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Anthropology

Living with Bad Surroundings
War, History, and Everyday Moments
in Northern Uganda

Sverker Finnström

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Since 1986, the Acholi people of northern Uganda have lived in the crossfire of a violent civil war, with the Lord's Resistance Army and other groups fighting the Ugandan government. Acholi have been murdered, maimed, and driven into displacement. Thousands of children have been abducted and forced to fight. Many observers have

perceived Acholiland and northern Uganda to be an exception in contemporary Uganda, which has been celebrated by the international community for its increased political stability and particularly for its fight against AIDS. These observers tend to portray the Acholi as war-prone, whether because of religious fanaticism or intractable ethnic hatreds. In *Living with Bad Surroundings*, Sverker Finnström rejects these characterizations and challenges other simplistic explanations for the violence in northern Uganda. Foregrounding the narratives of individual Acholi, Finnström enables those most affected by the ongoing "dirty war" to explain how they participate in, comprehend, survive, and even resist it.

Making Corporate Social Responsibility an International Concern

Norm Construction in a Globalizing World

Lisbeth Segerlund

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Pages: 292



In recent decades, claims have increasingly been made on transnational corporations to take responsibility for the promotion and protection of human and labour rights in countries where they operate or otherwise conduct business. This change in the expectations on the behaviour of companies results from the persistent advocacy of non-governmental organizations commonly labelled corporate social responsibility.

This study is about the development of corporate social responsibility understood as a new international norm and how this norm has become an issue on the international agenda. With a point of departure in the 1970s, different stages of norm emergence, "norm cascade" and norm internalization of corporate social responsibility are traced through five selected non-governmental organizations.

Archaeology

Bronze Age Identities

Costume, Conflict and Contact in Northern Europe 1600–1300 BC

Sophie Bergerbrandt

Publisher: Bricoleur Press

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Pages: 232



South Scandinavian Bronze Age research has traditionally focused on the male sphere, while women have seldom been seriously considered or analysed in terms of their roles, power or influences on society. In *Bronze Age Identities* this imbalance is addressed through discussing the evidence for gender relations, social structures and identity. The topic is approached with the use of various case studies from different areas of Northern Europe and from a variety of angles (e.g. costume and appearance, age, violence, long distance contacts), always drawing on the rich material from burials. In a fruitful manner *Bronze Age Identities* certainly challenges a number of taken for granted and stereotypes concerning Bronze Age society.

Art

Scandinavian Design in the Doll's House

Ulf Beckman, Yvette Wadsted

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Published: 2007



This book takes you on a journey through changing trends in post-war Scandinavian interior design, reflecting the Nordic way of life that has influenced interior design throughout the world.

Starting in the fifties with the influence of Carl Malmsten, a style eminently suitable to reproduce in miniature. In the sixties, the main influence came from Denmark. Brio marketed a miniature selection of furniture from Fritz Hansen scale 1:12.5.

Three internationally well-known Swedish toy makers Brio, Lundy, and Micki built electrified dolls' houses from the early forties, the two-storey structure is based on houses commonly found in Sweden. A selection of wall-papers found in these dolls' houses from different periods are also shown in this book.

Nordic Architects

David Sokol

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Published: 2008

Pages: 448

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This inspiring book showcases the work and words of 70 practitioners from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. Written by David Sokol, *Nordic Architects* includes a unique question-and-answer format that provides firsthand accounts of the dialogues shaping northern Europe's design community. Readers will engage with the region's enduring legacy of modernist architecture that is sensitive to both site and occupants, as well as the global currents that are roiling designers toward experimental work and provocative thinking.

The volume spans architecture, urban planning, and landscape architecture within the Nordic countries and beyond, and features a generous, clean layout punctuated by stunning photography. In doing so, *Nordic Architects* re-familiarizes readers with prominent names and introduces them to architects just emerging onto the scene.

