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# Stockholm School of Theology

Theology/Religious Studies • Human Rights • Intercultural Relations

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**An Academically Strong School.** The Faculty of THS consists of teachers with different backgrounds and experience - from young PhDs to experienced Associate and Full Professors. THS provides a formal training programme in Theology for the Ministry at both Bachelor and Master levels - the only one in Sweden.

**Commitment to Human Rights.** THS has paved the way for academic training programmes in Human Rights in Sweden. The heritage of the THS founding Churches and their struggle in the 1800s for freedom of religion, recognition, and independence from the Lutheran State Church at the time forms a historic foundation and inspiration for Human Rights training today. At present THS awards a Bachelor in Human Rights and a Master level programme in cooperation with Uppsala University.

**Intercultural Relations - Conflict, Dialogue, Existence.** Understanding intercultural relations is a critical capacity in a globalizing world. The dynamics, content, and impact of intercultural relations on societies are the focus of this programme, which also offers theories and methods for the study of multicultural environments and their characteristics. The Programme covers both Swedish and international contexts as well as global trends and situations.

**Training for the Ministry.** If you wish to study theology in order to work in a parish or congregation, THS offers a broader environment than just academic studies. This includes services and devotions, spiritual guidance, special training in preaching and communication, and a number of other courses particularly suitable for the training of pastors and priests and for pastoral work in general.

**Pedagogically Committed Teachers.** As a faculty at THS we work constantly on the pedagogical and didactic aspects of teaching. Knowledge is a necessary but not sufficient component

in the education of students who prepare for a working life full of challenges on different levels. We believe that knowledge in a wider sense comes from the interplay of books and real life, in a pedagogical situation where analysis, discussion and the sharing of experiences contribute to the development of a student's knowledge, belief, and convictions.

**Theology - For Today and the Future.** Developments within individual countries, as well as on an international level, have made it clear that religion is one of the most important fields of study for the understanding of the events and dynamics of our world. Building on this insight, we provide tools for a comprehensive and reflected analysis, guided by the need for facts, justice, and reconciliation.

**Human Rights - A Tool for Change.** We need a constant reminder of the importance of human rights. Every day there are new examples of how difficult it can be to implement the intentions behind Human Rights declarations. Students at THS learn how to analyze the meaning, background, and implications of rights in different social contexts. The aim is to develop a critical and creative approach to Human Rights, relevant both for further studies and research, and for implementation in professional life.

**Working for Peace and Reconciliation.** Over the years, THS has carried out both research and training in peace and reconciliation work, for instance in Latin America, Central Africa, the Middle East, and South East Asia. We create resources for a just peace with reconciliation wherever requested.

**Continued professional development, in-service training, and tailor-made courses.**

You are welcome to study at THS for any reason, whether as part of your professional development, as a step to a new job, or for personal development. If our regular programs do not fit your needs, please ask us for a tailor-made course proposal.

**Stockholm School  
of Theology (THS)  
- A Unique Study  
Environment**

**Close to Many Things!** The campus of THS is located on the edge of a nature reserve, just a few minutes' walk from the Metro (Brommaplan Metro station), and only 19 minutes from the centre of Stockholm. THS is also within walking distance of Tempus, a major student residential campus.

**Friendly Premises and a Great Library!** Our buildings are designed to provide an effective learning environment - whether for large audiences or small working groups. The Library with some 40,000 titles and access to over 500 journals is open late at night, an enlightened place in all respects!

**A Broad International Contact Network.** THS students of both Theology and Human Rights can benefit from the extensive international network which THS has developed. Contacts have been established, on the basis of the needs and interests of THS students, with schools and research departments in cities such as Atlanta, Beirut, Chicago, Cape Town, New York, Manila, Prague, Yangon, Rawalpindi and Washington D.C. THS students can attend institutions in these cities - both for short study visits and longer study programmes over one or more semesters.

## About the Stockholm School of Theology

THS was founded in 1993 on the basis of three Seminars for pastoral training, which had been established in the 1860s and 1870s. The School was formed out of an ecumenical vision, where the inter-personal exchange of experiences, together with an accredited academic training, and the provision of non-academic training modules, for trainee ministers and other church workers, were the leading aims.

