

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current academic positions

2024–present Director, Stockholm Center for Organizational Research (SCORE)

2020–present Professor, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

2022–present Affiliated researcher, Centre for Multidisciplinary Research on Society and Religion,
Uppsala University

Previous academic positions

2017–2024 Director of Research, Stockholm Center for Organizational Research (SCORE)

2022, fall Acting Deputy Director, SCORE

2010–2020 Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

2016, fall Researcher, Institute for Future Studies

2013–2015 Researcher, SCORE

2006–2009 Post-doctoral Fellow (*forskarassistent*), Swedish Research Council, Department of
Sociology, Stockholm University

2006–2007 Director of Doctoral Studies, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

2001–2005 Doctoral student, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

2001 Research assistant, SCORE

Education and academic titles

2010 Associate professor (*docent*) in Sociology, Stockholm University

2005 Ph. D (Sociology), Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

2000 B. Arts (Sociology), Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

Publications

Books

Sundberg, M. (2022) *Fraternal Relations in Monasteries. The Laboratory of Love*. Routledge.

Sundberg, M. (2015) *A Sociology of the Total Organization: Atomistic Unity in the French Foreign Legion*. Routledge.

Sundberg, M. (2005) *Making Meteorology: Social Relations and Scientific Practice*. Acta
Universitatis Stockholmiensis, Stockholm Studies in Sociology New Series 25.

Peer-reviewed articles

Berkowitz, H., Brunsson, N., Grothe-Hammer, M., Sundberg, M., Valiorgue, B. (2022) Meta-Organization: A clarification and a way forward. *M@n@gement*, 25(2).

Sundberg, M. (2021) Differences in secondary adjustments among monks and nuns. *Current Sociology* 69 (6).

Sundberg, M. (2020) The politics of monastic life: Opportunities for exit and voice in a voluntary total institution. *European Journal of Sociology* 61(1).

Sundberg, M. (2019) Work Practices, Normative Control and Ascetic Responsibilization in Cistercian Monasteries. *Journal of Management, Spirituality and Religion*, 16(5).

Sundberg, M. (2019) 'You can't just stick with those you like' - Why friendship practices threaten fraternal life in Cistercian monasteries. *Sociology*, 53(6).

Sundberg, M. (2012) Creating Convincing Simulations in Astrophysics. *Science, Technology and Human Values*, 37(1).

Sundberg, M. (2011) The Dynamics of Coordinated Comparisons: How Simulationists in Astrophysics, Oceanography and Meteorology create Standards for Results. *Social Studies of Science*, 41(1).

Sundberg, M. (2010) Cultures of Simulations vs. Cultures of Calculations? The Development of Simulation Practices in Meteorology and Astrophysics. *Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics* 41(3).

Sundberg, M. (2010) Organizing Simulation Code Collectives. *Science Studies*, 23(1).

Sundberg, M. (2009) The Everyday World of Simulation Modelling: The Construction of Parameterizations in Meteorology. *Science, Technology and Human Values*, 34(2).

Sundberg, M. (2007) Mobilizing Networks. Researcher Roles in Atmospheric Science. *Acta Sociologica*, 50(3).

Sundberg, M. (2007) Parameterizations as Boundary Objects on the Climate Arena. *Social Studies of Science*, 37(3).

Sundberg, M. (2006) Credulous Modellers and Suspicious Experimentalists? Comparison of Model Output and Data in Meteorological Simulation Modelling. *Science Studies*, 19(1).

Book chapters

Sundberg, M. (forthcoming) Conceptualizing fraternal relations: Understanding religious kinship in practice. In Baron, T (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy and the Family*. Routledge.

Sundberg, M. (forthcoming) Total Organization. In Godwyn, M., Swartz, E., Grothe-Hammer, M., Idowu, S.O. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Organizational Sociology*. Edward Elgar.

Sundberg, M. (2024) The Promise of Total Institutions in the Sociology of Organizations: Implications of Regimental and Monastic Obedience for Underlife. In Clegg, S., Grothe-Hammer, M. and Velarde, K.S. (eds) *Sociological Thinking in Contemporary Organizational Scholarship (Research in the Sociology of Organizations, Vol. 90)*, Emerald Publishing Limited.

Sundberg, M. (2023) Ethnography in total organizations. In Kostera M. & Krzyworzeka, P. *Anthropology of organization: Methodology of field research*. New edition. PWN.