History of art

Viking Eggeling 1880-1925

Artist and Film-maker, Life and Work

Louise O'Konor

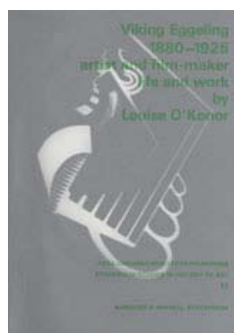
Publisher: Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis

Published: 1971, out of print, now in stock again

Pages: 299

ISBN: 9149249088

Series: Stockholm Studies in History of Art, 23



he was the only Dadaist of Swedish origin. This is the first biography to be written of Viking Eggeling. The material presented has been

gathered from public and private archives in Europe and in the USA.

As a work on art history, the book will be of great value to all interested in the Dada movement in Zurich, Berlin, Munich and Paris from 1916 until around 1922. It will also be valuable to anyone interested in the abstract art whose exponents are Kandinsky and Malevich. Besides introducing a large body of new material, the author corrects some erroneous opinions concerning Eggeling's relation to the Dada movement and revises the data of several events and particular aspects within the history of early abstract, animated film.

Business & Economics

Partnership

As a Strategy for Social Innovation and Sustainable Change

Lennart Svensson, Barbro Nilsson (eds.)

Publisher: Santérus Academic Press Sweden

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Published: 2008

Pages: 272

Is partnership as an organisational principle a way to overcome the limitations of project-organisation and its focus on short-term outcomes? Or is the interest in partnership organisations only an expression of a trend or a fashion in the growing market for organisational development in complex situations?

In this book 14 scholars get new data and make careful analysis of the partnership organisation both in theory and in practice. They analyse the effectiveness of the partnership organisation in implementing changes and innovation with long-term effects rather than short-term results. The ambition is to address practical dilemmas and problems in the partnership organisation by using different theoretical perspectives – theories about organisational learning, strategies for change, power and empowerment, gender analysis, governance and participation etc. The research presented is valuable in order to achieve deeper understanding of the pros and cons with the partnership organisation. When can it be useful? What kind of problems can be addressed? Which conditions are necessary if the partnership model is to be used? Editors are Lennart Svensson, professor of sociology at the University of Linköping, Sweden and Barbro Nilsson, Ph.D. and lecturer of pedagogic at the Institution of Behaviour Science learning at the University of Linköping.



Cultural studies

Culture and Transmission

The Technological and Cultural Reach of International Syndicated Radio

Lars Lundgren

Publisher: Stockholms universitet, Humanistiska fakulteten, Institutionen för journalistik, medier och kommunikation (JMK)
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Pages: 232

The aim of this dissertation is to study the technological and cultural reach of internationally syndicated radio from the vantage point of the radio programme Solid Steel between 2000 and 2006. Solid Steel is a weekly two-hour music show originally produced and aired in London but today also broadcast by a large number of stations around the world, as well as via the Internet. The theoretical interest of the study lies in the tension and separation between communication as transmission and communication as ritual, as distribution in space and maintenance in time. This separation produces a number of subsequent conceptual pairs; technology and culture, material and symbolic, space and time, etc. Based upon these pairs the study explores the spatial and temporal organization of Solid Steel.

Economic Psychology

Engaging Resources for Cultural Events

A Performative View

Marjana Johansson

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Published: 2008
Pages: 157



Festivals and other events are often seen as important means for contributing to the positive image of a place and for increasing visitor numbers, for involving the local community and for creating job opportunities. Organising an event involves the temporary coordination

of performers, an audience, volunteers, sponsors and other partners, and in the end an event is simultaneously produced and consumed. When the music has stopped or the actors have come off stage, when the audience has gone home and the premises have been cleared of rubbish, there might be few signs of an event having ever taken place. However, the value of an event is seen to extend beyond its immediate boundaries.

This dissertation looks at event organising from a resources perspective. Which resources are engaged, and how do they contribute? Key questions that emerge concern the event's connection to the place where it is held, how different actors are included or excluded and finally how the aesthetic aspects of an event attract resources.

