



REMESO NEWSLETTER

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Dear Reader,

As the final months of the past year saw a new spike of Covid-19 cases it also brought us the happier news that an unusually high number of our researchers successfully secured external funding from many of Sweden's major research councils. These new projects concern topics that span from migration and art, to refugee housing and the transformation of African border controls during the pandemic. Below we present some of our new projects, with others to be introduced in subsequent newsletters. We also introduce some of the new books and articles published by REMESO scholars, as well as a preliminary plan for our open spring seminars. A note on the administrative side: In 2022 Anders Neergaard will be on leave from his duties as director of our institute. Stefan Jonsson will serve as acting director, and Peo Hansen will take over as the director of REMESO's PhD program in ethnic and migration studies.

Welcome to a new year of research on migration and ethnicity with REMESO!

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New Research Projects

[Planning for sustainable housing for migrants with refugee backgrounds in times of changing migration policies.](#)

Although the provision of adequate housing is vital for a transformation into sustainable and resilient communities in cities characterised by hope, such housing conditions have become less accessible in Sweden. Refugees face a particularly difficult situation, as they are housed in less attractive areas, often in overcrowded and poorly maintained apartments. This interdisciplinary project aims to understand the impact of the restrictive policy turn on the contemporary housing situation for refugees.

Project Leader: **Branka Likic-Brboric**, Associate Professor, REMESO. Other participants: **Kristoffer Jutvik**, PhD Lecturer, REMESO, Professor **Irene Molina**, Researcher and **Emma Holmqvist**, Uppsala University. Funding agency: FORMAS.

[Collective Agency in an era of Authoritarian Automation: Artistic Research on Protest, Populism, Migration and the Computational Simulation of Crowds](#)

Stefan Jonsson, professor at REMESO, and **Anna Ådahl**, artist and PhD in artistic research, **have** received a research grant to connect artistic research and practice to aesthetics, sociology and computational modeling and visualization for three years to answer the question: "What is a crowd in the 21st century?"

By setting up an experimental space for artistic practice and theoretical dialogue, they will explore how collective protests, migration and authoritarian populism shape today's politics while also being modelled by digital infrastructures and automated systems.

Funding agency: Swedish Research Council.

[Epistemological, philosophical and sociocultural perspectives on post-COVID](#)



A project involving several researchers with different backgrounds at Linköping University (LiU) has received SEK 30 million from the Swedish Research Council for research into better understandings of post-COVID as an urgent healthcare challenge.

Anna Bredström, associate professor in ethnicity and migration at REMESO will study post-COVID as a diagnosis, combining socio-cultural, philosophical and clinical perspectives.

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Publications

[Den färgblinda skolan: ras och vithet i svensk utbildning](#)

Tobias Hübinette och **Catrin Lundström** har gett ut en ny bok - *Den färgblinda skolan – ras och vithet i svensk utbildning* som frågar vad begreppen *ras* och *vithet* har att säga om dagens svenska skola. Sverige har numera västvärldens mest heterogena elevsammansättning efter USA, inte minst gäller det den rasliga, etniska och religiösa mångfalden. Samtidigt är den svenska skolan i dag västvärldens mest segregerade och ojämlika. Hur kan ras och vithet hjälpa oss att förstå detta nya Sverige?



Tobias Hübinette är docent i interkulturell pedagogik och forskare i kritiska ras- och vithetsstudier på Karlstads universitet.

Catrin Lundström är docent i sociologi och bitr. professor vid REMESO, Linköpings universitet.

[Migrationsmyten : sanningen om flyktinginvandringen och välfärden - ett nytt ekonomiskt paradig](#)

Peo Hansen, professor i statsvetenskap på REMESO har skrivit en bok som gör upp med ett vedertaget sätt att se på ekonomi i relation till migration. Först utgiven på engelska med titeln *A Modern Migration Theory: An Alternative Economic Approach to Failed EU Policy* (Agenda Publishing 2021), kommer den nu på svenska på Leopard förlag.

Att invandring kostar pengar är en vedertagen "sanning" som har fått rättfärdiga en alltmer restriktiv migrationspolitik, inte minst sedan 2015. Men, är det verkligen en förlustaffär att ta emot flyktingar? Med *Modern Monetary Theory* ifrågasätter Peo Hansen vårt sätt att se på ekonomi i relation till migration. Han argumenterar för att det är både omodernt, felaktigt och rent skadligt. För människorna och för statsfinanserna.



[Article: "I Must Be from Somewhere. I'm Not from the Moon"](#)

[Navigating the Politics of Labelling for Stateless Palestinian Refugees from Syria](#)

Haqqi Bahram, PhD candidate at REMESO has with **Jason Tucker**, Associate Lecturer at Malmö University, published an article in *Statelessness and Citizenship Review*, Vol 3 No 2 (2021). The article explores the relationship between statelessness and refugeehood over time and space. It does so by drawing on how Palestinian refugees from Syria in Sweden navigate the various stateless and refugee labels imposed upon them before, during and after their flight from Syria to Sweden. Standpoint theory was deployed as the basis for understanding how this group of stateless refugees related to these labels.

REMESO Open Seminars in the Spring 2022

Seminars are normally on Wednesdays 13:15 – 15:00.

21/1 10:15-12:00 Public Defence of PhD thesis: Andrey Tibajev, REMESO, LiU.

“The value of immigrants’ human capital for labour market integration”

The opponent is associate professor Lina Aldén, Linnéuniversitetet. The defence is open, on Campus or Zoom. Contact Eva Rehnholm (eva.rehnholm@liu.se) for a link, before January 19.

The dissertation can be accessed here:

<http://liu.diva-portal.org/smash/record.jsf?pid=diva2%3A1618026&dswid=-1065>

9/3 OS – Måns Fellesson, UNHCR - UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

‘The Kalobeyei Integrated Socio-Economic Development Plan (KISED) in Kenya – A Sustainable Solution for Refugees or Humanitarian Assistance in an Alternative Way?’
Room KO22

16/3 OS – Alessandro Petti and Sandi Hilal, Decolonizing Architecture Art Research (DAAR)

Alessandro Petti, professor at the Royal Institute of Art in Stockholm, and Sandi Hilal, visiting professor at Lund University, work between architecture, art, pedagogy and politics. Recent books are *Permanent Temporariness* (2018) and *Refugee Heritage* (2021).
Room KO22

20/4 OS – Sujata Patel, Title TBA

Sujata Patel is professor of sociology at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla India, as well as the Kerstin Hesselgren Visiting Professor, awarded by the Swedish Research Council. She will be in residence at REMESO in April and May.
Room KO23

27/4 OS – Martin Hultman, Lecturer, Chalmers

Research presentation. “The rapid rise of climate denial in the Swedish far-right media ecosystem”.
Room KO23

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