

Curriculum Vitae

Renita Thedvall, PhD and Associate Professor
Researcher and Research Director
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Deputy Director of Score
(Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research)
Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics
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Senior Lecturer
Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University

Education

2014-02-03 Docent (Associate Professor) in Social Anthropology at Stockholm University
 2006-02-28 PhD in Social Anthropology at Stockholm University
 1998 Bachelor of Arts in Social Anthropology at Stockholm University

Publications

Monographs

2006 Thedvall, Renita. *Eurocrats at Work. Negotiating Transparency in Postnational Employment Policy*. Dissertation in Social Anthropology, Stockholm University. Stockholm Studies in Social Anthropology, 58.

Edited volumes

2017 Sandler, Jen and Renita Thedvall (eds). *Meeting Ethnography. Meetings as Key Technologies of Contemporary Governance, Development, and Resistance*. New York: Routledge Studies in Anthropology Series.

2015 Garsten, Christina, Jessica Lindvert and Renita Thedvall (eds). *Makeshift Work in a Changing Labour Market: The Swedish Model in the Post-Financial Crisis Era*. Northampton MA: Edward Elgar.

2011 Garsten, Christina, Jessica Lindvert and Renita Thedvall (eds). *Arbetets marknad. Arbetsmarknaden nya organisering*. Lund: Liber.

Peer-reviewed articles in journals

2015 Thedvall, Renita. Managing preschool the Lean way. Evaluating work processes by numbers and colours. Special issue 'Governing by Numbers: Audit Culture Revisited' edited by Cris Shore and Susan Wright. *Social Anthropology* 23(1):42-52.

2015 Tamm Hallström, Kristina and Renita Thedvall. Managing Administrative Reform through Language. Implementing Lean in Swedish Public Sector Organizations. Special issue 'After NPM' edited by Kajsa Lindberg, Barbara Czarniawska and Rolf Solli. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Administration* 19(2):89-108.

2015 Boström, Magnus, Åsa Casula Vifell, Mikael Klintman, Linda Soneryd, Kristina Tamm Hallström and Renita Thedvall. Social Sustainability Requires Social Sustainability: Procedural Prerequisites for Reaching Substantive Goals. *Culture and Nature*, 10(2):131-156.

2012 Thedvall, Renita. Negotiating impartial indicators. To put transparency into practice in the EU. *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, 18(2):311-329.

2012 Casula Vifell, Åsa & Renita Thedvall. Organizing for social sustainability. Governance through bureaucratization in meta-organizations. *Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy*, 8(1):50-58.

2009 Thedvall, Renita. Tillfälliga byråkratier: Mötesformens betydelse för formandet av beslutsprocessen i metaorganisationer. *NOS* 11(2):48-63.

Chapters in edited volumes

(forthcoming) Thedvall, Renita. Political Chocolate. Branding it fairtrade. In *Politics and the Corporate World*. Christina Garsten and Adrienne Sörbom (eds.). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

2017. Sandler, Jen and Renita Thedvall. Exploring the Boring. An Introduction to Meeting Ethnography. In *Meeting Ethnography. Meetings as Key Technologies of Contemporary Governance, Development, and Resistance*. Jen Sandler and Renita Thedvall (eds). New York: Routledge Studies in Anthropology series.

2017. Thedvall, Renita. Meeting to Improve: Lean[ing] Swedish Public Preschools. In *Meeting Ethnography. Meetings as Key Technologies of Contemporary Governance, Development, and Resistance*. Jen Sandler and Renita Thedvall (eds). New York: Routledge Studies in Anthropology series.

2015. Thedvall, Renita. In the name of evidence-based practice. Managing social workers through science, standards and transparency. In *Makeshift Work in a Changing Labour Market: The Swedish Model in the Post-Financial Crisis Era*. Christina Garsten, Jessica Lindvert and Renita Thedvall (eds). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

2014 Nyqvist, Anette och Renita Thedvall. Polarization and convergence of values at the intermediary position. In *Organizing Value Plurality in Markets*, Susanna Alexius and Kristina Tamm Hallström (eds). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

2013 Thedvall, Renita. Punctuated entries: doing fieldwork in policy meetings in the EU. In *Organisational Anthropology: Doing Ethnography In and Among Complex Organisations*, Christina Garsten & Anette Nyqvist (eds). London: Pluto Press.

