



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

NORDIC GIRLHOODS: Critical Perspectives on Young Femininities

University of Gothenburg, 1–2 October 2026
FlickForsk! Nordic Network for Girlhood Studies

Location

Humanisten (The Faculty of Humanities)
Renströmsgatan 6, 412 55 Göteborg

Room **J336** (third floor, the same as the
main entrance)

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Day 1 – Thursday, 1 October

11:30–12:30 Lunch and registration (room: J336)

12:30–12:45 Welcome and Introduction to FlickForsk!

Session 1

12:45–14:00

- **Badegül Eren-Aydınlık**, Independent
*Educationalising the Female Body: Transnational Circulations of Swedish
Gymnastics in Early Republican Turkey*
- **Magdalena Sjöberg**, Örebro University
*Seeking Care, Finding Violence: Power, Gaslighting, and Girls' Lives in Swedish
Endometriosis Care*
- **Johanna Carlsson**, University of Gothenburg, **Azade Azad**, Stockholm University
& Kristianstad University
*Crime and conviction - Stability and Change in Narratives of Delinquency among
Young Women*
- **Christian Lenemark & Cecilia Pettersson**, University of Gothenburg
*Mapping Representations of Girls and Illness in Contemporary Swedish
Children's and Young Adult Literature (2015–2025)*

14:00–14:15 Coffee Break

Session 2

14:15–15:30

- **Jeanette Sundhall**, University of Gothenburg & **Sandra Hillén**, University of Borås
Therianthropic Girls: Age, Gender and Identity
- **Rikke Ulvedahl**, University of Southern Denmark
The Tomboy, or: Queer Potentiality in Danish Fantasy Literature, 2000–2025
- **Caroline K. Kaltefleiter**, SUNY Cortland
Riot Grrrl Revolution(s): Charting the Trajectory of Riot Grrrl Actions and Anarchism in Zines and Contemporary Protests
- **Marie Sakr**, McGill University
The Perfectionist's Guide to Making Mistakes: Perfectionism, Girlhood, and Assessment Across Educational Contexts

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–16:45 Keynote Lecture

Victoria Cann, University of East Anglia
Conceptualising the “Girl” in Girlhood Studies: Assumptions, Preoccupations and the Development of an (Inter)discipline

16:45–17:00 Closing Remarks

18:30 Conference Dinner (location TBA)

Day 2 – Friday, 2 October

Coffee from 07:45 (room: J336)

Session 3

08:00–09:15

- **Maria Moberg Stephenson**, Karlstad University, **Linda Arnell**, Umeå University & **Maria A. Vogel**, Stockholm University
Experiences of (non-)support from a life story perspective of girls and young women in criminal gangs: A critical welfare studies approach

- **Hermella Amlakie**, Karlstad University
Everyday Life and Life Situations Among Girls in Residential Youth Care
- **Michella Ida Mikuta**, The Danish Center for Social Science Research (VIVE)
Cycles of Gendered Marginalization: Care-Experienced Girls' Narratives of Cumulative Victimization, Coping Strategies and Institutional Failures to Provide Adequate Care
- **Mira A. Marlow**, University of Stavanger
Hidden and Invisible Girls and Young Women in Youth Units and Closed Institutions in Norway

09:15–09:30 Coffee Break

Session 4

09:30–10:30

- **Ann-Charlotte (Lotta) Palmgren**, Åbo Akademi University
Forest Girls and Girly Forests
- **Tanya Jukkala & Sara Ferlander**, Mälardalen University
Young Women Negotiating Marginalisation Within and Beyond the Suburb
- **Catarina Wahlgren & Ulrika Bergstrand**, University of Gävle
Changing Patterns in Girls' School Performance