Sundberg, M. (2022) Total institutions. In Hviid Jacobsen, M. and Smith, G. (eds) *Routledge International Handbook on Goffman Studies*. Routledge.

Sundberg, M. (2019) Brotherhood as a social relationship. In Ahrne, G. and Brunsson, N. (eds) *Organization outside Organizations. The Abundance of Partial Organization in Social Life*. Cambridge University Press.

Sundberg, M. (2016) Idén om striden och dess roll inom franska Främlingslegionen – ett svenskt perspektiv. In Edling, C. and Rostami, A. (eds) *Våld som relation och organisation*. Lund: Studentlitteratur.

Sundberg, M. (2015) Hierarchy, Status and Combat Motivation in the French Foreign Legion. In King, A. (ed.) *Frontline: Combat and Cohesion in Iraq and Afghanistan*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Sundberg, M. (2015) Jens Lapidus: Partiell organisation och tillit. In Edling, C. & Rydgren, J. (eds) *Sociologi genom litteratur*. Arkiv förlag.

Ahrne, G. & Sundberg, M. (2007) Hur är vänskap möjlig? In Carleheden, M., Lidskog, R., Roman, C. (eds) *Social interaktion – förutsättningar och former*. Malmö: Liber.

Sundberg, M. (2006) Scientific Models and Simulations. In Ritzer, G. (ed.) *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Blackwell.

Sundberg, M. (2004) Reglering av jordbrukets miljöeffekter. In Ahrne, G. & Brunsson, N. (red) *Regelexplosionen*. Stockholm: EFI.

Reports, working papers

Sundberg, M. (2023) Dödsorsaksdatas produktionsprocess. Regler och aktörer inom ett kunskapsmaskineri. SCORE rapport 2023:2.

Sundberg, M. (2008) Socialization into Numerical Simulations: The Perspectives of Simulationists in Astrophysics and Oceanography. Department of Sociology Working Paper Series. 2008:14.

Sundberg, M. (2006) Translating Climate Research – The Role of IPCC. In Towards Robust European Air Pollution Policies: Constraints and Prospects for a Wider Dialogue between Scientists, Experts, Decision-makers and Citizens. A Workshop Report. IVL report B1671.

Sundberg, M. (2002) Sida vid sida. Ny och gammal reglering av jordbruk och miljö, SCORE rapport 2002:6.

Popular science

Sundberg, M. (2011) Så skapar forskarna trovärdighet för sina modeller, *Tvärsnitt*, 3–4

Sundberg, M. (2004) Klimatfrågan — Kulturkrock eller länk? Nyhetsbrev från Centrum för Tvärvetenskaplig Miljöforskning, 2004:1.

Work in progress

Johannesson, L., Soneryd, L., Sundberg, M. (eds) *Efterfrågad, omstridd och automatiserad: Kunskapens roll i offentlig sektor*. Under review.

- Sundberg, M., Johannesson, L., Soneryd, L. Introduktion. In Johannesson, L., Soneryd, L., Sundberg, M. (eds) *Efterfrågad, omstridd och automatiserad: Kunskapens roll i offentlig sektor*.
- Sundberg, M. Kunskap och regler vid dödsorsaksregistrering - Ett nedslag i den offentliga statistikens maskineri. In Johannesson, L., Soneryd, L., Sundberg, M. (eds) *Efterfrågad, omstridd och automatiserad: Kunskapens roll i offentlig sektor*.

Sundberg, M. Why forensic pathologists maintain uncertainty in reporting causes of death: How communicative uncertainty devices shape reasoning. Submitted.

Sundberg, M. Perspectives on knowledge-producing responsibility in forensic death investigations: A new way to approach knowledge work in the sociology of professions. Submitted.

Sundberg, M. Understanding monastic social life – The concept of fraternal relations. In Spalová, B. and Jonveaux, I. (eds) *Handbook of Sociology of Monasticism*. Routledge. In preparation.