2011 Thedvall, Renita. Den lärande socialarbetaren. Mellan tyst kunskap och evidensbaserad praktik. In *Arbetets marknad. Arbetsmarknadens nya organisering*, Christina Garsten, Jessica Lindvert & Renita Thedvall (eds). Lund: Liber.

2008 Thedvall, Renita. Rituals of Legitimation. Organising Accountability in EU Employment Policy. In *Organizing Transnational Accountability. Mobilization, Tools, Challenges*, Magnus Boström & Christina Garsten (eds). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

2008 Thedvall, Renita. Transparency at Work: The Production of Indicators for EU Employment Policy. In *Transparency in a new global order: unveiling organizational visions*, Christina Garsten & Monica Lindh de Montoya (eds). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

2007 Thedvall, Renita. The EU's Nomads. National Eurocrats in European policymaking. In *Observing Government Elites: Up Close and Personal*, R.A.W. Rhodes, Paul t'Hart, & Milko Noordegraaf (eds). Basingstoke. Houndsmills: Palgrave.

2007 Svedberg Nilsson, Karin and Renita Thedvall. Queer. In *Tidens Tecken*. Anders Björnsson and Björn Rombach (eds). Svenska Humanistiska Förbundets skriftserie, nr 121. Stockholm: Santérus Förlag.

2006 Thedvall, Renita. "Quantifying the qualitative". Att översätta politik till siffror. In *Kloka regler? Kunskapen i regelsamhället*, Karin Fernler & Claes-Fredrik Helgesson (eds). Stockholm: Studentlitteratur.

2004 Thedvall, Renita. "Do it yourself": Making up the Self-employed Individual at a Swedish Public Employment Office. In *Learning to be Employable. New Agendas on Work, Responsibility and Learning in a Globalising World*, Christina Garsten & Kerstin Jacobsson (eds). Basingstoke, Houndsmills: Palgrave.

Other scientific publications

2016. Thedvall, Renita. Är det verkligen ytterligare ett struktureringsverktyg som förskolan behöver? Managementmodellen Lean i den svenska kommunala förskolan. Score working paper series: 2016:3.

2013 Thedvall, Renita. Meeting Ethnography in Policy Research (column for the Association of the Anthropology of Policy, ASAP). *Anthropology News*, 54(11-12):37-38.

2010 Thedvall, Renita. The role of bureaucratisation in organising 'fair' markets: The case of the Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International (FLO). Score working paper series 2010:11.

2009 Garsten, Christina, Jessica Lindvert and Renita Thedvall. Lära för livet? Den nya arbetsmarknadens organisering. In *Resultatdialog. Aktuell forskning om lärande*. Vetenskapsrådet report series 2:2009.

2009 Thedvall, Renita and Nina Rossi. Lärandets praktik inom socialtjänsten och livsmedelsindustrin. Score working paper series 2009:5.

2007 Thedvall, Renita. Policies crossing borders: Implementing an EU Directive in Sweden. Score working paper series: 2007:4.

2006 Garsten, Christina, Jessica Lindvert, Niklas Jambrén and Renita Thedvall. From Employment to the Development of Workers' Capabilities: Mobility, Learning and Responsibility in Swedish Worklife. Report for the European Commission.

2005 Thedvall, Renita. The meeting as a shaper of the decision-making process. The case of the EU Employment Committee. Score working paper series: 2005:1.

Selected presentations

2016. Evaluation by Colors: Assessing "Joy at Work" in Preschools by the Colors Green, Yellow and Red, paper presented in the panel *Color Politics: Agency, Evaluation, Materiality* organised by Hege Hoyer Leivestad, Stockholm University and Renita Thedvall at the AAA (American Anthropological Association) conference 16-20 November in Minneapolis, USA.

