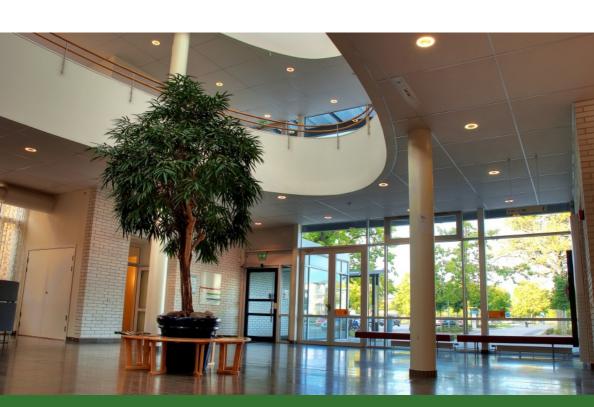


Report

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1. Introduction

Gender Studies at Örebro University is a vibrant environment for research and education. The research is conducted under the umbrella of The Centre for Feminist Social Science Studies (CFS). The discipline hosts around 100 students each year enrolled in first or second cycle courses or the PhD programme.

The year 2021 was yet another year with restrictions due to the covid pandemic. Despite the challenges the pandemic has posed to research and teaching, 2021 was a prolific year for Gender Studies faculty. New projects were started, applications to Horizon, VR, Forte and Vinnova were granted funding, several new postdocs were hired, Amund Rake Hoffart successfully defended his thesis, a new senior lecturer was hired, and all faculty has had their work published in various channels, e.g., in high-ranking international journals such as *Plos One, Gender, Work & Organization, Journal of European Social Policy* and *NORMA: International Journal for Masculinity Studies*. Gender Studies was very positively evaluated by the ORU 2020 evaluation. Despite these successes, challenges remain, in particular those related to the lack of administrative support for research activities, the lack of career-paths for senior lecturers, precarious employment conditions for scholars at all levels, and the vulnerability which comes with being a numerically small discipline with a low number of permanent positions.

Gender Studies launched the new intermediate course in the first cycle studies and planned for the advanced course, which started in spring 2022. Work descriptions for course coordinators, course module coordinators and director of studies (kurskoordinator) were developed. In this context, the discipline benefitted from the instigation of a director of studies responsible for pedagogical development and strategies for quality, development, and coordination of education in the discipline. Gender Studies also received positive reviews from the Faculty Board regarding its quality evaluation of the undergraduate and PhD education. A challenge for the upcoming year will be to attract students to the courses, and to seek collaboration with other disciplines in order to integrate Gender Studies into a first cycle programme.

In terms of outreach, Gender Studies was responsible for organizing the Gexcel Gender dialogue (genusdialog) at the Swedish Riksdag, and the Gender Mingel, the collaboration with the County Administrative Board [Länsstyrelsen] in Örebro, was re-started. Faculty from Gender Studies has participated in various outreach activities and been interviewed in media.

1.1 Faculty and PhD-student presentations

Rukaya Al Zayani is a doctoral student in the Gender Studies department at Örebro University. Their research interest are gender, sexuality and queer theory, violence, and forced migration. Rukaya is researching technology-facilitated violence against the Queer community in Turkey. They are exploring online Queer intimacies to investigate the different modalities of violence in light of queering non-Western intimacies. Rukaya is currently a

fellow at the Swedish Institute in Istanbul where they are conducting their fieldwork. Rukaya has been co-teaching 2 courses in Gender Studies, Gender Equality and the Nordic Welfare States and Gender, Power, and Politics.

Tobias Axelsson holds a PhD in Gender Studies. He works as senior lecturer in Social Studies Education, and postdoctoral researcher in Gender Studies. During 2021, Tobias has worked with analysing narratives and disseminating research results from the research project *RESISTIRÉ: Responding to Outbreaks through Co-creative Inclusive Equality Strategies* (funded by the EU Horizon 2020). He has published an article on preschool managers' understanding of their gender equality duty in the Swedish preschool. Furthermore, Tobias has evaluated the Education discipline at Örebro University from a gender equality perspective and has been part of a reference group of researchers connected to the Family Law and Parental Support Authority (Myndigheten för familjerätt och föräldraskapsstöd).

Dag Balkmar is Docent and Senior Lecturer in Gender Studies and do research on men and masculinities; sustainable mobilities; car cultures; cycling cultures; families mobilities; transport and social sustainability; violence; policy; entrepreneurship; norm-critique and organizational change. During 2021 he has worked with several projects; the GENDER-NET plus project Overcoming the Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Gender Divide - A Cross-Cultural Perspective (GENRE, PI for Swedish part, funded by Vetenskapsrådet); the interactive research project Gear up! Implementing a model for diversity and inclusion, in collaboration with the Volvo Group (funded by Vinnova); the study on the feasibility of electrical road E22 with a particular focus on social sustainability (with NetPort Science Park, BTH, RISE and Ernst & Young, funded by Tillväxtverket); the project Circular economy by upgraded aggregates and demolition material, in collaboration with Swerock (funded by Vinnova); RESISTIRE: Responding to outbreaks through co-creative inclusive equality strategies. With EU-partners from the UK, France, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Turkey, France and Czech Republic, (funded by EU commission); the project Families' everyday mobility in socially vulnerable neighbourhoods: conditions, negotiations and challenges for sustainable urbanism (funded by Formas). The aim of the last project is to investigate how families living in socially deprived and ethnically diverse neighborhoods in three middle-sized cities in Sweden, move around on an everyday basis, and how family members manage and experience their everyday mobility. His research is mainly qualitative, based on interviews, narratives, ethnographic field work, workshops, mobile methods and interactive research methods.

