

## *Curriculum Vitae for Magnus Norell*

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### **POSITIONS**

\*Former Adjunct Scholar at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington DC.  
[www.washingtoninstitute.org](http://www.washingtoninstitute.org)

\*Senior Fellow at the European Foundation for Democracy (EFD), Brussels, Belgium.  
[www.europeandemocracy.eu](http://www.europeandemocracy.eu)

\*Research Associate at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels, Belgium.  
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\*Senior Analyst at the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI), Stockholm, Kista, Sweden.  
April 2001 – November 2011.

\* Senior Analyst at the Swedish Institute for International Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden.  
November 2011 – December 2012.

### **EDUCATION**

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| • Doctor of Philosophy<br>(Political Philosophy) | Political Science, October 1998.<br>Department of Political Science, Stockholm<br>University     |
| • Peace and Conflict Research                    | Undergraduate Course, Department of Peace and<br>Conflict Research, June 1981 Uppsala University |
| • Bachelor of Science                            | Political Science, Stockholm University, 1985  |

### **Other, non-academic positions**

Researcher/Analyst at the Swedish National Defence College 1997 – 2001.

Special Analyst at the Swedish Secret Service 1996 – 1997.

Senior Analyst at the Swedish Military Intelligence, HQ, 1993 – 1996.

Assistant Church Manager at the Swedish Seamen's Church in Liverpool, UK. 1982 – 1983.

### **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

Please note that the list below does not include shorter newspaper and magazine articles, or op-eds. See home-page; [www.trail.nu](http://www.trail.nu)

\* English

- Swedish

+ Other language

- Article (with Dr. L Bartonek and Dr. C.E. Stålvant), in: 'The UN at Forty: International cooperation in crisis?' (*FN vid 40 – Internationellt samarbete i kris?*), Ed. B Huldt, Swedish Foreign Policy Institute, Stockholm 1985. (Swedish)

- A more 'fair' UN with graded voting? (*Mer "rättvis" röstning i FN med graderad rösträtt?*), in: 'Information on disarmament', (nov/dec 1985), Stockholm 1985. (Swedish)

- Peace movements in Israel (*Guide till Israeliska Fredsrörelser*), Stockholm 1990. (Swedish)

- Moslem fundamentalism - a real or an imagined threat? (*Muslimsk Fundamentalism – verkligt eller inbillat hot?*), Swedish Military HQ, Stockholm 1994. (Swedish)

- The Middle East Peace Process - Between the Hammer and the Anvil? (*Fredsprocessen i Mellanöstern – mellan hammaren och städet?*), Swedish Military HQ, Stockholm 1995. (Swedish)

- The Middle East peace process after the murder of Rabin - The beginning of the end, or the end of the beginning? (*Fredsprocessen efter mordet på Rabin – början till slutet eller slutet på början?*) Swedish Military HQ, Stockholm 1995. (Swedish)

- The Hebron-agreement (*Hebronöverenskommelsen*), International Studies (hereafter, IS) Internationella Studier, The Swedish Foreign Policy Institute, no 2, summer 1997. (Swedish)

- Lebanon: the road back (*Libanon: vägen tillbaka*), IS, no 3, fall 1997. (Swedish)

- Terror as a threat (*Terror som hot*), in; Threat perceptions in the Swedish Defence Establishment, Joint study by the National Defence College and the Swedish Defence Research Agency, Stockholm 1998. (Swedish)

\* '*Terrorism in the Middle East; Hizb'allah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad*' with Dr. Magnus Ranstorp at St Andrews University, in; Swedish Defence Research study on Terrorism, Ed: G. Jervas. Stockholm 1998.

- The anatomy of terror – HAMAS (*Terrorns anatomi- Hamas*), IS no 2, summer 1998. (Swedish)

\* '*The role of the military and intelligence in combating International Terrorism*', National Defence College Report 1999.

\* '*Democracy and Dissent, the case of an Israeli peace movement, Peace Now*', Doctoral Dissertation at the University of Stockholm, Department of Political Science, October 1998.