2016. Toward a Theory of the Meeting: Architecture, Practice, and Maker, paper prepared together with Jen Sandler, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and presented by Jen Sandler in the panel *Theory and method in meeting ethnography. Engaging with key sites of evidence and inquiry across diverse policy worlds* organised by Jen Sandler, UMass, Amherst and Renita Thedvall at the AAA (American Anthropological Association) conference 16-20 November in Minneapolis, USA.

2016. Lean meetings in/and the everyday in preschools. Methods and analytical framework, paper presented in the panel *Meetings: the 'infrastructure' of work in local and global settings* by Helen B. Schwartzman, Northwestern University and Renita Thedvall, Stockholm University, at the EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists) conferences 20-23 July in Milan, Italy.

2015 Writing Action. How to Fit Alterations into Action Plan Documents, paper presented in the panel *Document-ing Power in an Age of Accountability* organized by Kathleen Inglis, Simon Fraser University at the AAA (American Anthropological Association) conference, 18-23 November, Denver, USA.

2015 Meeting to Improve: Lean[ing] Swedish Public Preschools, paper presented in the *Meeting Ethnography* workshop organized by Jen Sandler, University of Massachusetts Amherst and Renita Thedvall, Stockholm University 8-10 October 2015, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.

2014 Meeting for Change: Lean[ing] Swedish Public Preschools, paper presented in the panel *Meeting Ethnography: Anthropology in/of a ubiquitous policy context* organized by Jen Sandler University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Renita Thedvall at the AAA (American Anthropological Association) conference 3-7 December in Washington, USA.

2014 Managing preschool the Lean way. Turning work process improvements into numbers, paper presented in the panel *Governing by numbers: audit culture, rankings and the New World (Re)order* organised by Cris Shore, University of Auckland, New Zealand and Susan Wright Århus University, Denmark at the EASA (European Association for Social Anthropology) conference, 31 July-3 August in Tallinn, Estonia.

2014 *Meeting Ethnography* workshop at the Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA 12 June 2014.

2013. Engaging in classifications and standardizations: Lean Public Management in Public Preschools and the Social Insurance Agency in Sweden, paper prepared together with Kristina Tamm Hallström, Stockholm School of Economics and presented by Renita Thedvall at the panel *Called to Order: Classification, Enumeration and the Work of Policy* organised by Cris Shore University of Auckland and Renita Thedvall at the AAA (American Anthropological Association) conference 20-24 November in Chicago, USA.

2013. *Meeting Ethnography* workshop organised by Jen Sandler, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and Renita Thedvall, Stockholm University at Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research (Score), Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics 13 June, in collaboration with Score and the Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.

Research grants

Research grants received as principal applicant

Research project: *Evidence-based practice and its effects on the psychosocial working environment* granted from AFA Insurance (AFA Försäkringar). Co-applicant: Lovisa Näslund. Date of the award: 2016-2019. Amount 3 258 000 SEK.

Research initiation *Meeting Ethnography workshop and network* granted from The Swedish Foundation for humanities and social sciences (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond). Date of the award: 2015. Amount: 175 000 SEK

Research project: *Managing preschool the Lean way. An industrial model enters childcare* granted from the Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet). Date of the award: 2014-2017. Amount: 2 271 000 SEK

Research grants received as co-applicant

Exchange programme: *Risk Regulation, Markets and Democracy: Reorganising Economy and Society in the 21st Century*, granted from The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education (STINT).

Principle applicants: Linda Soneryd, Score, Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics and Andrea Mennicken, CARR, Centre for Analysis of Risk and Regulation, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Co-applicants: Claes-Fredrik Helgesson, Score; Andrea Mennicken, CARR; Peter Miller, CARR; Yuval Millo, CARR; Caisa Niemann, Score; Rune Premfors, Score; Rita Samiolo, CARR; Ebba Sjögren, Score; Linda Soneryd, Score; Renita Thedvall, Score och Åsa Vifell, Score. Date of the award: 1 okt, 2008 – 30 sept, 2011. Amount: 1 050 000 SEK

Research programme: *Organizing Markets*, granted from The Swedish Foundation for humanities and social sciences (*Riksbankens Jubileumsfond*).