Betel Birhanu has been working as a postdoctoral researcher in Gender Studies since September 2021. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Zurich and is currently working on her project titled "Youth-led Social Movements in a Shrinking Civic Space in the Horn and East Africa." This 2-year-long project is funded by Vinnova's "MSCA EF Seal of Excellence" program. During the year, Betel collaborated with Equality Insights Ltd. and developed workplace gender equality and gender-based violence policies for StrongMinds - a social enterprise that provides mental health services to women in Sub-Saharan Africa. She was also a Visiting Researcher at the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, from November to December 2021, Furthermore, together with colleagues from Addis Ababa University, Betel contributed a chapter on social media

campaigns to end violence against women to a forthcoming book, edited by Pellerin, C., and Cochrane, L.

Ida Maria Börjesson is a doctoral student in Gender Studies at Örebro University and holds an MA in Gender Studies from Södertörn University. She is in the process of finalizing her thesis focusing on career networks for women as a feminist strategy for change. In the fall of 2021 Ida Maria worked as a project assistant for *Demokratimässan 2021* which was a joint project between Örebro University, Gothenburg University and Stockholm University. In relation to the 100-year anniversary of the Swedish equal vote, the project arranged a one-day event for high school students with lectures and workshops on issues of democracy. During the fall semester of 2021, Ida Maria was also involved in teaching at ground level courses in both gender studies and sociology.

Orianna Calderón Sandoval was hired as a postdoctoral researcher in Gender Studies at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences from February to December 2021. Her work has focused on the design, implementation and evaluation/problematisation of gender equality policies in the Spanish and Swedish film industries. She published the article 'Implementing Gender Equality Policies in the Spanish Film Industry' in the *International Journal of Cultural Policy*, and submitted three more manuscripts co-written with professor Maria Jansson. Also with professor Jansson, and colleagues from the University of Granada, University of Bergen and the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre, Calderón worked on a project application for the call CHANSE - Collaboration of Humanities and Social Sciences in Europe. She applied for two European conferences, and she got a two-year postdoc grant at the University of Granada and the University Pompeu Fabra called 'Margarita Salas grant for the training of young doctors'.

Anne-Charlott Callerstig has in collaboration with JPS started a one-year interactive pilot project within ORU on gender mainstreaming that will run August 2021-August 2022, "Modellinstitution", which engages staff at JPS together with Elin Weiss, Felicia Garcia, Jonas Andersson and Anna-Karin Larsson (project group at ORU). In the project a model for the practical work is being tested and evaluated. The project is conducted together with experts and researchers including external actors from SALAR, Swedish Gender Equality Agency and University of Gävle. From Gender Studies Liisa Husu is part of the expert group. Link to the initiative: https://www.oru.se/institutioner/juridik-psykologi-och-socialt-arbete/jamstalldhet-och-lika-villkor/modellinstitution/

Maria Darwish is a doctoral student in the Gender Studies department at Örebro University. Her research interests include (neo-)Nazism, fascism, critical theory, discourse studies, human ecology and environmentalism. Maria is researching the relationship between ecofascism, affect and gender. She is interested in the developments of fascism in a warming world, and thus examines ecofascist responses to the ecological and climate crisis. She also co-teaches a sociology course on qualitative methods.

Lena Gunnarsson is Docent in Gender Studies and was employed as a researcher in Gender Studies during 2021. She has devoted the main part of the year to research, but has also taught in Gender Studies, Sociology and Social Science, alongside being coordinator for the basic

course in Gender Studies. She was a PI for a Forte funded project on sugar dating, that started 2019 and will go on until 2022. Two articles reporting key results from this project were published in Journal of Sex Research and Social Problems, and Lena also spoke about this research in media and events organized by social actors. She also worked in a Forte funded project led by Maria Wemrell, Lund University, addressing women's alternative knowledge claims about the risks of the copper IUD and the HPV vaccine. During the year Lena became member of the Committee for Research and Research Education, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. As a member of that committee aming other things she co-organized away-days for doctoral students to support them in their writing. She served her final year as co-supervisor of Amund Rake Hoffart who successfully defended his thesis in the Fall.