- A Palestinian state - dream or nightmare? (*En palestinsk stat – dröm eller mardröm?*), IS no.1, spring 1999. (Swedish)

- Research concerning terrorism, low-intensity conflicts and ethno-political violence (*Forskning rörande terrorism, lågnivåkonflikter och etnopolitiskt våld*). Study for the Swedish Agency for Civil Emergency Planning, Stockholm, February 1999. (Swedish)

- Ethno-political violence, (*etnopolitiskt våld*) Report for 'Swedish Agency for civil Emergency Planning, Stockholm, November 1999. (Swedish)

- The Middle East-A renewed peace process? (*Mellanöstern: en förnyad fredsprocess*), IS, no 1, Spring 2000. (Swedish)

\* '*Conflict resolution in the Middle East, the case of Israel vs. Lebanon & Syria*', paper presented in Montreal, Canada at the conference; 'Redefining security in the Middle East'. McGill University June 23-24, 2000.

\* '*Conflict resolution in the Middle East, the case of Israel vs. Lebanon & Syria*', paper presented at 'BRISMES' annual meeting in Cambridge;UK, July 2-5, 2000.

- The Middle East: Peace without a peace treaty? (*Mellanöstern: fred utan fredsavtal?*), IS no. 3, Fall 2000. (Swedish)
- \* *Is Peace Possible? - The case of Sri Lanka*, Civil Wars (Frank Cass), Winter, 2000.
- The Middle East Peace Process – A year of missed opportunities (*Fredsprocessen i Mellanöstern – ett år av missade möjligheter*). IS, no 2, summer 2001. (Swedish).
- \* ‘*The role of the military and intelligence in combating terrorism*’ (updated version), Swedish Defence Research Agency Report, May 2001.
- *Research concerning terrorism, low-intensity conflicts and ethno-political violence* (Swedish. updated version), Swedish Defence Research Agency Report, May 2001.
- Study of the attacks on New York and Washington on September 11 2001 (*Studie om attackerna i New York och Washington den 11 september 2001*) (Swedish) . Swedish Defence Research Agency Report, September 2001.
- \* ‘*A Dissenting Democracy, the case of an Israeli peace movement, Peace Now*’. Frank Cass (UK) 2002, in their Series; *Israeli politics, history and society*.
- ‘A new terrorism?’ (*Ny terrorism?*), IS, no 3, Fall, 2001. (Swedish).
- \* ‘*A new terrorism?*’, in Swedish Defence Research Agency Report: “*The character of Future Conflict*”, Stockholm, December 2001.
- \* ‘*Special Forces in International Operations – Challenge for the Future*’, Swedish Defence Research Agency Report, December 2001.
- ‘Thoughts on Terrorism, two studies on a modern phenomenon’ (*Tankar om terrorism, två studier kring ett modernt fenomen*). With Karin Ströberg, Swedish Defence Research Report (FOI-R-0494-SE), Maj, 2002 ( Swedish).
- ‘New Terror?’ (*Ny Terror*), in Swedish Defence Research Agency User Report (April 2002): “Follow-up study on the terror attacks - and their consequences - on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001” (Swedish).
- \* ‘*The relationship between Defence and Terrorism*’. Paper presented at expert meeting on combating terrorism within the politico-military dimension of the OSCE. Vienna, May 14-15, 2002. Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC).
- ‘Terror in the Name of God’ (*Terror I Guds namn*), Swedish Institute of Foreign Affairs publication; ‘Världspolitikens Dagsfrågor’, No: 12/2002. (Swedish). Also to be printed in Braille by the ‘Swedish Library of Talking Books and Braille’ in 2003.
- \* ‘*The Role of the Military and Intelligence in Combating Terrorism*’ in: Romanian Journal of International Affairs, Bucharest. Vol. VIII, 4/2002.
- ‘The War and Terrorism’ and ‘After the War in Iraq – Consequences for the Region’ (*Kriget mot terrorismen och Efter kriget i Irak – konsekvenser för regionen*), in Swedish Defence Research Agency User Report (April 2003) ‘The War in Iraq 2003, a preliminary analysis’ (*Irakkriget 2003. En preliminär analys*) . (Swedish).
- ‘Breeding ground for Terror’ and ‘Small Steps Towards Democracy’ (*Grogrund för terror och små steg mot demokrati*), in ‘Framsyn’, official publication of the Swedish Defence Research Agency. (Swedish).
- ‘The Persian Gulf after the war in Iraq’ (*Persiska viken efter Irakkriget*), Swedish Institute of Foreign Affairs publication; ‘Världspolitikens Dagsfrågor’, No:3/2003. (Swedish).
- \* ‘*A new medievalism? – the case of Sri Lanka*’, Civil Wars (Frank Cass), Special Issue on ‘Neo-Medievalism and Civil Wars’. Volume 6, No. 3, Summer 2003.
- ‘The Middle East after the War in Iraq’ (*Mellanöstern efter kriget i Irak*) , in ‘Framsyn’, official publication of the Swedish Defence Research Agency. No. 5, 2003 (Swedish).
- \* ‘*National Counter-Terrorism Policy – The Case of Sweden*’ Paper presented at: International Expert Conference on National Counter-Terrorism Policy. Zürich, Switzerland, March 24-26, 2004.
- ‘The Middle East after the war in Iraq – obstacles to democratisation?’ (*Mellanöstern efter kriget i Irak – demokratisering med förhinder?*) , SNS förlag, September 2004. (Swedish).