Economics

Swedish Historical National Accounts 1800-2000

Olle Krantz & Lennart Schön

Publisher: Almqvist & Wiksell International
ISBN: 9122021698
Published: 2007
Series: Lund Studies in Economic History
Pages: 93



Sweden has a long tradition in the field of historical national accounts. However, the previous series were in need of complements and revisions. In this book new, elaborated, and consistent series for the 19th and 20th centuries are presented.

They are the result of comprehensive research projects carried out at the departments of economic history at Lund and Umeå universities. Series are in current as well as constant prices for the production and expenditure sides of the accounts. Accordingly, the new GDP series are given in factor and market prices. The volume series are deflated using double deflation which is new to Swedish historical national accounts.

Finance

Hedge Funds and International Capital Flows

Maria Strömqvist

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This thesis consists of four chapters that investigate the performance and capital flows of hedge funds.

The first two chapters of the thesis focus on hedge funds that have a pure emerging market strategy. The third chapter investigates if there are capacity constraints in hedge fund strategies. The last chapter investigates the out-of-sample performance of five allocation models relative to an equally

weighted portfolio, when optimizing over hedge fund strategies.

History

Letters from Sir James Spens and Jan Rutgers

The Work and Correspondence of Axel Oxenstierna II:13

Arne Jönsson

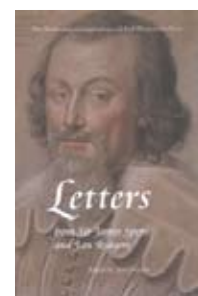
Publisher: Kungl. Vitterhets Historie och Antikvitets akademien
ISBN: 9789174023671
Published: 2007
Pages: 642

When Axel Oxenstierna, Chancellor of Sweden, died in 1654, Sweden was a great power. In 1612, however, when Oxenstierna took office, Sweden was on the verge of collapse. In the east, she was menaced by Muscovy, in the southeast by Poland, and in the west by Denmark. One of the means to save the Swedish realm was thorough active diplomacy. Two important figures in Oxenstierna's diplomatic network were the Scottish officer Sir James Spens (d. 1632) and the Dutch humanist and jurist Jan Rutgers (d. 1625), who played central roles in Swedish foreign politics in the crucial period 1613–1632, i.e., from the disastrous peace with Denmark to Sweden's entry into the Thirty Years' War.

Spens served as Swedish ambassador in London and as Stuart ambassador to Gustav II Adolf.

Rutgers served as Swedish representative in the Dutch Republic and as emissary to North German princes.

Spens' and Rutgers' letters are edited with introductions, summaries, notes and index in English. Two letters by Spens are in Scots.



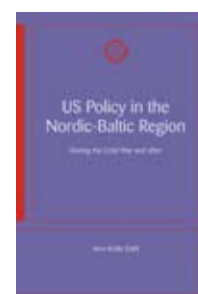
US Policy in the Nordic-Baltic Region

During the Cold War and after

Ann-Sofie Dahl

Publisher: Santérus Academic Press Sweden
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Published: 2008
Pages: 116

In this book, the author analyzes the role that the Nordic-Baltic region has played in US strategy in the 60 years since the end of World War II. How has the US viewed the strategic and political situation in the Nordic—and from the end of the Cold War, the Nordic-Baltic—region? What role will the region



play in future US policy, as this becomes increasingly preoccupied with problems far from the shores of the Baltic Sea? Nowhere is the transformation of the international system more striking than in the destiny of the three Baltic countries—Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania—locked up behind the Iron Curtain as Soviet Republics after World War II, and sovereign members of the Western defense alliance half a century later.

It was actually there, in this northernmost corner of Europe, that the design of the entire international system was determined after the fall of the Berlin Wall. The new Nordic-Baltic region emerged as key to the stability of a much wider—global—area.