Jeff Hearn was Senior Professor in Gender Studies. During 2021, he was part of three funded projects: Regimes of Violence (VR), UniSAFE (EU) and GRANteD (EU). Publications in 2021 included international refereed articles in: Boyhood Studies; Journal of European Social Policy; NORMA:the International Journal for Masculinity Studies; PLOS ONE; Violence Against Women; Work, Employment and Society; and chapters in: The Routledge Handbook of the Politics of the #MeToo Movement; Routledge Handbook of Feminist Peace Research; Violence, Gender and Affect; The Routledge Handbook on Gender and EU Politics; Sexualities, Transnationalism, and Globalization; Vibrant Collaboration; Men, Masculinities, and the Earth: Contending with the (m)Anthropocene; Transitioning to Gender Equality. The book, Age at Work: Ambiguous Boundaries of Organizations, Organizing and Ageing, was published with Wendy Parkin to critical acclaim. He continued as Co-Membership Secretary of RINGS, the 70 institution-strong International Association of Research Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies, and Co-Managing Editor, Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality book series, as well as presenting several international keynotes.

Amund Rake Hoffart is Lecturer in Gender Studies at ORU since August 2021. He holds a PhD in Gender Studies from Örebro University and an MA in Philosophy from the University of Oslo. His research interests include feminist philosophy and critique, philosophy of science and gender research terminology. He defended his PhD thesis, *Intersectional Intersectionality? Interpretative Politics in Metacommentaries on Intersectionality*, in October 2021. In addition to his own PhD research project, he has also been involved in two other ORU-based research projects during the year: "Mellan relation och prostitution: Sugardejting och omförhandlingen av gränsen mellan ekonomi och intimitet" (PI Lena Gunnarsson) and "Vem kan man lita på?" (PI Maria Jansson). He is a board member of *NORA – Nordic Association of Feminist and Gender Research* and *SGF – Swedish Association for Gender Researchers*.

Liisa Husu is Senior Professor in Gender Studies, and Co-Director (for the Örebro part) of the GEXcel International Collegium. In 2021, her research activities were mainly focused on two European research projects, the Horizon2020 project GRANTeD (Grant allocation disparities from gender perspective), with Professor Helen Peterson (ORU, Sociology), and Horizon2020 project UniSAFE on gender-based violence in universities, together with Sofia Strid and Jeff Hearn. Furthermore, she was engaged as a scientific advisor in several resarch,

action or policy projects related to gender equality in academia, including: the Chalmers University of Technology 10-year gender equality project GENIE; the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture funded national research and policy project KOTAMO on gender equality, diversity and inclusion among the academic staff of universities and polytechnics in Finland; Lund University Science Faculty gender equality action project; and acts as a scientific advisor for the European Women Rectors Association EWORA. She edited a special issue of the journal *Feminist Encounters* on Feminist encounters of science and technology, together with Gabriele Griffin and Yvonne Benschop. Husu was a reviewer for two Gender Studies professorships, at Umeå University and at Åbo Akademi in Finland, as well as acted as a reviewer for the Senior Academic Leadership Initiative (SALI) of the Irish Higher Education Authority (HEA). Amund Hoffart, whom she was the main doctoral supervisor, defended successfully his doctoral thesis in Gender Studies on Intersectional Intersectionality in October.

Maria Jansson is Professor in Gender Studies and head of discipline. In 2021 she has been working on her project "Representing Women: Gendering the Swedish Film Industry" (funded by RJ) and the project "Vem kan man lita på?" (funded by VR). She has also been involved in the celebration of Democracy 100 years, in a project called "Demokratimässa" commissioned by the Swedish government. The event "Demokratimässan" was held in November and around 380 upper secondary school students participated in the on-line event. The celebration of Democracy 100 years was also celebrated with a series of seminars at the faculty, which she arranged in collaboration with dean Thomas Denk. She was guest editor for a special section of *Gender, Work & Organizaion* together with Louise Wallenberg (SU). She is the representative of Örebro in the board of ÄG – Ämnesgruppen för genusvetenskap.

Zara Saeidzadeh works as a senior lecturer in Gender Studies. Zara was hired as a researcher (60%) and a lecturer (40%) for one year from 1 April 2021 to 1 April 2022. As a researcher Zara joined the Violence Regime project led by Sofia Strid and funded by VR in which she has worked on violence against trans* people in the EU under a sub-project called "The Politics, Expression and Prevalence of Violence against Trans* People in the EU" which has led to paper presentations and writing as well as receiving funds for organizing an international symposium on Trans* and Violence. Moreover, Zara has been working in a project on "LAWGEM: New Quality in Education for Gender Equality" funded by ERASMUS which has resulted in writing syllabi and chapters for the textbook as well as launching Gender Legal Clinic in collaboration with Susanne Strand, Associate Professor in Criminology, ORU. Zara will start her new position as a postdoctoral researcher funded by FORTE as of April 2022 for two years. She will lead her project which is on "Violence against Trans* Women within Family and Workplace in Sweden: A Qualitative Analysis of Socio-Legal Status".