Principle applicant: Nils Brunsson, Score, Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics.

Co-applicants: Göran Ahrne, Score; Lotta Björklund-Larsen, Score; Magnus Boström, Score; Karin Fernler, Score; Staffan Furusten, Score, Hans Kjellberg, Stockholm School of Economics; Jessica Lindvert, Score; Anette Nyqvist, Score; Rune Premfors, Score; Ebba Sjögren, Score; Göran Sundström, Score; Karin Nilsson Svedberg, Score; Kristina Tamm Hallström, Score and Renita Thedvall, Score. Date of the award: 2008-2015. Amount: 33 000 000 SEK

Research project: *The missing pillar: Incorporating the social dimension in transnational sustainability projects* granted from the Swedish Research Council Formas (Formas)

Principle applicant: Magnus Boström, Score, Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics/Södertörn University.

Co-applicants: Jessica Lindvert, Score; Mikael Klintman, Research Policy Institute, Lund University; Linda Soneryd, Score; Renita Thedvall, Score and Åsa Vifell, Score.

Date of the award: 2007-2009. Amount: 1 945 000 SEK

Research project: *The politics and practices of capability: Lifelong learning for all in a knowledge-intense worklife?* granted from the Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet)

Principle applicant: Christina Garsten, Score, Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics.

Co-applicants: Agneta Hult, Department of Pedagogy, Umeå University, Jessica Lindvert, Score and Renita Thedvall, Score. Date of the award: 2005-2008. Amount: 3 000 000 SEK

Research programme: *The New Regulation* granted from The Swedish Foundation for humanities and social sciences (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond).

Principle applicants: Nils Brunsson, Score, Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics.

Co-applicants: Magnus Boström, Score; Staffan Furusten, Score; Kerstin Jacobsson, Score; Anna-Maria Lagrelius, Score; Ulrika Mörth, Score; Kristina Tamm Hallström, Score och Renita Thedvall, Score. Date of the award: 2001-2006. Amount: 13 600 000 SEK

Research collaborations

Meeting Ethnography: Research in and on an ubiquitous modern ritual 2013-present

Collaborative project with Jen Sandler, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

- Designed and held invited paper workshop at Score - Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research, Stockholm University in 2013, 8 faculty participants.
- Designed and held invited paper workshop at the Institute for Social Science Research at UMass Amherst, summer 2014, 9 faculty participants.
- Developed and secured contract for edited volume based on papers presented in these two workshops (in progress).
- Received Research Initiation Grant from the Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences Riksbankens Jubileumsfond to develop international network of meeting ethnographers
- Designed and held 3-day conference/workshop with 16 participants at UMass Amherst, October 2015

Network: *Ethnographic Research into Public Sector Reforms: an interdisciplinary research network across Denmark, the UK, and Sweden*

- Co-ordinator: Bagga Bjerge, Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus University, Denmark.
- Participants Denmark: Nina Holm Vohnsen, Section for Anthropology, Aarhus University. Karen Boll, Department of Organizations, CBS, Jakob Krause-Jensen, Department of Learning and Philosophy, Aalborg University. Marie Østergaard Møller, KORA. Toke Bjerregaard, Department of Business Administration, Aarhus University.
- Participants UK: R. A. W. Rhodes, Department for Politics and International Relations, Southampton University. Mike Rowe, Management School, University of Liverpool. Katherine Smith, Social Anthropology, University of Manchester.
- Participants Sweden: Renita Thedvall, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University. Helena Stensöta Olofsdotter, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg. Sara Hultquist, Department of Social Work, Linnæus University. Dates 2015-2017.