A Brief History of the Masses

Three Revolutions

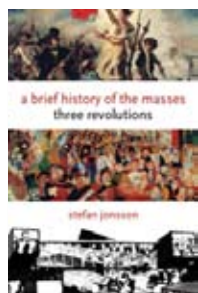
Stefan Jonsson

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Published: 2008

Pages: 272

ISBN: 9780231145268



Through a close reading of three monumental works of art—Jacques-Louis David's *The Tennis Court Oath* (1791), James Ensor's *Christ's Entry into Brussels in 1889* (1888), and Alfredo Jaar's *They Loved It So Much, the Revolution* (1989)—Stefan Jonsson launches a unique investigation into an age-old dilemma: How do artists fashion a truthful representation of "the people"? Addressing, respectively, The French Revolution of 1789, Belgium's proletarian messianism in the 1880s, and Eastern Europe's Velvet Revolutions of 1989, these works depict not only an alternative view of history, Jonsson argues, but capture the very essence of democracy.

Drawing on examples from literature, politics, philosophy, and additional pieces of art, Jonsson's research reveals surprising parallels between the people's political representation (in government) and their aesthetic representation (in painting). Both essentially "frame" the people, defining them as elites or masses, responsible citizens or angry mobs. Yet in the aesthetic fantasies of David, Ensor, and Jaar, Jonsson finds a different understanding of democracy—one in which human collectives are able to break the frame and enter the picture. *A Brief History of the Masses* is at once a cultural history and a contemporary discussion about the fate of democracy in our globalized world. Jonsson connects the achievements and failures of past revolutions to current political issues and situates our present moment in a long historical drama of popular unrest.

Swedish Labour and Employment Law

Eklund, Ronnie, Sigeman, Tore & Carlson, Laura

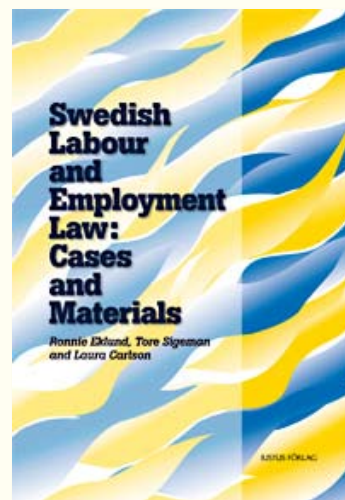
Publisher: Iustus Förlag

ISBN: 9176786697

Published: 2008

Pages: 518

Swedish Labour and Employment Law: Cases and Materials provides the reader with an orientation in labour and employment law in Sweden as well as certain of the effects of European Community law. After the introductory part providing an overview and background of Swedish labour and employment law, the second part of this work comprises cases. Each case is presented with an introductory note including a brief description of the historical setting and applicable legislation, a summary of the facts and arguments, with comments afterwards discussing the issues raised in the cases. Many of the cases included are seen as landmark cases in Swedish labour and employment law. The third part of this work includes several collective agreements regarded as significant on the Swedish labour market. Two of the primary statutes, the Joint Regulation Act and the Employment Protection Act, are also included in this work.



Language

Au Champ d'Apollon

Écrits d'expression française produits en Suède (1550–2006)

Margareta Östman, Hans Östman

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Series: Filologiskt arkiv

Pages: 434



La majeure partie d'*Au Champ d'Apollon. Écrits d'expression française produits en Suède (1550–2006)* est constituée de textes «littéraires» d'expression française produits en Suède depuis 1550, présentés par ordre chronologique d'après l'année de naissance des auteurs. Les écrits

cités sont précédés d'une brève présentation de l'auteur destinée à donner une idée de sa place dans la société suédoise. Le corpus comprend des oeuvres de 471 auteurs différents, dont

64 femmes. 17 des auteurs n'ont pas pu être identifiés.

Le chapitre d'introduction donne un survol de l'attitude des Suédois à l'égard de la langue et la culture françaises depuis le moyen âge jusqu'à nos jours.

