

# **Forskarpresentation/Research presentation**

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## **Forskningsprojekt/Research projects**

### **Field of Research**

My research is focused on the content and consequences of the global economic restructuring on different places, and the interplay between places and the global economy. In my thesis I looked at Brussels, later Stockholm, and now I am starting a project comparing Dublin and Stockholm.

### **Current Research Project: 2010-**

**Head of: Stockholm and Dublin in the Global Political Economy since 1975: Urban Politics and Economic Restructuring in a Changing Global Context.**

In the globalizing economy cities have obtained a new role and entered into an international competition to attract investments. The overarching aim of this project is to analyse the shift in urban politics in Stockholm and Dublin striving to make these cities more attractive for global investors, and to analyse the economic and social development during the same period. The research period stretches from 1975 until today. The main question is how the outcome of the contemporary development towards a competitive entrepreneurial and a post-industrial city has affected the population in Stockholm and Dublin. Does the local institutional and political context matter for the outcome? The methodological and theoretical question guiding the research is how a pronounced market-friendly state and city has met the global challenge and managed the economic restructuring of the city, compared to a more welfare oriented and regulated state and city. The project has two parts: The first part compares how the local government, and the state, in Stockholm and Dublin have met the challenge of the increasing competition between cities. The second part compares the consequences for different groups in society of the economic restructuring of these cities towards service dominated economies.

I am currently also part of a project concerning the modern economic history of Stockholm – Growth, Tradition and Renewal, 1945-2005. The project is headed by Tom Petersson, Department of Economic History at Uppsala University.

## **Former Research Project: September 2005 – September 2007**

Head of: **Migrating Women, Informal Work and New Economic and Social Divisions in Stockholm.**

The overall aim of the research project is to deepen our understanding of the content and the consequences of the contemporary globalisation process. This is done through an analysis of the experiences of migrating women and economic and social changes in Stockholm. In Stockholm we have, during the last 10-15 years, seen the growth of an informal economy for *inter alia* domestic services; a work that was disappearing in Sweden. These services are often performed by undocumented migrants, usually women, from Eastern Europe and “Third World” countries. Parallel to this we have seen the growth of a new urban elite demanding and consuming more personal services. This has led to a new social order in Stockholm following hierarchies based on gender, ethnicity, class and nationality.

To fully understand the contemporary economic and social changes in Stockholm towards enlarged inequalities I argue that we have to analyse them within a context of an increasingly integrated global economy. The development is also placed in a local political and historical context. To understand why we see the reproduction and reinforcement of social hierarchies based on gender, ethnicity, class and nationality a critical feminist perspective is used.

## **Ph.D. Project: March 1995 - March 2001**

Head of: **Economic, Social and Spatial Change in Brussels in the Context of Deepening European Integration, and Contemporary Economic and Political Globalisation.**

In my thesis I analysed the growth of Brussels as a political world city. The thesis analysed the economic, social and spatial consequences on the city of the location of the European Union (former EEC) in Brussels during the period 1950-2000.

The thesis problematise and deepen the discussion and debate concerning the consequences of globalisation on places/cities, and argue that the global city/ world city framework needs to be broadened to include a better and deepened analysis of place. The thesis analyses the interaction between global forces and local agents, and discusses the importance of local history and politics for understanding local change in a global era. The thesis further applies theories concerning economic reflexivity and agglomeration economies to discuss global agents' interaction with specific places. The thesis is based on a cross disciplinary approach with theories from different disciplines, and a combination of methods both quantitative and qualitative. It is based on a large amount of statistical data as well as interviews.

## **Publikationer i urval/Selected publications**

### **Monografier**

Elmhorn, Camilla (2013), *Från hot till löfte: Stockholms ekonomiska omvandling 1945-2010*, Stockholmia förlag.

Elmhorn, Camilla (2001), *Brussels – a Reflexive World City*, Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell International. (avhandling)

Elmhorn, Camilla (1999), *Brussels – the Emergence of a Political World City: Social and Economic Change in a New Historical Context*, Stockholms Universitet / Arco Media. (licentiat avhandling).

### **Artiklar i antologier**

Elmhorn, Camilla (2013), "Internationell politisk ekonomi, globalisering och migration", i de los reyes, Eduards & Sundevall (red.), *Internationella relationer – könskritiska perspektiv*, Liber.

Elmhorn, Camilla (2008), "Migrerande arbeterskor: informellt arbete och papperslösa invandrare i Stockholm", i Håkan Forsell (red.), *Den kalla och den varma staden: Migration och urban omgestaltung i Stockholm efter 1970*, Stockholmia förlag.

Elmhorn, Camilla (2008), "Framväxten av en avancerad tjänsteekonomi och en ny urban elit i Stockholm", i Håkan Lindgren & Tom Petersson (red.), *Tillväxt och tradition: Perspektiv på Stockholms moderna ekonomiska historia*, Stockholmia förlag.

### **Artiklar i vetenskapliga tidskrifter**

Elmhorn, Camilla (2004), "Brussels als politike wereldstad", i *Agora, Tijdschrift voor sociaal-ruimtelijke vraagstukken*, Vol. 20, No. 5.

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### **Artiklar i konferensantologier**

Elmhorn, Camilla (2007b), "Migrating female workers and informal work in Stockholm", i *The 2007 Global Forum on Civilization and Peace*, Sydkorea: The Academy of Korean Studies.

### **Artiklar i kulturtidskrifter**

Elmhorn, Camilla (2007a), "Urbana eliter och kvinnliga migranter: Utvecklingen av Stockholms postindustriella ekonomi", i *Fronesis*, nr. 24.

### **Forskningsrapporter**

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