Presentations and conferences

Conference presentations (last ten years)

- 2025 The politics of counting drug-related death: Judgement chains in forensic work, Nordic STS conference, Stockholm University & KTH
- 2024 Hur vet man vad som orsakat döden? Att bibehålla osäkerhet inom rättsmedicinsk epistemisk kultur, Swedish Sociological Association, Göteborg
- 2022 Standards and uncertainties in reporting causes of death, Organizing the World 2.0, Stockholm University
- The promise of total institutions in the sociology of organizations, EGOS, Vienna
- Standards and uncertainties in reporting causes of death, Swedish Sociological Association, Uppsala
- 2021 Learning to Love. Monastic Ed, Sant’Anselmo, Rome
- 2018 The politics of monastic life: Decision-making procedures and opportunities for voice in a voluntary total institution. Conference on Exit, Voice and Loyalty, Warsaw
- Division of labor in monasteries. Obedience in a voluntary total institution, Swedish Sociological Association, Lund
- 2016 Ideas of combat in the French Foreign Legion. Criminology Symposium, Stockholm
- 2014 Surveillance and Prejudice in the French Foreign Legion. British Sociological Association, Leeds

Invited lectures and seminar presentations (last ten years)

- 2025 Why forensic pathologists maintain uncertainty in reporting causes of death: How communicative uncertainty devices shape reasoning, P6: Body, Knowledge, Subjectivity Seminar Series, Technology and Social change, Linköping University
- 2024 Fraternal relations in monasteries, The Sociology and Social Anthropology Seminar Series, Sociology Department, Lund University
- Abductive approach to a new field - Forensic medical examination as a coding case, Lund Social Science Method Centre, Lund University
- Klostret som kärlekslaboratorium: Relationsideal och verklighet, Keynote Sociologidagen, Örebro University
- 2023 Fraternal relations in monasteries, Criminology seminar, Department of Criminology, Stockholm University
- Fraternal relations in monasteries. Sociology seminar, Department of Social and Psychological Studies, Karlstad University
- Fraternal relations in monasteries. Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies of Religion and Society, Uppsala University
- Les relations fraternelles dans la vie monastique. Réunion OCSO France, Paris
- Fraternal relations in monasteries. Sociology Department, Uppsala University
- 2022 Fraternal relations in monasteries. History of religions seminar, Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender studies, Stockholm University
- 2021 Brotherly love. Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies of Religion and Society, Uppsala University
- Social relations in monastic life. Stockholm Center for Civil Society Studies, Stockholm School of Economics
- 2019 ‘The problem is me’: Work practices, normative control and ascetic responsabilization in Cistercian Monasteries. Department of Management and Technology, Grenoble School of Management
- Managing expectations on how to “open the heart” in Cistercian monasteries: The consequences of institutional arrangements for resistance. History of religions seminar, Department of Ethnology, History of Religions and Gender studies, Stockholm University

- 2018 “A relationship of trust has to be put in place.” How the structure of dependency relations shapes resistance. The Organization Seminar, Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University
The politics of monastic life: Decision-making procedures and opportunities for voice in a voluntary total institution. Centre de sociologie des organisations, Science Po, Paris
- 2015 Franska Främlingslegionen idag: Ett organisationssociologiskt perspektiv. Swedish Defence College, Stockholm
A Sociology of the Total Organization: Atomistic Unity in the French Foreign Legion. School of Social Sciences, Södertörn University
- 2014 The Dynamics of Organization, Institution, and Networks. Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University
Atomistic Unity in the French Foreign Legion: Enforcement and Exclusion. Sociology Department, Uppsala University

Other presentations (last ten years)

- 2023 Fraternal relations in monasteries. Book release, SCORE
Producing knowledge about drug-related deaths. Workshop Knowledge and Governance: Current questions and concerns, SCORE
- 2019 Brotherhood in voluntary total institutions: What do we learn from the French Foreign Legion and Cistercian monasteries? SCORE Anniversary lectures
- 2017 The hidden politics of monasteries. Workshop Organizing for expertise, Paris
Brotherhood as a social relationship. Workshop Partial Organization, SCORE
- 2015 Sociala relationer inom stängda miljöer–bland munkar, nunnor och främlingslegionärer, Workshop on friendship, Institute for Future Studies
A Sociology of the Total Organization: Atomistic Unity in the French Foreign Legion. Book release, SCORE