10:30–11:00 Coffee and Refreshments

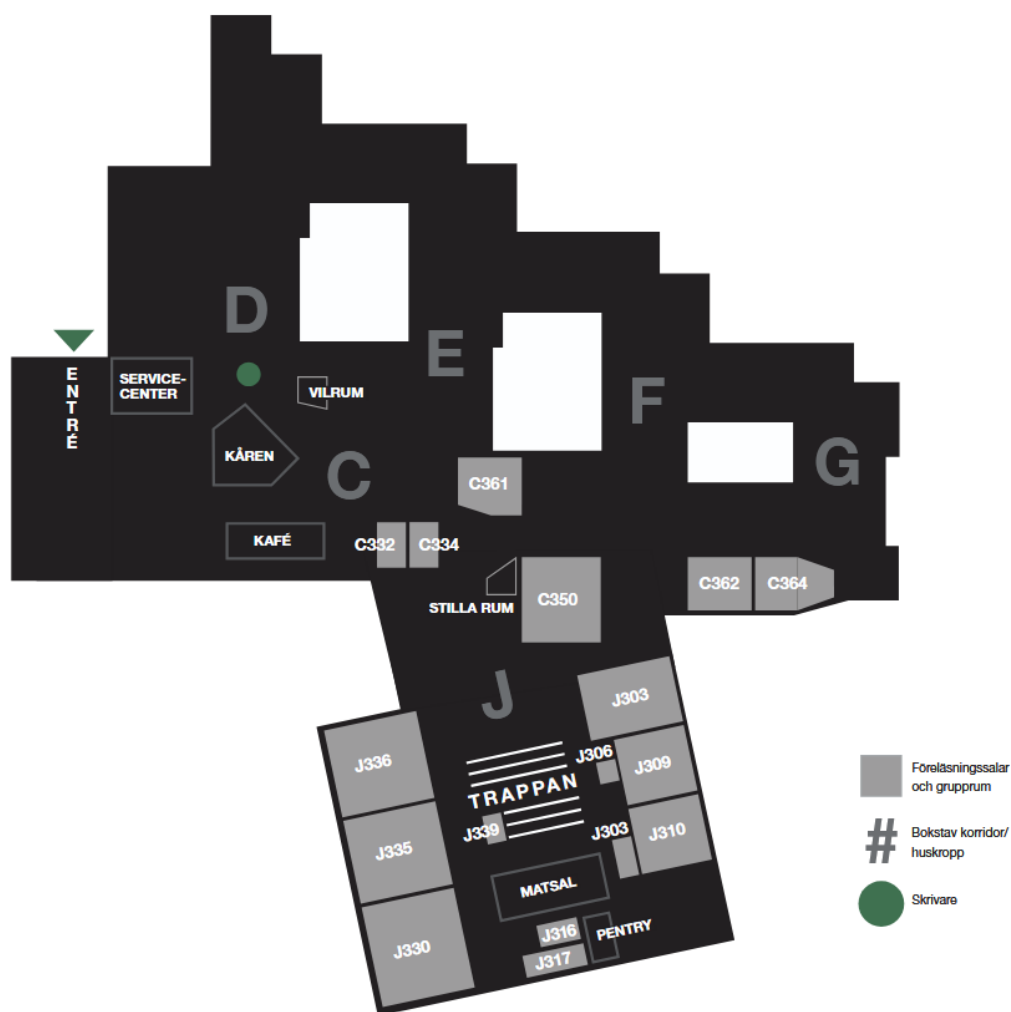
Session 5

11:00–12:30

- **Emilia Aldrin**, Halmstad University
Textbook Names Shaping Norms and Identities for Young Girls in Sweden
- **Hanna Tillberg**, Lund University
Constructions of Dark Girlhood in the works of Mare Kandre, Inger Edelfeldt, and Åsa Nelvin
- **Kajsa Widegren**, University of Gothenburg
Adapting Darger: Negotiating Girlhood, Femininity, Feminism and Death on Stage
- **Isabel Köhler & Megan Rådesjö**, University of Gothenburg
How the Clothes Nordic Influencer Moms Put on Their Preschool-Aged Girls Shape Gender Subjectification

12:30–13:00 Concluding Discussion and Closing
Lunch-to-Go

Map over the third floor of Humanisten (the Faculty of Humanities)



Accommodation and transportation in Gothenburg

We are not able to offer special deals for hotels via the university, but here are some suggestions within walking distance of the conference venue Humanisten, or the Central Station.

[Comfort Hotel Panorama](#)

[Hotel Lorensberg](#)

Elite Park Avenue Hotel

Clarion Hotel Post

From Gothenburg Central Station to Humanisten is a 30 minute walk. You can also take a tram from the stop **Drottningtorget** to **Korsvägen**, which is a ten minute journey.

To get around in Gothenburg by bus, tram or ferry you need to buy a ticket via **Västtrafik**. You can buy your ticket in the app **Västtrafik To Go** or in a **store** (Pressbyrån, 7-eleven or ICA). Read more about how to buy tickets, search for travels and more information about get around in Gothenburg [here](#).