- \* ‘ *The GCC after the war in Iraq. Can there be democratic changes?*’. Paper given at the IPIS (The Institute for Political & International Studies) Conference: ‘Regional Security and Cooperation in the Process of the Changing World Politics’ in Teheran on March 1 – 2, 2005.
- \* ‘*Swedish National Counter Terrorism Policy after ‘Nine-Eleven’: Problems and Challenges*’. Swedish Defence Research Agency User Report, April 2005. (FOI-1618-SE. ISSN 1650-1942).
- \* ‘*Islamic militants in Europe: a growing threat*’. In, *Terrorism Monitor*, volume 3, issue 8, April 21, 2005. Jamestown Foundation. (<http://www.jamestown.org/publications.php>).
- \* ‘*Democratisation in the Middle East – the case of the GCC*’. Paper given at the Conference : ‘Democratisation of the Middle East’, Irbil, Iraqi Kurdistan, November 19 – 20, 2005.
- ‘Trends in the Middle East’ and ‘Trends in International Terrorism’ (“*Trender i Mellanöstern*” och “*Trender i internationell terrorism*”). Swedish Defence Research Agency Memo’s for Project: ‘FoRma’. Stockholm, November 2005.
- \* ‘*Afghanistan – a post-election overview*’. Swedish Defence Research Agency Memo for Project: ‘MALIK’. Stockholm, December 2005.
- \* ‘*Islamist Movements in the Middle East: The Egyptian Moslem Brotherhood, Hamas and Hizb’allah*’. Study commissioned by the Swedish Foreign Office, Department of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Presented to the Foreign Office in June 2006 and officially released in Stockholm in September 2006.
- \* ‘*Intelligence Coordination and Counterterrorism: A European Perspective*’. In: “Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: International Perspectives”. Ed. James J.F. Forest. Combating Terrorism Center, West Point. Praeger Security International, Spring, 2007.
- \* ‘*Educating for Martyrdom*’ (with Eli Göndör). In, “Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: International Perspectives”. Ed. James J.F. Forest. Combating Terrorism Center, West Point. Praeger Security International, Spring, 2007.
- \* ‘*The Taliban and the MMA*’, Swedish Defence Research Agency Memo for Project: ‘International Operations’, Stockholm, March 2007.
- \* ‘*Iraq – Quo Vadis?*’. Special Issue of ‘Civil Wars’ (T&F): *Iraq: The Insurgency and Civil War*. Editor: Magnus Norell, Volume 9, Issue 1, 2007.
- \* ‘*The Taliban and the Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA)*’, in: ‘The China And Eurasia Forum Quarterly’ (Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Programme), Vol. 5, No. 3, August 2007.
- ‘African Challenges – Perspectives on the Security Politics of the UN, the AU and the EU’ (*Afrikanska utmaningar – perspektiv på FN:s, AU:s och EU:s säkerhetspolitiska arbete*). Swedish Defence Research Agency User Report No. 2487. Stockholm, March 2008.
- ‘A new beginning? Lebanon after the presidential elections’ (*En ny början? Libanon efter presidentvalet*). Swedish Defence Research Agency Memo No. 2435, Stockholm, June 2008.
- \* *Militancy in the Pakistani Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) and Afghanistan*, Swedish Defence Research Agency User Report No: FOI-R--2727, Stockholm, 2009. Editor: Magnus Norell. Produced jointly with the ‘Center for Research & Security Studies in Islamabad.
- \* *Realities of the UN in Lebanon*, PolicyWatch # 1466, January 29, 2009. The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- \* *Hizballah and Iran in the Age of Engagement*, PolicyWatch # 1495, March 18, 2009. The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- \* *Misdirected Fire – The UNHRC Report on Gaza*, PolicyWatch # 1504, April 6, 2009. The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- ‘Islamism’s victory – from Lebanon to Iran’ (*Islamismens seger – från Libanon till Iran*) Fri Tanke, Stockholm, 2009.
- \* *COIN in Afghanistan – winning the battles, losing the war?* Swedish Defence Research Agency User Report No: FOI-R--2841, Stockholm, December, 2009.
- \* *A boatload of Trouble*, Foreign Policy.com, November 9, 2009.

