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Current academic positions

2024-present Director, Stockholm Center for Organizational Research (SCORE)
2020–present Professor, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

Previous academic positions

2022–2026 Affiliated researcher, Centre for Multidisciplinary Research on Society and Religion, Uppsala University
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

Sundberg, M. (2026) Perspectives on knowledge-producing responsibility in forensic death investigations: A new way to approach knowledge work. *Journal of Professions and Organization* 13(2) https://doi.org/10.1093/jpo/joag003

Sundberg, M. (2025) Why forensic pathologists maintain uncertainty in reporting causes of death: How communicative uncertainty devices shape reasoning. *Sociology of Health and Illness*. https://doi.org/10.1111/1467-9566.70105

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) Understanding monastic social life through the concept of fraternal relations – Collective solidarity, equality and stratification. In Jonveaux, I and Spavlova, B. (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of Sociology of Monasticism*. Routledge.

Sundberg, M. (forthcoming 2026) Conceptualizing fraternal relations: Understanding religious kinship in practice. In Baron, T (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy and the Family*. Routledge.

Sundberg, M. (forthcoming 2026) 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 situerad: Kunskapens roll i offentlig sektor*. Conditional accept, Stockholm University Press.

- Sundberg, M., Johannesson, L., Soneryd, L. Introduktion. In Johannesson, L., Soneryd, L., Sundberg, M. (eds) *Efterfrågad, omstridd och situerad: 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 situerad: Kunskapens roll i offentlig sektor*.

Sundberg, M. & Gröndal, H. Causes of death and physicians' knowledge producing responsibility – How expectations shape interest in 'finding out what happened'. Major revision.

Sundberg, M. & Gröndal, H. Crafting cause of death data: Translating clinical perspectives through standards of classification. Submitted.

Presentations and conferences

Conference presentations (last ten years)

2026	The will to knowledge about death – How expectations shape interest in "finding out what happened", Swedish Sociological Association, Linnaeus university,Växjö
2025	The politics of counting drug-related death: Judgement chains in forensic work, Nordic STS conference, Stockholm University & KTH (convenor of panel)
2024	Hur vet man vad som orsakat döden? Att behålla 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 (convenor of panel)
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

Invited lectures and seminar presentations (last ten years)

2026	Semiplenary: Lewis Coser och analysen av giriga institutioner, Swedish Sociological Association, Linnaeus university,Växjö
	Why forensic pathologists maintain uncertainty in reporting causes of death: How communicative uncertainty devices shape reasoning, EB-CRIME seminar,
2025	Workshop on ideas, problems and puzzles, School of Public Administration, Göteborg University.
	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 responsibilization 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

Other presentations (last ten years)

2025 The will to knowledge about death – How expectations shape interest in "finding out what happened", CSO-Score workshop

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	Deutche Forschungsgemeinsshaft 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 – 2026	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
Sonja Rasiwala Hägglund (main supervisor)
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
Member of evaluation panel, Sociology, Social Work, Worklife, Criminology, Swedish Research Council, 2026
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
Organization Theory
Perspectives on Science
Religion & Human Rights
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 Technologiefunds, 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)

Final seminar committee
Henrik Paulsson (War studies, Swedish Defence University, 2026)

Half-time seminar opponent
Lovisa Backman (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2025)
Filip Roumeliotis (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2015)
Petter Bengtsson (Sociology, Stockholm University, 2013)
Karin Thoresson (Technology and social change, Linköping University, 2009)

Half-time seminar committee
Authia Gray (Global public health, Karolinska institutet, 2026)

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 Invisiblia, 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 (fluent)
German (competent)