

Curriculum Vitae

Axel Rudi

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: February 9th, 1990

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EMPLOYMENT

Post-Doctoral Fellow

2021-2024

Mobility Grant, The Research Council of Norway. Individual Research Project at the University of Bergen, Department of Social Sciences, Institute of Social Anthropology. *Emic Sovereignties and Global Intersections: Governance beyond the State in Iraqi and Syrian Kurdistan*

Visiting Researcher Oxford University (2021-2024), Faculty of History, Centre for Global History. St. Antony's College.

Post-Doctoral Fellow

2020 – 2021

Centre for Global Criminology in the *Horizon2020* Project “PREVEX: Preventing Violent Extremism”, PI Henrik Vigh

University of Copenhagen, Department of Social Sciences, Institute of Anthropology

Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology

2020 – 2020

University of Bergen, Department of Social Sciences, Institute of Social Anthropology

EDUCATION

PhD, University of Bergen, *Social Anthropology*

2015 – 2019

Doctoral Thesis: *Death as Victory, Victory as Death: Violence, Martyrdom, and the Cosmology of Revolution in the Kurdish Freedom Movement*

Faculty Supervisors: Knut Rio, Bjørn Enge Bertelsen, Bruce Kapferer
Thesis defended on December 5, 2019

Funded by the ERC Advanced Grant Project 'Egalitarianism: Forms, Processes, Comparisons,' Project Leader Bruce Kapferer
<http://www.egalitarianism.no>

Masters of Arts, University of Chicago, *Social Sciences*

2013 – 2014

Master Thesis: *Negotiating Ideology: An Ethnography of Horizontalism in Chicago*

Faculty Advisors: William Sites, Jessica Robin

Bachelor of Arts, University of Oslo, *Sociology*

2009 – 2012

Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo

Concurrent Enrollment at UC Berkeley, 2012, Department of Sociology

FIELDWORK

I have conducted fieldwork in the Kurdish areas of Turkey for seven months, in the Kurdish areas in Iraq for seven months, and in Berlin, Germany, for seven months between 2015 and 2017 as part of data collection for my doctoral research. I also briefly returned to Iraq in 2017 to participate in festivals pertaining to my future research interests. Prior to my PhD research, I conducted fieldwork for approximately 8 months with an anarchist organization in Chicago for my Master's degree. During my concurrent enrollment at UC Berkeley for my Bachelor's degree, I worked with the Occupy movement in Oakland for approximately 4 months.

PUBLICATIONS

Rudi, A. (Forthcoming). The Egalitarian King? Abdullah Öcalan and his Evolving Role in the Kurdish Freedom Movement. In K. Rio, B. Bertelsen & B. Kapferer (Eds.). *Egalitarian Life: Ethnographic Perspectives on Political Experimentation*. London: Berghahn Books.

Rudi, A. (Forthcoming). Struggle Beyond Tragedy: Child Sacrifice and Revolutionary Reproduction in Maxmur, Northern Iraq. In E. Bertelsen & A. Zagato (Eds.), *Warfare, Statehood, and Egalitarianism: Emerging Trajectories*. London: Berghahn Books.

Rudi, A. 2019. Death as Victory, Victory as Death: Violence, Martyrdom and the Cosmology of Revolution in the Kurdish Freedom Movement. *Doctoral Dissertation*, University of Bergen, 2019.

Rudi, A. 2018. The PKK's Newroz: Death and Moving Towards Freedom for Kurdistan. *Zanj: The Journal of Critical Global South Studies*, 2(1), 92-114.

Rudi, A. 2018. Nordenson, J. Fra opprør til kaos. Midtøsten etter den arabiske våren. *Babylon: Norsk Tidsskrift for Midtøstenstudier*, 1, 74-75.

Rudi, A. 2017. Independence from Whom? The Aftermath of the Kurdish Referendum. *FocaalBlog*, 1st of November. www.focaalblog.com/2017/11/01/axel-rudi-independence-from-whom-the-aftermath-of-the-kurdish-referendum.

Rudi, A. 2015. Charlie Hebdo: The West and the Sacred. In Zagato, A. (Ed.), *The Event of Charlie Hebdo*, (pp. 26-36). New York: Berghan Books.

TEACHING (selected)

2021 -

Social Science and English Lecturer at the University of Rojava, Syria. Work involved: Training faculty in social sciences and academic English.

Spring 2020

SANT-215, 'Comparative Regional Ethnography: The Middle East and China'. 15 ECTS Bachelor course, University of Bergen. Work involved: Co-created and co-led with 8 lectures, designed syllabus, essay feedback, evaluation and examinations.

Fall 2018

SANT-285, 'The Anthropology of Liberation.' 10 ECTS Bachelor course, University of Bergen. Work involved: co-created and co-led four lectures, one seminar, arranged for an international speaker, designed syllabus, essay feedback, evaluation and examinations.