Transnationell reglering och statens omvandling (Transnational regulation and the transformation of the state)

- Co-ordinators: Kerstin Sahlin-Andersson and Bengt Jacobsson, Score, Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics
- Participants: Christina Blomkvist, Lund University; Christina Garsten, Score; Kerstin Jacobsson, Score; Håkan Magnusson, Lund University; Ulrika Mörth, Score; Malena Britz Score; Tina Hedmo, Uppsala University; Mats Jutterström, Score; David Lerdell, Score; Svante Nieminen, Uppsala University; Göran Sundström, Score; Renita

Thedvall, Score; Jan Turtinen, Score; Linda Wedlin, Uppsala University and Åsa Vifell, Score. Dates: 1998-2002

EUROCAP - (Social Dialogue, Employment and Territories. Towards a European Politics of Capabilities)

- Co-ordinator: Robert Salais, École Normale Supérieure de Cachan, Paris, France
- Co-ordinator in Sweden: Christina Garsten, Score, Stockholm University
- Collaborating Universities: École Normale Supérieure de Cachan, France; EHESS, France; Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Économiques, France; Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Ange Guépin, France; Université de Paris X-Nanterre, France; University of Fribourg, Switzerland; Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium; Observatoire Social Européen, Belgium; University of Warwick, United Kingdom; University of Cambridge, United Kingdom; University of Oxford, United Kingdom; Stockholm University, Sweden; University of Bamberg, Germany; Soziologisches Forschungsinstitut Göttingen (SOFI), Germany and Fondazione Regionale Pietro Seveso, Italy. Dates: 2002-2006

University teaching/advising experience

Courses taught as Senior lecturer or advisor, all in all 721 lecture hours equivalent to 2424 clock hours.

Graduate level

Supervisor Master Thesis, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University
 Research Methods and Methodology Master level, Södertörn University
 Organizational analysis, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University

Undergraduate level

History of Anthropological Theory, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University
 Supervisor Bachelor thesis, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.
 Thesis preparatory course, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.
 Anthropology of working life, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University.

Professional skills, Associations and Services

Research Director, Score (Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research) at Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics 1 Feb 2017- 31 Jan 2020.

Deputy Director 10% at Score, (Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research) at Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics 2013– ongoing.

Director of Studies, basic level Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University 2010 - 2016.

Treasurer, SANT (Swedish Anthropological Association). 2012-2014

Language

Swedish, English and basic French

Services to the Academic field

Appointment as a faculty examiner or member of an examining committee

2016 Member of examination board of PhD manuscript Trine Thorvaldsen (NTNU Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Trondheim, Norway.

2016. Examiner PhD manuscript final seminar by Johanna Gullberg, Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University 18 January.

2013 Examiner of 60% PhD manuscript by Maria Eidenskog, Department of Thematic Studies - Technology and Social Change, Linköping university, 15 May.

2010, 2nd faculty examiner and member of the examination board at Copenhagen University at Charlotte Siiger doctoral defence on Politik og praksis i hverdagen. En antropologisk undersøgelse af intentioner og pragmatik i det sociale arbejde på boformer for hjemløse Institut for antropologi, 12 February.

Referee assignments and membership of editorial/advisory boards

2016 reviewer of book manuscript for Manchester University Press.

2015 member of the editorial board of the book series *Political and Administrative Ethnographies*, Manchester University Press founded by R.A.W. Rhodes, Southampton University, Karen Boll, Copenhagen Business School (CBS) and Nina Holm Vohnsen, Aarhus University.

2012 Reviewer of a book manuscript for the EASA (European Association of Social Anthropology) book price.

2010-2012 Editor of the Score working paper series together with Adrienne Sörbom 2010-08-01 – 2012-08-31 at Score (Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research) at Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics

Reviewer of articles in Anthropological Journal of European Culture 2015, Current Anthropology 2014, Journal of Business Anthropology 2014, Journal of Cleaner Production 2013, Journal of Royal Anthropological Institute in 2012, Ephemera in 2012, Organizations 2012, Public Administration in 2008, 2009 and 2011, The European Management Journal in 2009 and Nordiska Organisationsstudier (NOS) in 2007.

Professional Memberships

AAA (American Anthropological Association)

EASA (European Association for Social Anthropology)

SANT (Swedish Anthropological Association)