations [Universitetslektor], Department of Economic History, Stockholm University, Sweden
- Oct 11-Dec 11** Senior Lecturer [Högskolelektor] (part time), Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden
- Oct 11-Dec 11** Vice Acting Head of Research, Associate Professor (part time, 20%), The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Jan 11-Dec 16** Research Associate, East Asian Peace programme, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.
- Jan 10-Mar 10** Researcher, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS), Copenhagen, Denmark

- Jan 05-Dec 09** **Doctoral Candidate in Peace and Development Studies**, School of Global Studies, Peace- and Development Research (PADRIGU), University of Gothenburg, Sweden
- Jan 05-Dec 09** **PhD Fellow**, Swedish School of Advanced Asia-Pacific Studies (SSAAPS)
- Jan 05-Jun 07** **Researcher & Lecturer**, Central Asia -Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program, the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University and the Department of Eurasian Studies of Uppsala University (Uppsala Office)
- May 04-Dec 08** **Associated Researcher**, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- May 03-Dec 04** **Program Coordinator**, Silk Road Studies Program, Uppsala University, Sweden
- May 03-Dec 04** **Project Coordinator**, Conflict Management in Northeast Asia project, Silk Road Studies Program & the Department of Peace- and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden
- Aug 03-Aug 04** **Coordinator**, the Uppsala-Tartu Exchange Program, Department of Peace- and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden
- Jan 03-May 03** **Research Assistant**, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Sweden

Longer academic visits

- Aug 08-Dec 08** **Visiting Fellow**, School of International Studies (SIS), Peking University, Beijing, China
- Oct 07-Jun 08** **GARNET Junior Mobility Fellow**, the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation (CSGR), University of Warwick, Coventry, United Kingdom
- Jul 06-Jun 07** **Visiting Guest Researcher and Lecturer**, School of International Studies (SIS), Peking University, Beijing, China
- Jul 06-Jul 07** **Guest Researcher and Lecturer**, School of International Studies, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China
- Mar 06** **Visiting Researcher**, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Nov 04-Jan 05** **Visiting Fellow and Lecturer**, Renmin University, Beijing
- Nov 04-Jan05** **Visiting Researcher and Lecturer**, China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing

Specialties:

Weissmann's research on war studies focus on land operations, with particular emphasis on

- hybrid warfare and threats
- military tactical thinking

Weissmann's research focus on East Asia with focus on the role of China and war studies. He is an expert on in particular:

- Power Shift in East Asia
- the South China Sea
- North Korea
- the Belt & Road initiative
- Sino-Russian relations
- Cross-strait relations
- Conflict Management & Peacebuilding

Positions of trust

- Member of the Minor Field Studies Committee, Swedish Defence Studies (ongoing)
- Member of the War Studies Subject council [Ämnesrådet], Swedish Defence University (ongoing)
- Member of the full committee of Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) EU, since March 2014.
- Member of the board, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, May 2011–May 2012.
- Member of the local union board, May 2011-Apr 2013.
- Deputy member, Forskningsutbildningsnämnden (FUN), Department of Peace and Development Research (PADRIGU), University of Gothenburg, January 2005–December 2005.

Publications

The links below are as far as possible to the full texts.

Recent publications

[“Endast genom anfall kan ett avgörande nås: Varför dominerar offensiven militärt taktiskt tänkande?”](#) (with Övlt Peter Ahlström), Kungl Krigsvetenskapsakademiens *Handlingar & Tidskrift* [Proceedings and Journal of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences], No 2 April/June, 2017:6-18. [[OPEN ACCESS](#)]

[“Sanctions reconsidered: the Path Forward with North Korea”](#) (with Linus Hagström), *Washington Quarterly*, 39(3), 2016: 61-76. [[OPEN ACCESS](#)]

[China and Russia – A Study on Cooperation, Competition and Distrust](#) (with Märta Carlsson & Susanne Oxenstierna), Report no FOI-R- -4087-SE, Stockholm: Swedish Defence Research Agency, 2015, pp. 99.