- \* *A Victory for Islamism. The Second Lebanon War and its Repercussions*, Policy Focus # 98, November, 2009. The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- + *Intisaar al-Haraka al-Islamiyya - Harb Lubnan al-Thaniyya wa in'akasatuha*. November, 2009. The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- \* *Fallout from the Gaza Interdiction*, Op-Eds & Articles, May 31, 2010, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- \* *The Linkage between Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime* (ed), Research Report for The SäkTek-foundation & The Technical University of Luleå, Skellefteå, Sweden, July-August, 2011. ISBN 978-91-979138-0-9
- \* *A View From Beirut*, Fikra Forum, September 23, 2011, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- + *رؤية من بيروت*, 2011/09, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- \* *The Case for Ramping Up EU Intervention in Syria* - The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, with David Pollock. August 17, 2012, The Times of Israel.
- \* *Terrorism and Political Violence*, in *Routledge Handbook on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, (Editors: Joel Peters and David Newman), Routledge, London, November 2013.
- 'Return of the Caliphate – reasons and consequences' (*Kalifatets Återkomst – orsaker och konsekvenser*), TRAIL, Stockholm, November 2015.
- 'The Moslem Brotherhood in Sweden (ed), (*Muslimska Brödraskapet i Sverige*). Report commissioned by the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency. November-December 2016. ([https://www.msb.se/Upload/Kunskapsbank/Studier/Muslimska\\_Brodraskapet\\_i\\_Sverige\\_DNR\\_2107-1287.pdf](https://www.msb.se/Upload/Kunskapsbank/Studier/Muslimska_Brodraskapet_i_Sverige_DNR_2107-1287.pdf))
- \* 'Return of the Caliphate – reasons and consequences, Greycat Publishing, Stockholm November 2017.
- 'A Personal Journey' (*En Personlig Resa*). TRAIL, Stockholm 2018 (Swedish).
- \* *Erdogan's Influence in Europe: A Swedish Case Study*, June 4, 2020, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- + *السويد من حالة دراسة: أوروبا في أردوغان نفوذ*, June 4, 2020, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C.
- \* *State of play in the Libyan Civil War*, June 2020, The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels, Belgium.
- \* *Cybersecurity technology roams unsupervised. Here's why that needs to change*, July 2020, The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels, Belgium.
- \* *The Coronavirus in the MENA region: Enhancing turbulence or mitigating conflicts?*, The European View, October 2020, The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels, Belgium.
- '1979 and the legacy of Political Islam (*1979 och arvet efter politisk islam*), Samizdat Förlag, Stockholm 2020 (Swedish).
- 'Kalifatets kollaps och Återfödelse – Islamiska Staten fortsatt hot i Mellanöstern', Samizdat Förlag, Stockholm 2021 (Swedish).
- 'Violent Extremism in Scandinavia' (*L'extrémisme violent en Scandinavie*) in: *Le Nouvel Âge des Extrêmes? Les Démocraties Occidentales, La Radicalisation et L'extrémisme Violent*", Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 2021 (French).
- 'Lehren aus 9/11 – Zum Umgang des Westens mit Islamismus', Ibidem Sachbuch, 2021 (German).
- 'En Personlig Resa – från Afghanistan till Marocko, HOI, Kunskapshuset, maj 2023.
- 'Political Islamism – the case of Sweden and Denmark, in: *Handbook of Political Islam in Europe*, Chapter 32. Ed: Thomas Jäger & Ralph Thiele, Springer Verlag 2023.
- 'Tunnelseende – Israel, Hamas, Iran och Kriget om Verkligheten, Nopolar Publishing, Maj 2026.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Director and Developer of new research center 2003 at the Swedish Defence Research Agency; Center for the Study of Low-intensity Conflict and Terrorism, CLIENT.
- Programme Director, Course Development and Lecturer for:  
*Terrorism & Causes of Conflicts*. Two master-grade courses given at the Swedish Defence College. A joint effort by the Defence College and Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict research.. 5-week courses given between 2000 – 2002.
- Analyst and lecturer at the Swedish Defence College, 1997 – 2001.  
Course Development of, and Course Director for Specialization course on International Terrorism and Lowintensity warfare at the Defence College
- Guest Researcher at the Hebrew University, The Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Jerusalem, Israel, 1991 – 1993.
- Research assistant at the University of Stockholm 1985 – 1987. The last year as guest researcher at the University of Haifa, Israel.
- College Teacher, 1987 – 1991.  
Fredrika Bremerskolans Gymnasium, Haninge, Sweden.
- \* Visiting Fellow and Fulbright Scholar at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D.C. Academic Year 2008-2009.
- \* Initiated The Middle East Podcast (Mellanösternpodden) in October 2020 with colleague Ricki Neuman.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE, incl. MEDIATION/FACILITATION