Hamlet The Sign

Russian Translations of Hamlet and Literary Canon Formation

Aleksei Semenenko

Publisher: Acta Universitatis Stockholmiensis

ISBN: 9789185445783

Published: 2007

Series: Stockholm Studies in Russian Literature

Pages: 198

This work is an attempt to answer one simple question: What is Hamlet? Based on the material of Hamlet translations into Russian, the dissertation scrutinizes the problems of literary canon formation, translation and textuality proceeding in two parallel directions: the historical analysis of canon formation in translation



and the conceptualization of Hamlet's textuality. The methodological framework is defined in the context of Jurij Lotman's semiotics of culture, which is invaluable for an understanding of the mechanisms of literary evolution, the theory of translation and literary canon formation.

Language and Gender from Linguistic and Textual Perspectives

Camilla Bardel & Britt Erman (eds.)

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ISBN: 9789185445820

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Series: Stockholm Studies in Modern Philology. N.S.
Pages: 149



Some of the papers in this volume are formed by the "postmodern" view of gender issues, notably: the shaping of identity in relation to gender and roles in present-day Czech talk shows (Tora He-din), the representation (or rather, underrepresentation) of women in a 14th century French chronicle (Per Förne-gård), and a socio-semiotic

discourse analysis of gender roles in gardening manuals, especially in the 19th century (Andreas Nord). The two literary contributions deconstruct their texts in a similar manner. Catherine Sandbach-Dahlström argues that Virginia Woolf's textual practice in *Three Guineas* is determined by her "Bakhtinian" sense of the complications inherent in the polyphony of utterances already infected by intentions of other. Anna Uddén's scrutiny of 18th century reviews reveals how gendered prejudices are shaped by textual strategies and result in insensitivity to innovation in the writings of women writers. This is most blatantly evidenced in the condescending reception by contemporary critics of Jane Austen's *Emma*, now of course recognized as one of the major works of the nineteenth century. A rather different perspective is taken by Bettina Jobin and Eva Lindström who both view gender from a grammatical perspective. Jobin looks at the gender system in German, and Lindström at the acquisition of gender agreement in L2 French.

Law

Digital Rights Management

The New Copyright

Kristoffer Schollin

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DRM – Digital Rights Management is a wide term that covers many forms of technological schemes for controlling access, use and distribution of creative works – from the blunt and static restrictions on copy-protected Compact

Discs to the sophisticated and fluid usagerules in online music- and movie-stores such as iTunes. DRM technologies have been created and designed in response to a social development where global, digital networks are putting serious pressure on traditional distribution channels. From the early days of peer-to-peer networks to the current diversity of online communities centered on digital file sharing, the landscape has transformed rapidly.

Using a critical, constructivist and functionalist approach to law, this book analyzes DRM as legal phenomena in the middle of this transforming landscape. Hence DRM is examined from a range of perspectives as a tool of normative communication and regulation as well as ideological systematization of rights and positions of control.

Documents in Public International Law

Maja K. Eriksson, Olle Märsäter & Sia S. Åkermark

Publisher: Norstedts Juridik

ISBN: 9789139204688

Published: 2008

Pages: 414

This collection of documents in public international law can be used with advantage by anyone with an interest in international law. It will be of particular interest to law students at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, law teachers and practitioners. It will also be a resource for students in the fields of politics and international relations.

Impartial or Uninvolved?

The Anatomy of 20th Century Doctrine on the Law of Neutrality

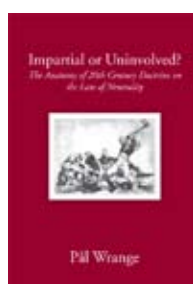
Pål Wrangé

Publisher: dokumaten.se

ISBN: 9789185333172

Published: 2007

Pages: 1106



This work focuses on neutrality as a 20th century international legal discourse. A number of doctrinal texts have been read both as legal arguments and as texts with philosophical and political implications. A well-known controversy throughout most of the century has been

the relation between neutrality and collective security; how did neutrality, born in the balance of power, survive the League of Nations, total war, the United Nations, the Cold War and "the New World Order"? But that has not been the only issue. How come neutrality has not been extended to economic conflicts? Why is it not being applied to struggles with non-state entities? How could neutrality be relevant both in war and in peace, and what does that say about the peace?