[The East Asian Peace: Conflict Prevention and Informal Peacebuilding](#), Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

[“The South China Sea: Still no War on the Horizon”](#), *Asian Survey*, 55(3), May/June 2015: 596-617.

[“Chinese Foreign Policy in a Global Perspective: A Responsible Reformer “Striving For Achievement”“](#), *Journal of China and International Relations*, 3(1), 2015: 151-166.

Journal articles

1. [“Endast genom anfall kan ett avgörande nås: Varför dominerar offensiven militärt taktiskt tänkande?”](#) (with Övlt Peter Ahlström), Kungl Krigsvetenskapsakademiens *Handlingar & Tidskrift* [Proceedings and Journal of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences], No 2 April/June, 2017:6-18. [[OPEN ACCESS](#)]
2. [“Sanctions reconsidered: the Path Forward with North Korea”](#) (with Linus Hagström), *Washington Quarterly*, 39(3), 2016: 61-76. [[OPEN ACCESS](#)]
3. [“Global Shadow Wars – a conceptual analysis”](#) (with Markus Lyckman), *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, 8(3), 2015:251-62. [[Accepted version](#)]

4. ["China's Maritime Embroilments"](#) (with Lowell Dittmer), *Asian Survey*, 55(3), May/June 2015: 447-454. I am co-editor for this special issue, which is the outcome of a conference I organised on "Collaboration at Sea".
5. ["The South China Sea: Still no War on the Horizon"](#), *Asian Survey*, 55(3), May/June 2015: 596-617.
6. ["Chinese Foreign Policy in a Global Perspective: A Responsible Reformer "Striving For Achievement""](#), *Journal of China and International Relations*, 3(1), 2015: 151-166.
7. ["The South China Sea Conflict and Sino-ASEAN Relations: A Study in Conflict Prevention and Peace Building"](#), *Asian Perspective*, 34: 3, 2010.
8. ["Can China Untie the Gordian Knot in North Korea?"](#), (with Niklas L.P. Swanström), *Korean Journal of International Studies*, 31:1, 2004.
9. ["The Chinese Impact on the DPRK Negotiations"](#) (with Niklas L. P. Swanström), *Peace Review*, 16:2, 2004.

Monographs

10. [Sweden's Approach to China's Belt and Road Initiative: Still a Glass Half-Empty](#) (with Elin Rappe), UP Paper No 1, 2017, pp. 15.
11. [China and Russia – A Study on Cooperation, Competition and Distrust](#) (with Märta Carlsson & Susanne Oxenstierna), Report no FOI-R- -4087-SE, Stockholm: Swedish Defence Research Agency, 2015, pp. 99.
12. *Keeping alive: Understanding North Korea's supply lines and the potential role of sanctions*, UI Paper No. 6/2014, Stockholm: The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 2014.
13. [A European Strategy towards East Asia: moving from good intentions to action](#), UI Occasional Paper No. 19, Stockholm: The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 2013.
14. [The East Asian Peace: Conflict Prevention and Informal Peacebuilding](#), Houndmills, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.
15. [Understanding the East Asian Peace Informal and formal conflict prevention and peacebuilding in the Taiwan Strait, the Korean Peninsula, and the South China Sea 1990-2008](#), PhD thesis in Peace and Development Research, University of Gothenburg, School of Global Studies, 2009.
16. [The Missing Link – bridging between social movement theory and conflict resolution](#), GARNET Working Paper, No. 60/08, October 2008.
17. [Conflict, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Management and beyond: a conceptual exploration](#) (with Niklas L.P. Swanström), Uppsala & Washington: Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program, 2005.

Book chapters

18. "One Belt, One Road in the Swedish Context" (with Elin Rappe) in Frans-Paul van der Putten et. al., [Europe and China's New Silk Roads](#), European Think-tank Network on China, December 2016.
19. ["Why is there a relative peace in the South China Sea?"](#) in Pavin Chachavalpongpun, ed., [Entering Unchartered Waters? ASEAN and the South China Sea Dispute](#), Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2014.
20. "Peacebuilding in East Asia: The Role of Track II Diplomacy, Informal Networks, and Economic, Social and Cultural Regionalisation" in Jacob Bercovitch, Kwei-Bo Huang, Chung-Chian Teng (eds), [Conflict Management, Security and Intervention in East Asia: Third-Party Mediation and Intervention between China and Taiwan](#), London: Routledge, 2008.