Sofia Strid is Senior Lecturer and docent in Gender Studies, one of two Directors of the Centre for Violence Studies (CVS), and a co-director of the three-university GEXcel International Collegium for Advanced Transdisciplinary Gender Studies at ORU. In 2021, Sofia became an Honorary Research Fellow at Oxford Brookes University (UK). Her primary focus during the year has been research, outreach and service. She's been the Scientific

Coordinator of three EU H2020 research and innovation projects: "RESISTIRÉ: Responding to outbreaks through co-creative inclusive equality strategies" (2021-2024); "UniSAFE: Gender-based violence and institutional responses" (2021-2024), and "ACCTING: Advancing behavioural change through an inclusive green deal" (2021-2025); the PI of the VR funded "Violence regimes" (2018-2022); and a partner in the Swedish national prevalence study on men's violence against women, and in the FORTE funded project on sugar dating, led by Lena Gunnarsson. Some key publications from these include two from the violence regimes project (Journal of European Social Policy, PLOS ONE), two from the sugar dating project (Journal of Sex Research, Social Problems), and four deliverables to the European Commission. In terms of outreach, Sofia co-organised the monthly outreach lunch-time seminar on men's violence, the annual ORU research/practitioner conference on men's violence against women, and a series of research/practitioner seminars in collaboration with the County Administrative Board; the GEXcel Annual Gender Dialogue with Swedish members of parliament, where she also presented research results. She also launched, together with Susanne Strand, the popular science journal Texts about violence. In terms of service, she led the recruitment of five postdoctoral researchers in Gender Studies, and continued her work as an elected faculty member of the Faculty Board of Humanities and Social Sciences. As for education, she developed a second-year module on feminist violence studies, and gave lectures at PhD level. She continued the supervision of three PhD students and held training sessions on sexual harassment at the Gender Equality Academy. Further on education, she was a partner in the ERASMUS funded LAWGEM, an education project to develop an international master's in law and gender, where she contributed the development of the curricula and courses and with two chapters to the LAWGEM student textbook. Finally, in mid-2021, Sofia ended her service as the Chair of NORA and took on the position as Section Chair on Gender-Based Violence at the ECPR-Gender.

Evelina Johansson Wilén is a researcher in Gender studies and director of studies. She is a board member of *NORA – Nordic Association of Feminist and Gender Research* and *SGF – Swedish Association for Gender Researchers*. During 2021 she has mainly been working in the project "Köns och genusperspektiv som indikatorer på kvalitet inom humaniora, samhällsoch utbildningsvetenskap", funded by Riksbankens jubileumsfond. She has co-edited two anthologies: *Vad är en kvinna? Språk, materialitet, situation* (Daidalos) and *Ideologikritik* (Studentlitteratur), and has published a first article in the RJ-project as well as several texts in non-academic press.

2. Research

Several large research projects were ongoing and the year 2021 saw several new research grants and publications from Gender Studies. Amund Hoffart defended his PhD thesis on Intersectional Intersectionality, and doctoral students Rukaya Al-Zayani and Maria Darwish presented their research plans.

2.1 Research activities

The core of research in Gender Studies is the research environment Centre for Feminist Social Science Studies (CFS). This seminar doubles as "higher seminar" for Gender Studies. In 2021 the seminar convened on average every three weeks. The seminars have been held

over zoom, because of pandemic restrictions. Most seminars have been devoted to discussing papers written by the participants, but there have also been seminars with external presenters.

The Centre for Violence Studies (CVS) at Örebro University is an international inter- and multidisciplinary research center directed by Gender Studies and Criminology and comprised of researchers at all career stages. It is one of three Faculty funded strategic research environments at ORU. The CVS was established to respond to the complex challenges of violence in society by gathering researchers from multiple disciplines to create interdisciplinary synergies through excellent research and outreach. In 2021, the CVS organised monthly hybrid Higher Seminars with international and national scholars, monthly online Brown Bag Seminars, bi-weekly Junior Network Seminars for early career stage scholars, the Annual ORU Violence Conference on Violence in Young People's Relations, two outreach-oriented Violence Dialogues in collaboration with the County Administrative Board, a Grant Writing Workshop and an Academic Writing Retreat for early career scholars, and it launched its outreach-oriented peer-review journal, *Texts about Violence* [Texter om våld]. The CVS research is funded by VR, FORTE, EU H2020, Swedish Crime Victim Authority, Socialstyrelsen, AFA Insurance, and the Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society, to mention a few funders.

