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## Research positions

**2022 -** **Professor of Rural Development in the Global South, at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU, Sweden.**

<https://internt.slu.se/en/cv-originals/flora-hajdu/>

**2011 - 2022** **Researcher at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, SLU, Sweden.**  
**Associate Professor (Docent) in Rural Development since 2014**

### **Research projects at SLU:**

- *Grass Ceiling – Gender Equality in Rural and Agricultural Systems.* Project participant, co-applicant. Horizon Europe- funded consortium of 25 research institutions across the EU, total funds 2,8 million EUR. Swedish team of three researchers (project leader Katarina Pettersson) and one collaborating institution got approx. 1,9 million SEK.

- *“We are planting trees in Africa”: Swedish discourses and local effects of carbon forestry projects in African localities.* Project leader, main applicant. Funded by Formas Negative emissions call with 5,4 mill. SEK, period 2020-2023.

- *Towards more sustainable consumption of carbon emission reductions: A tool for assessing social dimensions of tree planting in low-income countries.* Project leader, main applicant. Funded by Formas Research into practice call with 2 mill. SEK, period 2020-2022.

- *Can cash transfers have long-term effects on rural livelihoods poor countries: Learning lessons from the effects of the child grant in South Africa.* Project leader, main applicant, main supervisor of PhD student. Funded by Formas Young research leaders grant with 3,7 mill. SEK, period 2015-20

- *Social cash transfers, generational relations and youth poverty trajectories in rural Lesotho and Malawi.* Co-investigator, funded by ESRC-DFID, 2015-19.

- *The prospects for Swedish farming: Agrarian change and household strategies.* Co-investigator, co-applicant, project leader since 2019, funded by Formas 2016-19.

- *Conservation for carbon or communities? Swedish climate and community forestry initiatives in Uganda and Tanzania.* Project leader, main applicant, funded by Sida/Vr with 2,6 mill. SEK, 2013-16.

- *Large scale agro investments in Africa – impacts on smallholder land access and food security.* Co-investigator, main supervisor of PhD student, project leader since 2014. Funded by Formas and Sida, 2012-2015.

- 2008 - 2011**     **Researcher** at **Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development**, Sweden. Part-time work (35%) on research project entitled “*Global Patterns of Production and Consumption: Current Problems and Future Possibilities*”. Co-applicant, project coordinator. Funded by the Swedish Research Council (Vr) 2008-2011.
- 2009**            **Guest Researcher** at Centre for African Studies and St Antony’s College, **Oxford University** during Hilary Term 2009. This was part of postdoctoral research during January – September 2009, funded by a grant from Nils-Erik Svenssons Fund, The Swedish Bank Tertiary Foundation (Riksbankens jubileumsfond).
- 2007 - 2008**     Employment as postdoctoral **Researcher** at **Brunel University**, West London. Full-time work on research project “*Averting ‘New Variant Famine’ in Southern Africa: Building Food Secure Rural Livelihoods with AIDS affected Young People*”. The work included 10 months of fieldwork in rural Malawi and Lesotho, followed by analysis of research results and dissemination at workshops and conferences locally as well as internationally, and writing of reports and articles. Read more at: <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/shssc/research/chg/research-projects/averting-new-variant-famine>
- 2008**            **Co-Investigator** in research project entitled “*Trading Out of Poverty? The Socio-Spatial Impacts of Lesotho’s Garment Industry*”. National University of Lesotho and Brunel University, London.

### PhD education

- 2001 - 2006**     Employment as **PhD student** at Department of Water and Environmental Studies (Tema Vatten), **Linköping University**, Sweden.  
**Doctorate degree** on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2006.  
**Thesis title:** *Local Worlds – Rural Livelihood Strategies in Eastern Cape, South Africa*.  
**Research School affiliation:** Cefo, Centre for Environment and Development Studies, Uppsala university/SLU.  
**Supervisors:** Prof. Anders Hjort af Ornäs, Linköping University, Prof. Lennart Strömquist, Uppsala University, Dr. Annika Dahlberg, Stockholm University.

### Primary, secondary and tertiary education

- 1996-2000**     **MSc degree** at **Uppsala University**, Sweden. Interdisciplinary degree combining subjects from three Faculties: Geography, Anthropology and Earth Sciences. Bachelor’s thesis in Human Geography on participatory water resources management, fieldwork was carried out during three months in India, funded by Sida grant. Master’s thesis in Human Geography on tourism as a means for local development, one month of fieldwork in South Africa, funded by a VR grant.
- 1993/1994**     High School Studies at Pinole Valley High School, Pinole, California, USA.
- 1983-1996**     Elementary and High School (Natural science orientation), Uppsala, Sweden.