Swedish Labour Law

Svensk arbetsrätt

Lars Gellner, Lars Sydolf

Publisher: Norstedts Juridik

ISBN: 9789139109044

Published: 2008

Pages: 300

This concentrated presentation in English of Swedish labour market legislation can be useful for both company and employee representatives. Legal advisers and lawyers may also find such a presentation of value in their contacts with clients.

The book aims at giving an overview of the field, but is yet detailed enough to be of considerable practical help when confronted with real world cases. The text is given in two more or less identical versions, in English and in Swedish.

Because of this bi-lingual approach, the book can be utilized in a large number of ways.



Marketing

Trust-building and Communication in SME Internationalization

A Study of Swedish-Japanese Business Relations

Niklas Z Kviselius

Publisher: EFI, Economic Research Institute

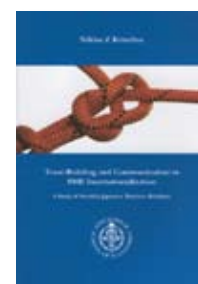
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Pages: 217

Trust is a crucial element in business relationships. The early internationalization of a firm is interesting as a context for studying trust-building processes for several reasons. The internationalization is related to risks just as trust is. New business relationships are opened up, situations in which trust is a critical element. But internationalization is also connected to circumstances wherein trust-building is particularly challenging to achieve.

This dissertation increases understanding of the process of trust-building in a firm's early internationalization. It represents a view where trust is not an irrational act but a manageable act of faith in people, relationships, and social institutions. The communication of trustworthiness is argued to be one of the critical empirical problems in the early stages of starting up a relationship with a party on a new market. To manage this communication an ability to communicate must be fine-tuned along the way. Trust-facilitators in the form of organizations and individuals can also strategically be used to strengthen the trust-building process.



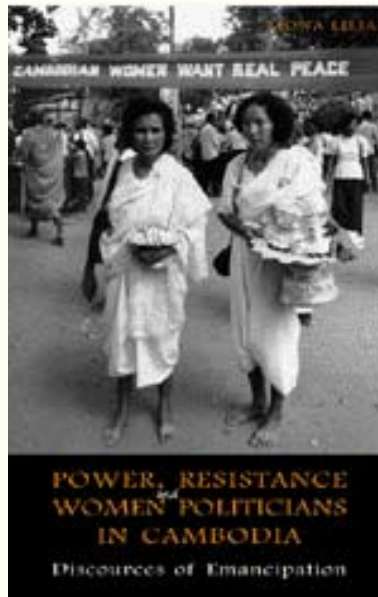
Power, Resistance and Women Politicians in Cambodia

Discourses of Emancipation

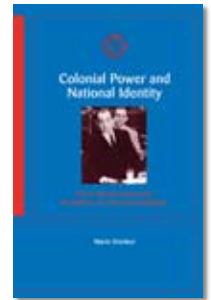
Mona Lilja

Publisher: Nias Press
ISBN: 9788776940201
Published: 2008
Pages: 214

In a world where there are few women politicians, Cambodia is still noticeable as a country where strong cultural and societal forces act to subjugate women and limit their political opportunities. However, in their everyday life, Cambodian women do try to improve their situation and increase their political power, not least via manifold strategies of resistance. This book focuses on Cambodian female politicians and the strategies they deploy in their attempts to destabilize the cultural boundaries and hierarchies that restrain them. In particular, the book focuses on how women use discourses and identities as means of resistance, a concept only recently of wide interest among scholars studying power. The value of this book is thus twofold: not only does it give a unique insight into the political struggles of Cambodian women but also offers new insights to studies of power.