2.1.1 Research groups

Critical Studies on Men and Masculinities (CSMM) has been a rapidly growing area of research within Feminist Studies and Gender Studies over recent decades. This research area analyses men and masculinities in explicitly gendered, and often intersectional, ways in a wide variety of specific local, national and transnational contexts. It builds on extensive international, comparative and postcolonial research in Europe and beyond, and represents a longstanding development of national, Nordic, European and international research, research networks and collaborations. The main research orientation in this area highlights both the naming and the deconstruction of men and masculinities. This research area aims to develop further studies and explorations of: theorising men and masculinities; transnational change around men and masculinities; and men and masculinities in relation to boyhood, digitalisation, emotions, environment, family, history, knowledge production, love, media, music, organisations, patriarchal forms, sexuality, sport, technology, trans* experiences, violence, work, and other empirical, cultural and policy questions. Co-convenor are Daniel Alsareve, Sam de Boise and Zara Saeidzadeh

2.2 Applications and grants

A seminar for discussing applications was held in January 2021. The activity of writing applications has been very active, and successful.

2.2.1 Grant applications, submitted

Anne-Charlott Callerstig: EqualPlace - ett verktyg för jämlika och välmående (digi)fysiska arbetsplatser, partners Ulf Mellström (PI), Centrum för genusforskning (CGF), Karlstad Universitet, VINNOVA, rejected 2021-10-08

Maria Jansson & Orianna Calderón- Sandoval: DIGISCREENS: Identities and Democratic Values on European Digital Screens: Distribution, Reception, and Representation, application to CHANSE (European collaboration, Swedish funding

- institute FORTE) in collaboration with researchers from Norway, Lithuania and Spain. Awaiting decision June 2022.
- **Lena Gunnarsson, Evlina Johansson Wilén** Involuntarily Celibate Men: Gender and Vulnerability in Times of Precarious Love (PI), Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation; rejected
- Evlina Johansson Wilén, Lena Gunnarsson, Involuntarily Celibate Men: Gender and Vulnerability in Times of Precarious Love (co-applicant), Forte; awarded but rejected after we accepted funding for the same project from VR
- **Lena Gunnarsson**. Pornification and its Effects on Young People's Experiences of Sex and Sexual Violence (PI), Forte; rejected in step 2
- **Lena Gunnarsson** Pornification and its Effects on Young People's Experiences of Sex and Sexual Violence (PI), RJ; rejected in step 1 ???
- Sofia Strid, Susanne Strand et al. Prevention_ON, (Partner, PI), partners: CREA-UB. Universitat de Barcelona (CREA-UB) (Coordinator), Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU), Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Art (GC) University of TARTU (UTARTU), Eurocrime Research, Training and Consulting SrL (ECR) Slovenian Police (MNZ), ERTZAINTZA Department of Security Basque Country (GV) Agorà Società Cooperativa Sociale (ASCS), Women's Support and Information Center (WSIC), Norway Innovation Network (NIN), Sabanci University (SU), European Women Lawyers Association (EWLA), Barcelona Supercomputing Center (BSC). EU Horizon Europe; 30 000 000 SEK. Pending decision.
- Sofia Strid, Anne-Charlott Callerstig, Sam de Boise, Daniel Alsarve, Amund Hoffart, et al. GENDERmind: European Centre of Excellence for Inclusive Gender Equality in Research and Innovation, (Partner, PI), partners: European Science Foundation (France; Coordinator); Yellow Window (Belgium, Scientific Coordinator): Smart Venice (Italy); Knowledge and Innovation (Italy); Technical University Dublin (Ireland), Sabancı University (Turkey), Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Czech Sciences (Czech Republic), EU Horizon Europe, 50 000 000 SEK; rejected.
- Susanne Strand, Sofia Strid, Natalie Barker Ruchti, Catherine Tuvblad, Laura Ervo, Runa Baianstovu (CVS) Violence Prevention Studies at the Interdisciplinary Research Environment Centre for Violence Studies, 2022-2028), (co-applicant), VR the Swedish Research Council; 30 000 000; rejected.
- **Sofia Strid** How Organisations Prevent workplace violence Exposure (HOPE) (2022-2028), (co-applicant), partners: Sofia Wikman (PI) (Gävle högskola), Karin Allard (Gothenburg University), Fredrik Bondestam (Gothenburg University), Christina Björklund (Karolinska Institute), FORTE: Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare; 18 000 000 SEK; rejected.
- Linnéa Bruno, Sofia Strid and Hans Ekbrand Financial Abuse Pre and Post Separation. A Qualitative and Quantitative Study on Prevalence, Patterns and Experiences among Children and Parents in Sweden, (oo-applicant), FORTE: Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare, 5 600 000 SEK; rejected in second stage.

- **Zara Saeidzadeh**, Trans* Citizenship in Sweden: A Qualitative Study of Trans* Women's Experiences on Family, Violence and Work. Postdoctoral research project, Forte; rejected on May 21, 2021.
- Jón Ingvar Kjaran (PI), **Zara Saeidzadeh**, France Rose and Mohammad Naeimi, "The Workings of Hetero-/Homonationalism in Producing Violence Regimes Towards the LGBTI-Population: Examples from Iceland, Sweden, and Norway", submitted to NIIK on 29 Sep, 2021. It was rejected on 08, Dec. 2021.