### Research coordination and academic leadership positions

- 2019-2021**     **Steering Group Board Member** of the **Swedish development research network (SweDev)**. Together with a group of prominent Swedish development researchers, we initiated this network, established it, drafted governing procedures, acquired funding and started up a website, membership registry and various activities for development researchers, teachers and crossing the research-practitioner divide.

- 2018 -2021** **Acting Subject Representative of Rural Development in the Global South**, for four years I performed essentially the same responsibilities as the Chair professor in our subject would have, including responsibility for budgeting and academic leadership of this research subject at Division of Rural Development, SLU.
- 2017 - 2019** **Vice Head of Department**, with special responsibility for the research related issues, Department of Urban and Rural Development, SLU. Three year term.
- 2015 - 2017** **Steering Group Board Member** of Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development.
- 2009 - 2011** **Co-ordinator for DevNet, the Development Research Network for Nature, Poverty and Power** at Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University (part-time work). Organising conferences, seminars, workshops and networking activities for development researchers in Sweden.
- 2009-2010** **Co-ordinator for Cefo Research School** at Centre for Environment and Development Studies, Uppsala University (part-time work). The work involved supporting PhD students with interdisciplinary activities in environment and development related subjects, including organising a seminar series, PhD courses, events and excursions, administering travel grants, etc.
- 2003-2004** **Research Secretary** for IGFA (International Group of Funding Agencies for Global Change Research), at the Swedish Research Council Formas (50%). Secretary of the IGFA Steering Committee, Chair of the IGFA Staff Group, produced two reports of the IGFA Annual Meetings, planned and executed IGFA Annual Conferences in Cape Town 2003 and Reykjavik 2004. Participated in Group on Earth Observations (GEO) conference in Cape Town, 2004, representing the organisation.
- 2000** **Research assistant**, Linköping University, Institute of Tema Research. Duties included project preparations for South African research co-operation, a one-month introductory visit to South Africa and writing of research applications.

### Supervision of PhD students at the Department of Urban and Rural Development, SLU

- 2024 -** **Co-supervisor of PhD student Deeksha Sharma**
- 2022 - 2024** **Co-supervisor of PhD student Stanislaus Butungo**, who defended his thesis: "Access To Land in the Context of HIV and AIDS in Lyamba Ward, Rural Tanzania" on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. <https://publications.slu.se/?file=publ/show&id=127524>
- 2015 - 2020** **Main supervisor of PhD student Stefan Granlund**, who defended his thesis: "The promise of payday: Exploring the role of state cash transfers in post-apartheid rural South Africa" on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Main supervisor since recruitment 2015-2020. <https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/16691/>
- 2013 - 2019** **Main supervisor of PhD student Jovita Amurwon**, who defended her thesis: "Responding to chronic illness - a case study from rural Uganda" on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019. I was Co-supervisor since 2013, main supervisor since May 2014. <https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/16337/>
- 2012 - 2018** **Main supervisor of PhD student Linda Engström**, who defended her thesis: "Development delayed: Exploring the failure of a Large-Scale Agricultural Investment in Tanzania to deliver promised outcomes on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018. I was co-supervisor 2012-2014 and main supervisor from May 2014. <https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/15590/>

**2006 - 2013**    **Co-supervisor of PhD student Klara Jacobson (Fischer)**, who defended her thesis “From Betterment to Bt maize: Agricultural Development and the Introduction of Genetically Modified Maize to South African Smallholders” on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013.  
<https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/10406/>

### Teaching and educational assignments

- 2024**            **Course leader for the 7,5 ECTS online PhD course** “Introduction to Rural development in the Global South”, a core course within our research subject at Division of Rural Development, SLU. This was the second time this course was given.
- 2021**            **Initiated and led course development for the PhD course** “Rural development in the Global South”, a new core course within our research subject with the same name, at Division of Rural Development, SLU. Was also **vice course leader** the first time the course was given, spring 2021.
- 2021**            **Part of course development group** for an introductory course in a new policies candidate (pol. kand.) program in Sustainable Development at SLU, joint project between Department of Urban and rural development and Department of Economics.
- 2021-22**        **Part of course development group** for the course “Rural areas in the climate transition” for the Agriculture Program at Division of Rural development, SLU.
- 2021**            **Organised SweDev’s Teacher’s workshop** together with two other researchers from Swedish universities in October 2021. Lead a working group on “decolonial teaching”.
- 2018 -2021**    **Member of Society and Landscape Research School Steering Board, SLU**, representing the subject Rural Development.
- 2017**            Representing the Department of Urban and Rural Development in the **NJ Faculty Research Education Board, SLU**.
- 2012 - 2017**    Representing the Division of Rural Development in the **Research Education Board** at Dept. of Urban and Rural Development, SLU.
- 2014 - 2015**    **Guest lecturer** at the course Ecology of Farming Systems, SLU Alnarp.
- 2014**            **Course leader** for PhD course “Introduction to Nvivo social scientific software”, SLU.
- 2012**            **Lecturer** at PhD course on “African Environmental History”, SLU.
- 2012-**            **Lecturing, leading seminars, providing course literature and exam questions** at five different undergraduate level courses in the Agriculture Program at SLU.
- 2012-**            **Lecturing, leading seminars and providing course literature** at three master’s level courses in the Master’s Programme on Rural Development and Natural Resource Management, SLU and the Master’s programme in Sustainable Development UU/SLU
- 2012-**            **Guest lecturer** in teacher training programmes at Department of Human Geography, Uppsala University
- 2010-12**        **Guest lecturer** in field preparation courses for students who have received a Minor Field Study scholarship from Swedish Sida to do fieldwork in Global South countries.
- 2009**            **Guest lecturer** on Sustainable Development mainstreaming, for all staff at the Department of Molecular Sciences, SLU