21. [将地区化与冲突防治联系起来](#) [Linking Regionalisation and Conflict Prevention: the case of China in East Asia] in Zhongqi Pan (ed), 国际责任与大国战略 [*International Responsibility and Strategy of Great Powers*], Shanghai: Shanghai People's Publishing House, 2008: pp. 127-146.
22. "[Introduction](#)" (with Niklas Swanström and Emma Björnehed), in Niklas L.P. Swanström (Ed), *Conflict Prevention and Conflict Management in Northeast Asia*, Uppsala & Washington: Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program, 2005.
23. "[Informal Networks as a Conflict Preventive Mechanism](#)", in Niklas L.P. Swanström (Ed), *Conflict Prevention and Conflict Management in Northeast Asia*, Uppsala & Washington: Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program, 2005.

Other publications

24. "Endast genom anfall kan ett avgörande nås" - Varför dominerar offensiven militärt taktiskt tänkande? (with Peter Ahlström), Working paper, sektionen för markoperationer Militärvetenskapliga institutionen Försvarshögskolan, 2016.
25. "Chinese Soft Power and ASEAN's Constructive Engagement: Sino-ASEAN relations and the South China Sea", *Kyoto Review of Southeast Asia*, Issue 15 (March 2014). [[English](#)] [[Bahasa Indonesian](#)] [[Japanese](#)] [[Thai](#)]
26. "[Kinas mjuka makt – Finns den? Vad betyder den?](#)", *Kinarapport* 4/2012, 2012: pp. 28-31.
27. "[Understanding the East Asian peace: some findings on the role of informal processes](#)", *Asia Insights* 2/2009, 2009.
28. [Early Warning Indicators for Preventive Policy – a new approach to Early Warning Research](#) (with Gerd Hagemeyer-Gaverus), SIPRI Working Paper, March 2003.

Op-eds etc

29. "[Tøffere press og sanksjoner mot Nord-Korea er ineffektivt og kanskje også kontraproduktivt](#)" (with Linus Hagström and Ulv Hanssen), VG, 7 October, 2017.
30. "[Allt bör göras för att bygga relationer med Nordkorea](#)" (with Linus Hagström and Ulv Hanssen), *DN Debatt*, 13 September, 2017.
"[Hot och isolering fel strategi i konflikten med Nordkorea](#)" [Threats and isolation is the wrong strategy against North Korea] (with Linus Hagström and Ulv Hanssen), *DN Debatt*, 14 April, 2013.
31. "En plats för nästa krig? Spänningarna ökar i Sydkinesiska sjön" [The next war? Increased tensions in the South China Sea], *Internationella Studier*, No 1, 2013: pp. 38-39.
32. "Kan Nordkorea avväpnas?" [Can North Korea be disarmed?], *Internationella Studier*, August 2011.
33. "[Nordkorea måste hanteras varsamt](#)" [North Korea must be handled cautiously] (with Linus Hagström), op-ed, *Göteborgs-Posten*, 26 May, p. 43.
34. "[The \(new\) North Korean Crisis: what can be expected and what should be done as a response to the sinking of the Cheonan corvette](#)" (with Linus Hagström), *In Focus blog*, the Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, 25 May 2010.
35. [Conflict Prevention and Conflict Management in Northeast Asia - Conference Report](#) (with Niklas L.P. Swanström, Emma Björnehed and Liu Yue), Conference proceedings from the Program for Contemporary Silk Road Studies Conference on "Conflict prevention and Conflict Management in Northeast Asia", Beijing 26-28 November, 2004, Uppsala & Washington: Central Asia-Caucasus Institute and Silk Road Studies Program, 2005.