2.2.2 Grants awarded

- Rukaya Al-Zayani. Queering the Lived Experience of Technology-facilitated violence against the Queer Community in Turkey, The Swedish Institute, 36000 SEK.
- **Betel Birhanu**. Youth-led Social Movements in a Shrinking Civic Space in the Horn and East Africa: Implications for Social Policy and Youth-migration, Vinnova; awarded 1.918.560 SEK
- **Orianna Calderón- Sandoval.** Gender (Self)Representations through Spanish Digital Screens. Critical Reception Laboratories. Funding body: Margarita Salas grant for the training of young doctors. University of Granada, 63360 Euros.
- **Lena Gunnarsson, Evlina Johansson Wilén** et al. *Involuntarily Celibate Men: Gender and Vulnerability in Times of Precarious Love* (PI), VR/Swedish Research Council; awarded 4.686.000 SEK
- **Zara Saeidzadeh**, Violence against Trans* Women within Family and Workplace in Sweden: A Qualitative Analysis of Socio-Legal Status, Postdoctoral research project, awarded by Forte on 8 November 2021. Grant no.GD-2021/0028. 2000,000 SEK.
- **Zara Saeidzadeh,** Research Initiation Grant awarded by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (RJ) on 21 November 2021 for organizing an *International Symposium on Trans* and Violence: Theories, Politics and Practices*, Örebro University, Sweden. Grant no. RJF21-0047. 116,000 SEK.
- Sofia Strid, Dag Balkmar, Adam Standring, Carolin Zorell, Magnus Boström (at ORU). ACCTING: AdvanCing behavioural Change Through an Inclusive Green Deal (2021-2025), (Scientific Coordinator and PI). Partners: European Science Foundation (France; Coordinator), Yellow Window (Belgium), Knowledge and Innovation (Italy), Zentrum für Soziale Innovation (Austria), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Norway), ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability European Secretariat (Germany), Sabancı University (Turkey), IGOT (Portugal), South East European Research Centre (Greece), Ion Cuza University of Iasi (Romania), European Citizen Science Association (Germany). EU Horizon 2020; 50 000 000 SEK
- Sofia Strid, Dag Balkmar, Anne-Charlott Callerstig, Jeff Hearn (at ORU) RESISTIRÉ: Responding to Outbreaks through Co-creative Inclusive Equality Strategies (scientific coordinator, PI). Partners: European Science Foundation (France; Coordinator), Yellow Window, Antwerp (Belgium), Oxford Brookes (UK), Knowledge and Innovation (Italy), Universidad de Deusto (Spain), Technical University Dublin (Ireland), Sabancı

University (Turkey), Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Czech Sciences (Czech Republic), Sciensano (Belgium). EU H2020 Call SC1-PHE-CORONAVIRUS-2020-2; 52 000 000 SEK

Sofia Strid, Jeff Hearn, Liisa Husu (at ORU). UniSAFE: Gender-based violence and institutional responses: Building a knowledge base and operational tools to make universities and research organisations safe. (Scientific Coordinator, PI), Partners: Örebro University (Sweden); European Science Foundation (France; Coordinator); Yellow Window (Belgium); Oxford Brookes (UK); Universidad Complutense de Madrid, (Spain), GESIS-Leibniz Institut fur Sozialwissenschaften (Germany); Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Czech Sciences (Czech Republic); Uniwersytet Jagiellonski (Poland), Lietuvod Socialiniu Tyrimu Centras (Lithuania). EU H2020; 36 000 000 SEK.

2.3 Publications

Publications have been numerous in 2021. The edited book *Vad är en kvinna?* (eds. Evelina Johansson Wilén and Johanna Sjöstedt) received several good reviews in the media. Numerous articles have been published in peer-review journals and edited books. The challenge for Gender Studies for the upcoming year will be to uphold the good publication rate.

2.4 International visitors etc

The pandemic has made it difficult to host visiting scholars, and several planned visits have been postponed. This includes the research visit by Swedish Research Council funded Kerstin Hesselgren professor Ann Phoenix, who would visit Örebro Gender Studies for a two week period due to a collaboration between Umeå University and Uppsala University. Gender Studies are also proud to being the host for the Örebro University Honorary Doctor Mieke Verloo, who will be inaugurated in 2022. During the year Gender Studies have also seconded Uppsala University's nomination of Mona-Lena Krook for the Kerstin Hesselgren professorship.

2.5 Presentations at international conferences and presentations/talks in international fora

Faculty from Gender Studies have participated in a number of international conferences as key-notes and presenters, and giving speeches and talks in other international contexts, most of the on-line because of the pandemic.

A selection of appearances in international contexts:

Balkmar, Dag: Conference: Creating a paradigm shift towards gender and equality in smart mobility. 10th Intl Symposium on Travel Demand Management (TDM) & TInnGo and DIAMOND's final conference. <u>Invited Keynote speaker</u>: Women truck drivers and (future) mobile work: Towards gender equal transport futures? November 19, 2021. Online.