- 2009 - 2012**     **Lecturing** on degradation myths in Africa and on academic reading and writing in the undergraduate courses Sustainable Development A and B. **Supervision** of B-level student writing projects and correction of **Exams**, at Centre for Environment and Development Studies, Uppsala University.
- 2006 - 2007**     **Student counsellor**, Department of Cultural and Economic Geography, Uppsala Univ. The work included administration of courses and the student registration database, counselling of students and maintenance of the department's homepage.
- 2003-2004**     **Course leader** for *Environmental and Social Impact Assessment*, 7,5 ECTS for the International Master's Course on Water Resources and Sustainable Livelihoods, Linköping University. The work entailed full responsibility for the course as well as lecturing and supervision of writing assignments.
- 2002-2003**     **Vice course leader** and lecturer at for *Environmental and Social Impact Assessment*, 7,5 ECTS in the International Master's Course on Water Resources and Sustainable Livelihoods, Linköping University

### Expert / Referee /PhD examination – selected assignments

- 2024**             **Expert role in relation to carbon offsetting and negative emissions**, Expert board discussions at Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
- 2024**             **Expert evaluator** for a **Routledge handbook proposal**, Routledge publisher.
- 2023**             **Expert evaluator** for an **Associate professor evaluation**, LUCSUS, Lund University.
- 2022**             **Expert evaluator** for an **Assistant Senior Lecturer position** at LUCSUS, Lund University
- 2021**             **Expert advisor** to group developing new study plan for **Geography** in Sweden
- 2020-**             **Expert advisor** to group developing the **national level tests for Geography** in Swedish primary schools
- 2021**             **Expert reviewer** contributing to the **IPCC Sixth Assessment Report**
- 2020**             **Member of Examination Board** for PhD Luigi Piemontese, Stockholm Resilience Centre.
- 2020**             **Expert** contributing to referral for **new Swedish climate policy**
- 2019**             **Expert evaluator for a Senior Lecturer position** at Södertörns högskola
- 2018**             **Opponent for predissertation seminar** for Juliana Porsani, Södertörns högskola
- 2017**             **Member of Examination Board** for PhD Marat Murzabekov, Human Geography, Uppsala University.
- 2017**             **Member of Examination Board** for PhD Jamila Haider, Stockholm Resilience Centre.
- 2015**             **Opponent at licenciate defense** of Jamila Haider, Stockholm Resilience Centre
- 2008 -**             **Peer reviewer** for a wide range of journals, including *Ambio*, *International Development Planning Review*, *Journal of Environmental Management*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change*, etc.
- 2005**             Part of an **Evaluation Group** with the task of evaluating the work of the Collegium for Development Studies at Uppsala University.

## Leave of absence

**Total:** approximately 20 months full-time leave in total since PhD

2011-06-01 - 2011-12-31	Maternity leave 100% for 7 months
2012-01-01 - 2012-05-01	Maternity leave 50% for 4 months
2012-05-01 - 2012-08-20	Sick leave 100% for 4 months
2012-12-13 - 2013-01-12	Sick leave 100% for 1 month
2013-01-13 - 2013-06-30	Maternity leave 20% for 6 months
2016-08-01 – 2017-01-30	Sick leave adding up to 75% for 6 months

## Language and computer skills

Fluent in speech, reading and writing of *Swedish* and *English*. Good knowledge of *Hungarian*, especially in speech. Limited knowledge of *German*, *French*, *IsiXhosa*, *Chichewa*, *Sesotho*, *Swahili*.

Good computer knowledge, including office package, and some proficiency of GIS (Geographical Information Systems), various databases, NVivo social scientific research software, web publishing and social media.