1983 – 4. Student and Lecturer at the World Council of Churches at Chateau de Bossey, Geneva, Switzerland.

1997 – 2000. Between 1997 and 2000 Dr. Norell created, together with colleague Dr. Magnus Ranstorp, a back-channel between the Lebanese Hizb'allah movement and the Israelis. The purpose of this endeavour was to find out the consequences of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from the so called security zone in the southern Lebanon. The Initiative came from Yossi Beilin who, within the Israeli Labour party, for many years had advocated such a scenario. The process was successful and based on the 'indirect' assurances given to Norell and Ranstorp by the leadership of the Hizb'allah, a swift and bloodless Israeli withdrawal took place in May 2000. This was reported in Swedish and International media from June 17, 2000, when the story broke in the Swedish daily 'Dagens Nyheter'

**ACADEMIC ASSIGNMENTS/EXTERNAL ACADEMIC COURSES**

Editorial Board of *Civil Wars*, (Taylor & Francis), From 2006.

Adjunct Scholar at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. From May 2009.

Expert Reviewer

Discussant and external reviewer on FOI-study: *International terrorism in connection with the Swedish UN force in Kosovo*. 1999.

Discussant and external reviewer on FOI-study: *Somalia*, 1997

Intelligence in Combating Terrorism Course, given in Karlsborg, Sweden April 2001 by the US Army Intelligence School (Ft. Huachuca, AZ).

Organiser/local host in Stockholm for the 2003 and 2005 international CLIENT-Conferences on *International Terrorism after the war in Iraq* (2003) and *Democracy in the Middle East after the war in Iraq* (2004).

Organiser/local host in Stockholm for the 2007 International Conference on the Subject. *Islamism in Europe*. In cooperation with the cultural and political magazine NEO