- **Anne-Charlott Callerstig:** "Unravelling gender equality certification: lessons learnt and future developments", Centre for Diversity Policy, Research and Practice (CDPRP), Oxford Brookes University, 2021-02-25
- **Jeff Hearn**: Gender-based violence during the Pandemic, Nivedita University, Kolkata, India, organised by Research Committee on Women, Gender and Society (RC 32), International Sociological Association, December 2021.
- **Liisa Husu**: Keynote "Researching gender in academia: looking back and looking forward", FRONT-konferense (Female Researchers on Track), Faculty of Science, University of Oslo, Norway, November 8, 2021.
- **Maria Jansson**: "Hidden Labor Women's Conditions in the Swedish Film Industry". Oxford Brookes Creative Industries Research and Innovation Network (CIRIN), Nov 2, 2021.
- **Zara Saeidzadeh**: Saarland University, "Gender Equality and Sociology of Law" lecture given at Autumn School of Law and Gender, *Gender Equality and Gender Mainstreaming in the Context of International European Law*. Online, 4 October 2021.
- **Strid, Sofia** and Ayse Gül Altınay: Feminist activism and resistances in response to Covid-19 in Europe: Finding the better stories. *Gender, Activism, and Political Theory in Covid Times*, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, October 28-29, 2021.

2.6 PhD-programme

Amund Hoffart defended his thesis on Intersectional Intersectionality on 8 October. The opponent was Kathy Davis from Free University of Amsterdam. Rukaya Al-Zayani and Maria Darwish presented their respective research plans in June. The four PhD-students have also participated in various courses, conferences and other activities during the year.

The Supervisor Collegium has convened 5 times during 2021 to discuss the PhD-programme and follow up supervision. A student representative has been recruited to the Collegium. The Collegium has also begun a process to develop guidelines and codification of the work on quality assurance (kvalitetssäkring) related to the PhD-programme.

3. Education

3.1 First and second cycle courses

The introduction of the intermediate course in gender equality is the most prominent feature of education in Gender Studies in 2021. Much of the work this year has been devoted to the developing and implementing of this course and to plan the advanced course which was launched in January 2022. Evelina Johansson Wilén was appointed director of studies (kurskoordinator), which has been important to promote the development of courses, teaching and pedagogical advancement. Greta Bladh was appointed temporary lecturer and has worked hard to implement the courses.

Evelina Johansson Wilén coordinated the information activities to attract students to the new intermediate and advanced courses. In the autumn semester 2021, 14 students took the intermediate course. The basic Gender Studies course, the online course "Men's violence

against women", and the course "Gender Equality in the Nordic Welfare States" are all working well and have good numbers of applicants. The challenge for the upcoming year will be to attract students also to the intermediate and advanced courses.

In 2021 ORU also evaluated the quality of the education in Gender Studies. Evelina Johansson Wilén, Maria Jansson and head of unit Erik Löfmarck were responsible for this evaluation. The response from the Faculty Board was good and the possibilities for Gender Studies to develop a first cycle programme was discussed.

3.1.1 Activities to reach students

Together with the digital communicator Karl Nyebölle, we have created adds posted on Facebook, targeting mainly young and middle-aged women. We have also done interviews with students, which are published on our ORU-homepage, about their experiences of studying Gender Studies at Örebro university.

3.2 Lawgem Erasmus+ project

The project aims to contribute to socially inclusive higher education and improve the quality of legal education across Europe through gender-sensitive approach. Scholars and practitioners from five countries are involved (Germany, Italy, Spain, Serbia and Sweden) to work towards building an innovative and systemic curriculum of master program in legal studies. The outcomes of the project are: 1) an online platform for life-long learning to raise awareness on gender equality in education system, 2) publication of a text book for the master program (in press and will be published by fall 2022), a reference text book (which is also under publication) and 3) setting up a legal clinic which will take place in May 2022 when a conference will be held at Örebro University. At the moments, discussions are about finding the ways in which the master program can be launched and offered to students at Örebro University.

3.3 Development of teaching and teaching skills

During 2021 we have had four teacher's meetings. During two of these, we have focused on how to work with progression between the different levels. The transition to distance teaching has also been a major issue, and during 2022 we hope to use these experiences to further develop our courses.

3.3.1 Courses in higher ed. teaching

Evelina Johansson Wilén have participated in the following courses 2021:

Att arbeta rättsäkert och effektivt som lärare (1,5 hp)

Att handleda självständiga arbeten och uppsatser (3 hp)

Forskarhandledarutbildningen (3,5 hp)

3.4 Development of guidelines and quality work

During 2021 we have, as part of our quality work, developed instructions for education coordinator, course coordinators, module coordinators and guidelines for revision and evaluation of courses.