This study addresses the puzzle why Pierre Mendès France as French Prime Minister managed to grant Indochina independence through negotiations, but neglected the same demand from Algeria. In the mid-1950s, France was experiencing not only a political crisis but also a crisis of national identity. The author shows that there were competing national identities among the French foreign policy elite, and that the struggle among different identity conceptions was a determinant factor in the outcome of the Indochina and Algeria cases. Pierre Mendès France tried to decolonize France by making France a European power. This seemed successful when France left Indochina, but it turned to be a failure when Algeria demanded its independence. The research material represents a unique collection of speeches, letters, radio performances, opinion polls, media debates and internal working papers.



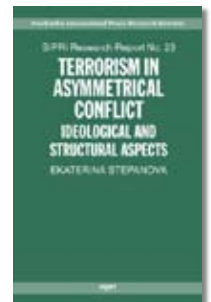
Terrorism in Asymmetrical Conflict

Ekaterina Stepanova

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ISBN: 9780199533558
Published: 2008
Series: SIPRI Research Report no. 23
Pages: 186

This thought-provoking book challenges the conventional discourse on—and responses to—contemporary terrorism. It examines the synergy between the extremist ideologies and the organizational models of non-state actors that use terrorist means in asymmetrical conflict. This synergy is what makes these terrorist groups so resilient in the face of the counterterrorist efforts of their main opponents—the state and the international system—who are conventionally far more powerful.

The book argues that the high mobilization potential of the supra-national extremist ideology inspired by al-Qaeda cannot be effectively counterbalanced at the global level by either mainstream secular global ideologies or moderate Islam. Instead, it is more likely to be affected and transformed by radical nationalism. Unless the political transformation of violent Islamist movements in specific national contexts is encouraged and the transnational ideology of violent Islamism is 'nationalized', it is unlikely to be amenable to external influence or to be destroyed by repression.



Philosophy

Reflective Lifeworld Research

Karin Dahlberg, Helena Dahlberg, Maria Nyström

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Pages: 370



This book explicates a reflective lifeworld research approach, based on phenomenological philosophy. The emphasis is on the lifeworld, the human intentionality and its capacity for seeing meaning and for reflection. The epistemological ideas presented in the book are transformed into an empirical research approach that

serves as a guiding principle for research. The approach originates from the aim of allowing the phenomenon to guide the research by which the phenomenon and its meanings will

be illuminated, understood and explicated, and is supported by an open and "bridled" attitude to the phenomenon and the research. Based on a solid epistemological presentation and ideas about how an open and "bridled" approach can be established, some methodological principles are outlined for data gathering as well as for descriptive and interpretive data analysis, respectively. Finally, general scientific concepts such as validity, objectivity and generalisation are discussed in relation to the reflective lifeworld research approach.

Political Science

Colonial Power and National Identity

Pierre Mendès France and the History of Decolonisation

Marie Demker

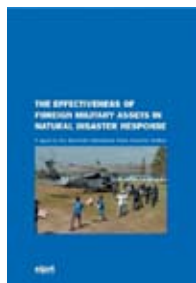
Publisher: Santérus Academic Press Sweden
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Pages: 160

The Effectiveness of Foreign Military Assets in Natural Disaster Response

A Report by SIPRI

H Ahmad, J Löfgren etc.

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Published: 2008
Pages: 140



This study examines the advantages, limitations and implications of involving foreign military assets—personnel, equipment and expertise—in the relief operations that follow major natural disasters. It presents the findings of a research project carried out by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) with the support of

the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Foreign military assets have made large contributions to several recent natural disaster relief operations, yet their use in such operations remains controversial. The questions asked range from matters of principle—is it appropriate for foreign forces to take part in humanitarian work?—to more practical considerations such as cost, how effectively foreign military assets can participate in civilian-led humanitarian operations and how the presence of foreign military assets affects the ability of civilian humanitarian organizations to act independently and safely. This study provides an overview of the current use of foreign military assets in natural disaster response, including how and why they are deployed. It also analyses the role played by foreign military assets in several major disaster relief operations.

Social Sciences

Agriculture, Trade and Development

Toward Greater Coherence

Malin Falkenmark, Johan Rockström, Marie Byström & Peter Einarsson etc.