Research grants and scholarships

- 2024-2026 PI. Forte. The trajectory of cause of death data: How certainty concerns shape knowledge on causes of death (4 763 400 SEK)
- 2018-2020 PI. Swedish Research Council: Organizing Monastic Life: Towards a Theory of Fraternal Relations (1 434 000 SEK)
- 2016-2020 Co-applicant (PI Christofer Edling). Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency: Violent organization and antisocial careers (15 000 000 SEK)
- 2013-2015 PI. Swedish Research Council: Social Relations within a Total and Greedy Institution: Brotherhood among French Foreign Legionnaires (1 725 000 SEK)
- 2008-2011 PI. Swedish Research Council: Simulated Models and Virtual Worlds: Towards a Sociological Understanding of Simulation Modeling as Scientific Practice (3 312 000 SEK)
- 2007-2008 PI. Swedish Research Council: Materialized Models and Virtual Worlds: A Sociological Study of Scientific Simulation Practice (1 164 000 SEK)
- 2006-2007 PI. Anna Ahlström and Ellen Terserus' Foundation: Materialized Models and Virtual worlds: A Sociological Study of Scientific Simulation Practice (360 000 SEK)

Other

- 2019 Scholarship for visit at Sigtunastiftelsen, Harald och Louise Ekmans forskningsstiftelse
- 2018 Travel grant, Stiftelsen Högskoleföreningens fond för docentstipendier (12 800 SEK)
- 2016 Travel grant, The Lars Hierta Memorial Foundation (30 000 SEK)
- 2010 Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Netzwerk, "Atmosphere and Algorithms". Main applicant Gabriele Gramelsberger.
European Science Foundation Exploratory Workshop, Exploring Epistemic Shifts in Computer-Based Environmental Sciences". Main applicants Gabriele Gramelsberger and Mattias Heymann. “
- 2008 Travel grant, Kurt and Alice Wallenberg Foundation (8 000 SEK)

Visiting scholar

2018 Centre de sociologie des organisations, Science Po, Paris, September
2008 Department of Thematic Studies, Technology and Social Change, Linköping University, October

Teaching experience

Undergraduate level

2021 – present Qualitative Analysis, Sociology II, head instructor
2016–2019 Qualitative Analysis, Sociology III, head instructor
2016–2018 Sociological Analysis, Sociology I, head instructor
2012–2014 Qualitative Analysis, Sociology III, seminar instructor
2010–2014 Sociological Analysis, Sociology I, head instructor
2008–2011 Sociological Theory, Sociology II, head instructor
2007–2008 Interaction, Individual and Society, Sociology I, seminar instructor
2003–2005 Qualitative Analysis, Sociology II, lecturer, seminar instructor, examiner
2003 Environment, Individual and Society, Sociology I, seminar instructor and examiner

Supervision 5 Bachelor theses, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University
Examination 30 Bachelor theses, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

Graduate level

2019 – present Modern Sociological Theory, Head instructor
2016 Research methods – Master's thesis proposal, Co-head instructor,
2006 – present Advanced Qualitative Methods, lecturer
2006 International Governance of Natural Resource Management, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University, Lecturer

Supervision 5 Master's theses, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University
Examiner 14 Master's theses, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

PhD Supervision

Signe Svallfors (co-supervisor, completed 2021)
Katarina Winter (main supervisor/co-supervisor, completed 2019)
Rebecca Ye (co-supervisor, completed 2018)
Pierre Nikolov (main supervisor 2012–2015)

Professional service

Associate Editor, *Journal of Organizational Sociology* 2023–present
Member of Scientific Committee, *M@n@gement* 2020–present
Co-editor Special Issue on meta-organization, *M@n@gement*, 2022
Founder of the Swedish STS Network, with Claes-Fredrik Helgesson and Tora Holmberg, 2006

Review work

External referee, Professor, Umeå University, 2025
Member, Scientific recruitment committee, Assistant Professor, Sciences Po, Paris 2024
External referee, Swedish Research Council, 2024
External referee, Docent, Uppsala University, 2023
Member of evaluation panel, Kerstin Hesselgren and Olof Palme visiting professorship, Swedish Research Council, 2023–2024
External referee, Docent, Linné University, 2022
Member of evaluation group, PhD program, Department of Sociology and Work Science, Göteborg University, 2021
Member of evaluation panel, International Post-doc, Swedish Research Council, spring 2018

External referee, Senior lecturer, Mid Sweden University, spring 2016
Member of evaluation panel, Sociology and Anthropology, Swedish Research Council, 2014