4. Outreach and collaboration

4.1 Recurring outreach activities in Gender Studies

Gender Dialogue is an outreach activity developed in collaboration within GEXcel Collegium since 2006. The Gender Dialogues involve Gender Studies scholars and Members of Parliament discussing a jointly selected topic of both political and scholarly interest, introduced by a presentation of current research. In 2021, the topic for the Dialogue was Sugardating, with research presentation by Sofia Strid and Lena Gunnarsson (ORU), drawing on their ongoing research, followed by lively discussion. Örebro Gender Studies was hosting the event which was for the first time organized virtually, and gathered fifteen politicians and twenty gender scholars.

Genusmingel is a collaboration with the County Administrative Board [*Länsstyrelsen*] in Örebro aiming to facilitate encounters between practitioners and academics with interest in issues of gender. The activity has been dormant since 2016 but was re-activated in 2021. A much-appreciated restart took place in October 2021 at the ORU Innovation centre.

4.2 One-off outreach activities

- **Dag Balkmar:** Workshop, *Grusfabriken och den sociala dimensionen*. Workshop coarranged with Örebro university and Swerock, final workshop for the Vinnova project Grusfabriken May 2021. With Anne-Charlott Callerstig, Maira Barbi and Per Carlborg.
- **Anne-Charlott Callerstig:** Genomförande och uppföljning av jämställdhets- och likabehandlingsmål i myndigheter, Försvarets samverkansråd, FOI 2021-11-29
- **Lena Gunnarsson**: Januarikonferens, tema sugardejting. Enheten för social hållbarhet, Länsstyrelsen Kalmar och Lärarprogrammet, Linnéuniversitetet. 28 januari 2021.
- **Jeff Hearn**: Masculinities and gender justice: The need for systems change, Ubuntu MenEngage Alliance Global event, January 2021.
- **Liisa Husu**: "Gender and Excellence in the Research Funding Landscape", keynote in the European Women Rectors Association EWORA webinar on *Gender and Excellence*, October 18, 2021.
- **Maria Jansson**: Demokratimässa (outreach project, funded by regeringskansliet), 18 november 2021. Part of the Democracy 100 year celebrations.
- **Zara Saeidzadeh**, The Swedish Association for Gender Researchers (Sveriges Genusforskarförbund), Seminar on Trans Studies and Transfeminism: Research, Conditions and Activism. Online, 11 October 2021.
- **Sofia Strid**: Våld i ungas relationer. National Outreach Conference, organised by the Centre for Violence and Society (CVS). Örebro University, Sweden, 27 November 2020

4.3 Collaborations

Gender Studies at Örebro University is a member of GEXcel, ÄG – Ämnesgruppen för genusvetenskap, The European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation (ATGENDER), RINGS, Swedish Association of Gender Researchers (SGF), the Nordic Association for Women's Studies and Gender Research(NORA), European

Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), ECPR-Standing Group on Gender, European Sociological Association (ESA), International Sociological Association (ISA).

4.3.1 Faculty from Gender Studies in Örebro are part of research collaborations with the following universities:

Oxford Brookes (UK), Zentrum für Soziale Innovation (Austria), Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Norway), Sabancı University (Turkey), IGOT (Portugal), South East European Research Centre (Greece), Ion Cuza University of Iasi (Romania), Oxford Brookes (UK), Universidad de Deusto (Spain), Technical University Dublin (Ireland), Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Czech Sciences (Czech Republic), Universidad Complutense de Madrid, (Spain), GESIS-Leibniz Institut für Sozialwissenschaften (Germany); Uniwersytet Jagiellonski (Poland), Lietuvod Socialiniu Tyrimu Centras (Lithuania); Gothenburg University (Sweden), Stockholm University (Sweden); Gävle högskola (Sweden), (Karolinska Institute (Sweden). Jagellonian University, Poland; Oxford Brookes University, UK; Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden; Complutense University Madrid; Hanken School of Economics, Finland; University of Helsinki, Finland; Lund University, Sweden; Karlstad University, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Nord University (Norway), Dublin City University (Ireland), Kinneret Academic College (Israel), Oxford Brooks University (UK), Technical University Dublin (Ireland), Sabanci University (Turkey), Universidad de Deusto (Spain); Gothenburg university (Sweden).

4.3.2 Faculty from Gender Studies are involved in research collaborations with the following companies and organizations:

Swedish National Road and Traffic Institute (VTI), NetPort Science Park, RISE Research Institutes of Sweden, Ernst & Young, Volvo Group European Science Foundation (France), Yellow Window (Belgium), Knowledge and Innovation (Italy), ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability – European Secretariat (Germany), ECSA: European Citizen Science Association (Germany), Sciensano (Belgium); Smart Venice (Italy), ROKS: the National Organisation for Women's Shelters and Young Women's Shelters in Sweden, Nationalle sekretariatet för genusforskning (Sweden). European Science Foundation; Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences; Joanneum Research, Austria; GESIS, Germany; the Institute of Public Goods and Policies, Spain; German Centre for Higher Education Research and Science Studies; Forskningspolitik Sverige Ab; Yellow Window, Belgium; Lithuanian Social Research Centre; European Commission

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