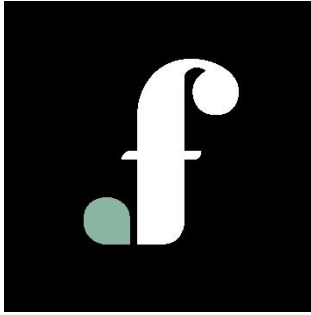




CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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

- **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)
- **Rikke Ulvedahl**, University of Southern Denmark
The Tomboy, or: Queer Potentiality in Danish Fantasy Literature, 2000–2025

14:00–14:15 Coffee Break

Session 2

14:15–15:30

- **Rachel Pierce**, KvinnSam, Humanities Libraries University of Gothenburg
KvinnSam: Library and archives as the starting point for research on girlhood

- **Jeanette Sundhall**, University of Gothenburg & **Sandra Hillén**, University of Borås
Therianthropic Girls: Age, Gender and Identity
- **Marie Sakr**, McGill University
The Perfectionist's Guide to Making Mistakes: Perfectionism, Girlhood, and Assessment Across Educational Contexts

15:30–16:00 Coffee and Refreshments

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
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
- **Sara Ferlander**, Mälardalen University
Young Women Negotiating Marginalisation Within and Beyond the Suburb
- **Catarina Wahlgren**, 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)