Publisher: Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA)
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Published: 2008
Pages: 172



An anthology on coexistence and development of agriculture in developing and developed countries.

The overwhelming majority of people living in poverty are small-scale farmers and agricultural workers. To reach the UN Millennium

Development Goals of halving world poverty by 2015, agricultural development and enhanced productivity must play a key role.

Can agriculture in the developed and developing countries progress in harmony with

each other? The international debate points to conflicts of a political and commercial nature, as witnessed by the recurring failures to reach agreements on agricultural trade in the WTO. But there are also golden opportunities to reconcile the interests of rich and poor countries.

Taking Sweden's "Policy for Global Development" as the point of departure, the purpose of this book is to highlight linkages and conflicts of interest between the developed and developing countries in agriculture, trade and environmental management, as well as the potential for enhanced coherence.

In Tension between Organization and Profession

Professionals in Nordic Public Service

Carola Aili, Lars-Erik Nilsson, Lennart G. Svensson, Pamela Denicolo (ed)

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What is it like to be a professional in today's Nordic Public sector organisations? In *Tension between Organization and Profession* describes everyday problems experienced by individuals in official positions.

The authors' analyses are set against a background of rising rates of sick leave, more cases of mental burnout, decreasing resources and constant demand for professional improvement. Rapid changes in organizations, such as new forms of leadership, new technology and management by documents and the call for client-oriented practices are part of the professional working life.

The individual professional is the prime focus of this book. Tensions that arise between the individual and the organization/profession are illustrated by a range of examples of problems that public officials, such as teachers, policemen and nurses, are confronted with on a daily basis.

The authors discuss subjects such as increased individualization, complexity in relationships, intensified pace and fragmentation of work.

Safe Sex, Unsafe Identities

Intersections of 'Race', Gender and Sexuality in Swedish HIV/AIDS Policy

Anna Bredström

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This dissertation examines the different depictions of 'immigrants' and the ways in which migration, ethnicity and racism have been handled by Swedish HIV/AIDS policy

since the early 1980s. The dissertation consists of five separate articles and an introductory chapter that outlines the discourse-theoretical approach used in the subsequent articles. The introduction also provides a contextual framework by summarizing recent research on, and sketching a background to, HIV/AIDS policy development in Sweden.

The dissertation argues that, although the policy discourse early on established that inducing safer sex practices among the Swedish population was the only viable solution to the pandemic, the discourse is nonetheless permeated by notions of unsafe identities. The dissertation also stresses the importance of scrutinizing HIV/AIDS policy in light of broader political developments, and argues that an increasing focus on migrants in HIV/AIDS policy should not be seen as a simple reflection of the global epidemiological development, but should rather be understood in relation to the general political and economic phenomenon of welfare state retrenchment.



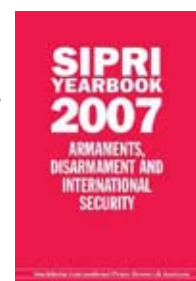
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Fataneh Farahani

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This thesis is a timely contribution to ethnological analysis of sexuality among Iranian women. Considering sexuality as gendered and socioculturally constructed, Fataneh Farahani examines the impact of Iranian Islamic discourses and contemporary socialization, as well as diasporic experiences, on women's

narrations of sexuality. With sexuality as the main subject of analysis, the writer focuses on issues involving gender, otherness, agency, and marginality. Being alert to different (sometimes contradictory) discourses, Fataneh Farahani studies the tension that develops between the process of (self)disciplining women's bodies and the coping tactics that women employ.

The writer shows how moral values regarding appropriate sexual behavior undergo various and sometimes contradictory transformations. The interviewees report being torn between two 'seemingly' different cultures, each constructed discourses filled with stereotypes of socialized natives and outsiders. The writer shows that, in their everyday lives amidst a variety of racist and sexist stereotypes, women are not really 'torn between two cultures.' Rather, they live a hybrid experience of 'Swedishness' and 'Iranianess' along with other characteristics. At issue is a complexity within the culture(s) in which they live.

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