Spring 2018

SANT 280-13, 'The Frontier of Anthropological Research: Experiments in Egalitarianism.' Organizer and lecturer for 5 ECT Bachelor course, University of Bergen. Work involved: lectures, syllabus input, essay evaluation, feedback and examination

SANT-260, 'Bachelor Thesis,' University of Bergen. 15 ECTS Bachelor Course. Work involved: supervised nine Bachelor students' theses, internal examiner for ten students.

SANT-103, 'Materialitet: Miljø, Sted, og Økonomi (Materiality: Environment, Space and Economy),' Bachelor course, University of Bergen. 15 ECTS Bachelor Course. Work involved: essay feedback and evaluation.

Fall 2017

SANT-105, 'Makt: Uttrykk og Tilsøring' (Power: Expression and Concealment), 15 ECT Bachelor course, University of Bergen. Work involved: seminar leader for fourteen seminars, essay evaluation and examination.

SANT-150, 'Akademisk Skrivning, Teori og Metode: Antropologiske Tilnærminger' (Academic Writing, Theory and Method: Anthropological Approaches). Bachelor course, University of Bergen. Work involved: essay feedback and evaluation.

SANT-100, UiB. 'Examen Facultatum: Invitasjon til Sosialantropologi' (Examen Facultatum: Invitation to Social Anthropology). Bachelor course, University of Bergen. Work involved: essay feedback and evaluation.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND DISSEMINATION

2021 *'Behold the head of a traitor!' Towards sacrificing the sovereign in 1640's England and Contemporary Kurdistan.* Workshop Convener and presenter at the University of Bergen. September 29, 2021.

2021 *Fieldwork in Kurdistan: Navigating obstacles and future Opportunities.* Workshop convener and panel moderator, by invitation of the University of Rojava, Syria. February 1, 2021.

2020 *Peacocks of a feather: War and religious transformation in the Iraqi Ezîdi community.* Invited talk at the Seminar Series at the Department of Anthropology at the University of Copenhagen. December 18, 2020.

Desistance as a frame onto radicalization: Strategies for navigating and understanding dangerous fieldwork. Invited talk at the Politics, Power and Mobility research group at the Department of Anthropology, Copenhagen University. November 25, 2020.

Kinship, Revolution and Resistance in Northern Kurdistan. Invited talk and workshop at University of Rojava, Syria. Held in Kurdish. November 20, 2020.

"Without the leader there is no life": Abdullab Öcalan, the Kurdish Movement and the Resurgence of Sacred Kingship. Invited talk at the Seminar Series at the Department of Anthropology, University of Oslo. February 19, 2020.

2019

Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting. *The Dynamics of Non-State Formation in Northern Kurdistan*, as part of the panel 'Egalitarianism, the state, and the organization of society'. Vancouver, Canada, November 22, 2019.

- Sebid Namirin: Martyrs and the Cosmology of Revolution in the Kurdish Freedom Movement.* Paper presented at Closing Seminar for ERC-project: 'Egalitarianism: Forms, Processes, Comparisons,' University of Bergen, May, 6, 2019
- 2018
- Who Are the Ezîdis? Public lecture given at the Christian Mikkelsen Institute (CMI) in Bergen with Synnøve Bendixen and Michel Strausberg regarding the identity and history of the Ezîdis, as well as their possible prospects in a post-ISIS Iraq and Syria. Bergen, December 3, 2018.
- Martyrdom in the PKK.* Lecture given at Bergen University's Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies' Christmas Seminar. Bergen, November, 23, 2018
- Dead Children, Living Revolutionaries: Martyrdom and Tragedy in Maxhmur, Northern Iraq.* Paper presented at the 'Warfare, Statehood and Egalitarianism: Emerging Trajectories' workshop. Mexico City, August 17, 2018.
- 2017
- The PKK's Newroz: Ordering and Compelling Kurdishness.* Open presentation at Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, November 9, 2017.
- PKK and Egalitarianism.* Public Lecture at 'Bergen Anthropology Day,' jointly organized by the Department of Social Anthropology at the University of Bergen and the Christian Mikkelsen Institute (CMI). Bergen, September 15, 2017.
- Martyrs Never Die: Permanent Revolution and its Transnational Effects in the Kurdish Movement.* Paper presented at the 'Rupture' conference's PhD forum at University College London. London, February 15, 2017.
- Den Kurdiske Bevegelsen (The Kurdish Movement).* Public lecture given at Eldorado Bookshop, organized by Motmakt and UngKurd. Oslo, January 23, 2017.
- 2016
- Intervju med Axel Rudi om situasjonen i Kurdistan (Interview with Axel Rudi on the situation in Kurdistan). Norwegian radio station RadiOrakel. Oslo, June 7, 2016.
- Becoming One: Guerilla Democracy in Northern Kurdistan.* Paper presented as a part of the workshop in the Egalitarianism research group. Ascona, Switzerland, March 10, 2016.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English. First language, fluent.

Norwegian. Fluent.

German. Intermediate level.

Kurdish, Sorani Dialect. Intermediate.

Kurdish, Kurmanjî Dialect. Intermediate