Journals: *Current Sociology*, *Human Relations*, *Management Learning*, *Perspectives on Science*, *Research in the Sociology of Organization*, *Scandinavian Journal of Public Administration*, *Science Education*, *Science & Technology Studies*, *Science, Technology and Human Values*, *Social Studies of Science*, *Sociology Compass*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociologisk Forskning*, *Sociology*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Synthese*

Academic Press: Edward Elgar, Manchester University Press, Routledge, SAGE

Miscellaneous: Polish National Science Center, Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius stiftelse, Wiener Wissenschafts-, Forschungs- und Technologiefonds, Swedish Defence Research Agency

Faculty opponent doctoral defense

Clara My Lernborg, Business Administration, Stockholm School of Economics, 2019
Peter Edlund, Business Studies, Uppsala University, 2018

Doctoral dissertation committees

Ryan Switzer (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2024)
Alejandro Leiva Wenger (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2019)
Anna Maria Lagrelius (Business Administration, Stockholm School of Economics, 2017)
Tove Sohlberg (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2014)
Carl Sandberg (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2014)
Idris Ahmedi (Political Science, Stockholm University, 2012)
Kristina Lindh (Business Administration, Stockholm University, 2011)

Final seminar opponent

Ryan Switzer (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2024)
Sjors Joosten (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2024)
Alejandro Leiva Wenger (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2018)
Edvin Sandström (Sociology, Uppsala University, 2017)

Half-time seminar opponent

Filip Roumeliotis (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2015)
Petter Bengtsson (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2013)
Karin Thoreson (Technology and social change, Linköping University, 2009)

University service

Coordinator, Methods teacher team, Department of Sociology, 2023–2025
Member, Election committee for the Board, Department of Sociology, 2023
Member, Recruitment committee for PhD program, Department of Sociology, 2023
Member, Board, SCORE, 2019–2023
Member, Board, Department of Sociology, 2018–2023
Coordinator, SCORE seminar, fall 2017–spring 2018
Member, Recruitment committee for PhD program, Department of Sociology, 2016
Founder and coordinator, with Vanessa Barker, Qualitative Working Group, Department of Sociology, 2014–2019
Coordinator, Wednesday Seminar, Department of Sociology, 2008–2010

Public outreach

Klostret som kärlekslaboratorium: Relationsideal och verklighet, FENIX-programmet Ideell arena, 2024
Sociala och ideala relationer i slutna miljöer: Bland munkar, nunnor och främlingslegionärer, lecture for highschool class, Stockholm University, 2024

Hur skapas dödsorsaksdata? Kunskapsproduktionens processer, Rättsmedicin Göteborg, Rättsmedicinalverket, 2024
 Sociala relationer inom stängda miljöer, lecture for highschool class, Stockholm University, 2023
 Forskning inifrån klostret – yttre intriger och inre kamp, [Link](#), Interview for Studietid, 2023
 Klosterliv – en motbild till dagens kärleksideal [Link](#), 2023
 Interview for episode Nun of us are friends, NPR Podcast Invisibilia, 2021
 Organisationssociologi och sociala relationer i stängda miljöer, lecture for highschool class, Stockholm University, 2019
 Glad Valborg – men inte i Franska Främlingslegionen. Blogpost Socioblog, 2018 [Link](#)
 Sociala relationer inom stängda miljöer–bland munkar, nunnor och främlingslegionärer, lecture for highschool class, Stockholm University, 2017
 Sociala relationer inom stängda miljöer–bland munkar, nunnor och främlingslegionärer, lecture for highschool class, Stockholm University, 2017
 Om Främlingslegionen. Podcast Allt du velat veta, episode 77, 2017
 Legionen. Podcast Militärt med Gyllenhaal, episode 24, 2017
 Blixtar och dunder–bland meteorologerna, Forskardagarna, Stockholm University, 2006

Other merits

Nominated to the Hans Zetterberg prize 2017.
 Awarded the prize JMSR most innovative paper 2019 for Sundberg, M. (2019) Work Practices, Normative Control and Ascetic Responsibilization in Cistercian Monasteries. *Journal of Management, Spirituality and Religion*, 16(5).

Parental leave (full time)

March–December 2020
 December 2018–January 2019
 July–September 2016
 February–November 2015

Language proficiency

Swedish (native)
 English (fluent)
 French (proficient)
 German (competent)