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From Sweden to France



Project: **Vaccine Hesitancy Collaboration**

Research topic: **Social Sciences**

Swedish Institution: **Lund University**

French Institution: **Université Paris-Saclay, UVSQ**

Dates of mobility: **03/11/2023 to 29/11/2023**

Program: **Eva de La Gardie Residency Award**



PRESENTATION

Hammarlin is PI for the research project Rumour Mining, a 4-year (2020–2023) mixed methods collaboration with the goal to investigate rumours on- and offline surrounding vaccines as well as vaccine reluctance in a Swedish and Nordic context. She is Associate Professor of Ethnology, and Senior Lecturer in Media and Communication, Lund University. In yet another study, within a Swedish research programme, she will explore the relationship between apocalyptic imaginaries and vaccine hesitancy among conspiracy theory thinkers in Sweden during the COVID pandemic. She is also fellow of the Birgit Rausing Centre for Medical Humanities at Lund University.

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ACTIVITIES IN FRANCE

In the Western part of Europe, France stands out in a negative sense regarding vaccine hesitancy, with considerable higher numbers of vaccine hesitant and vaccine refusing citizens; a problem that surfaced during intense phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, with massive street protests in the big cities against vaccine passes and other public health authority measures. Similar protests were also seen in Sweden, and elsewhere in Europe. This research stay led to a deepened collaboration between Hammarlin and M.D. and Prof. Elisabeth Delarocque-Astagneau and M.D. Sylvain Gautier at Université Paris-Saclay. When in Paris, Hammarlin gave lectures to master students and staff about her research. A draft for a scientific article took shape, addressing the need for new pedagogical tools to enhance health care students' knowledge about vaccine hesitancy. The successful collaboration has continued after Hammarlin's return to Sweden.

