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Thesis:

Gender Equality and Sustainable Development for Export? A critical study of EU Association Agreements in Latin America

The GEM PhD School offers an interdisciplinary research culture that suits my academic background and interests. I also appreciate the international student community of the program.

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Academic Degrees

GEM PhD program – ongoing

University of Gothenburg, Sweden: 2008, MA in Latin-American Studies

University of Bradford-Bradford, Great Britain: 2002 Graduate, Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Development and Peace Studies

The Red Cross Nordic United World College- Fjaler kommune, Norway: 1998, International Baccalaureate Degree Recipient

Work Experience

November – December 2009: **Consultant at UNIFEM**. Analysed and systemized the results from a national forum about the global economic and financial crisis' impact on women in Guatemala.

May 2009: **Consultant at Internationella Arbetslag (IAL)**. Did an evaluation for the Swedish NGO, IAL of a volunteer programme in Venezuela. The programme was geared towards assisting Colombian refugees in Venezuela close to the Colombian border.

February - April 2009: **Campaign coordinator at Latinamerikagrupperna** (Solidarity Groups for Latin America). The campaign promoted fair trade.

August 2008: **Teaching assistant, Mittuniversitetet**, Härnösand, Sweden. Assisted the course manager with an intensive Swedish

language and introduction to Swedish society course for foreign students.

February 2008- July 2008: **Assistant at UNIFEM** within the program, *Women's Economic Agenda* (AGEM) in Guatemala. Coordinated activities with the civil society and gave technical and practical assistance to the program coordinator.

July 2007- December 2007: **Internship at UNIFEM** program, *Women, Peace and Security* in Guatemala. I worked with the coordination of an alliance against femicide and the development of a law draft proposal among other things.

November 2005 – February 2007: **International peace observer** with *Kristna Fredsrörelsen* (SweFor) in Guatemala and Chiapas, Mexico. Accompanied human rights activists from various organizations and social movements.

November 2004– March 2005: **Internship, SERPAJ**, Coronel, Chile. Worked with a local development project focusing on children's rights together with the municipality and various local networks.

Specific Research Title, Area and Promotor(s)

Research Title:

Gender Equality and Sustainable Development for Export? A critical study of EU Association Agreements in Latin America

Area:

International Relations and gender

Promotors:

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Description of research work

This research is situated in the field of Gendered International Political Economy (GIPE) and aims to join the areas of gender, sustainable development and trade. The empirical focus is on the Association Agreements (AAs) between the European Union (EU) and Latin America. In relation to this example, the puzzle of this thesis is the gap between the discourse on sustainability and gender equality and the absence of these in the trade policy of the EU as reflected in the Association Agreements. Macro-micro analysis and the intersectional perspective help to further develop the understanding of how trade and sustainable development are gendered.

Participation in Conferences and Seminars

Paper presented at the GEM PhD School Workshop February 2011