Stockholm School of Theology has, since its establishment, developed into a major theological research and education institution in Sweden, where students from different backgrounds, faiths, and convictions meet for study. Among them we find teachers in the compulsory school system who include Theology in their formal training, ministers and lay people, all of them interested in questions for which Theology, Ethics, and the Sociology of Religion have interesting answers.

The strengthening of human dignity and the need for healing of what has been broken, and our heritage from Swedish civil

society's work for religious freedom and democracy in the 19th century, are sources of inspiration for both the Theological and the Human Rights programmes at THS.

Studies in Human Rights provide tools for working for democracy and against discrimination and other forms of violations of human rights. The School also takes an active part in supporting groups and individuals in various parts of the world, who are working for the same cause.

This commitment to justice, peace, and reconciliation is manifested, besides other activities, in the Masters programme *Intercultural Relations - Conflict, Dialogue, Existence*. Rapid technological development, in combination with a globalizing economy and its ensuing political relations, has created a world where cultures meet and mix to a wider extent than ever before. Intercultural competence, therefore, is about understanding both one's own culture and others', and what happens when different cultures meet.

### Theological Study Program

We offer a Bachelor in Theology, followed by one- or two-year Masters of Theology. Available places are open as independent course places. Parts of the programme in Theology can also be studied as web-based distance courses.

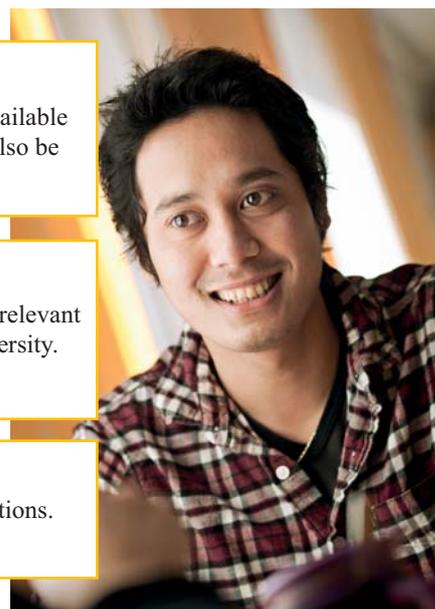
### Human Rights and Democracy Program

We offer a Bachelor in Human Rights consisting of courses on Human Rights and other relevant topics. A two-year Master in Human Rights is offered in cooperation with Uppsala University. Available places are open as independent course places.

### Intercultural Relations

We offer a one- or two-year Master of Theology with specialisation in Intercultural Relations. It can be studied as a full-time or as a part-time studies programme.

For more information, see: [www.ths.se](http://www.ths.se).





### Henrik Verputten

"Make a difference for democracy and Human Rights!" That quotation from a webpage of the Swedish Army was the starting point for my studies at Stockholm School of Theology. Since I was originally working as a military observer for the United Nations in the Middle East, I began by studying online, a very good alternative in that situation. Good instruction and continuous feedback from the teachers allowed me to study effectively wherever I was in the world.

Not too long after arriving in the Middle East, the role of religion for the people there was brought home to me in a concrete way. Consequently I began to try and understand how religion and Human Rights can be combined, and my part-time studies became full-time. Since I was already a student at THS, I could easily continue with my studies in Religion via Internet. Thanks to the quality of both study programmes at THS I am now a full-time there.

### Karolina Rönn

I have enjoyed studying at THS! I have got to know a lot of new people here, not only other students but also professors, visiting lecturers, and ministers. Many of them have challenged and provoked me; they have inspired me enormously for the future. As students we come from many different backgrounds, traditions, beliefs, and experiences. Our views and reflections are shared and discussed when we meet and cooperate in various ways. Committed and highly-qualified professors are always on hand to help us. My years of study at THS have provided knowledge, tools, and contacts - all of them invaluable for my future work as a pastor. THS has helped me grow!



SVENSK MILJÖBAS

THS has been awarded Svensk Miljöbas Environmental Diploma.

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