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Current Position

August 2017 – Associate Professor in Digital Technologies and Emerging Media. Communication & Media Studies, Fordham University.

August 2024 – Associate Chair, Department of Communication & Media Studies, Fordham University.

Education

2006. Ph.D., Informatics, University of Göteborg, Dissertation title *Disruptive Technology: Effects of Technology Regulation on Democracy*.

1999. LL.M., University of Strathclyde (Scotland). Information Technology and Telecommunications Law.

Professional Experience

Fall 2023 Fulbright Scholar University of Bergen (Norway)

2019 – 2020 McGannon Book Series Editor, Fordham University Press.

August 2018 – May 2020. Associate Chair, Department of Communication & Media Studies, Fordham University.

2015 – 2017. Associate Professor in Political Communication and Social Media, Department of Communication, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

2014 – 2015. Visiting Scholar Center for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania.

2013 – 2014. Associate Professor (joint position) Department of Applied IT, University of Göteborg and Swedish School of Library Science.

2007 – 2013. Assistant Professor (joint position) Department of Applied IT, University of Göteborg and Swedish School of Library Science.

2006 – 2007. Legal Council on Open Access Issues, University Library, University of Lund (Sweden).

2000 – 2005. Lecturer, Department of Informatics, University of Göteborg (Sweden).

2003 – 2005. Visiting Fellow, Law Department, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK).

2001. Guest Researcher, Consorzio Innovazione Impresa Scarl, Centro Tecnofin Servizi, University of Trento (Italy).

RESEARCH

Grants awarded

Fall 2023 Fulbright Scholar University of Bergen (Norway)

2013. Principle researcher. One year project funded by the Grundtvig Institute “Bildung in Computer Sciences” to evaluate liberal arts in computer science education at University of Göteborg. **Grant awarded 100 000 SEK.**

2012 – 2013. Member of research team of Swedish Research Council funded *The case of the e-book in “small language” culture: Media technology and the digital society.*

2006 – 2008. Coordinator of European Commission FP6-funded *SELF Project (Science, Education & Learning in Freedom)*. Participants Free Software Foundation Europe (Germany), Fundacio per a la Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Spain), Fundacion para la Difusion del Conocimiento Y el Desarrollo Sustentable via Libre (Argentina), Internet Society (Bulgaria), Internet Society (Netherlands), Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (India). **Grant awarded 978 000 Euro.**

2008. Principle researcher. Funded by the .Se foundation Sweden to write a general public book on open content licensing Copyright – Copyleft: En guide om upphovsrätt och licenser på nätet, IIS Internetguide, nr 6. **Grant awarded 120 000 SEK.**

Publications

Books

Klang, M. (2008). *Copyright – Copyleft: En guide om upphovsrätt och licenser på nätet*, IIS Internetguide, nr 6.

Klang, M. (2006). *Disruptive Technology: Effects of Technology Regulation on Democracy*, University of Göteborg. Doctoral Dissertation, Gothenburg Studies in Informatics, Report 36.

Klang, M. & Murray, A. (eds.) (2005). *Human Rights in the Digital Age*. Cavendish Publishing, London.

Journal Articles

Madison, N. & Klang, M. (2020) “The Case for Digital Activism: Refuting the Fallacies of Slacktivism”, *The Journal of Digital Social Research* Vol. 2, No. 2, 2020, 28–47.

Madison, N. & Klang, M. (2019). “Digital Resistance: The Case for Everyday Activism”, Editorial *Journal of Resistance Studies*. Volume 2, 2019.

Madison, N. & Klang, M. (2019). “Recognizing Everyday Activism: Understanding Resistance to Facial Recognition”, *Journal of Resistance Studies*, Volume 2, 2019.

Klang, M. & Madison, N. (2016) "The Domestication of Online Activism", *First Monday*, Volume 21, Number 6 - 6 June 2016.

Klang, M & Nolin, J. (2012). "Tolerance is Law: Remixing Homage Parodying Plagiarism", *Scripted*, vol 9, Issue 2.

Klang, M. & Nolin, J. (2011). "Disciplining social media: An analysis of social media policies in 26 Swedish municipalities", *First Monday*, Volume 16, Number 8.

Bryce, J. & Klang M. (2009). "Young People, Disclosure of Personal Information and Online Privacy: Control, Choice and Consequences", *Information Security Technical Report*. Volume 14, Issue 3, pp 160-166.

Klang, M. (2005). "Creative Commons Meets Open Access", *ScieCom info*. 2005:1.

Klang, M. (2005). "Free Software & Open Source: The Freedom Debate and its Consequences", *First Monday*, volume 10, number 3 (March).

Klang, M. (2004). "Civil Disobedience Online", *Journal of Information, Communication & Ethics in Society*, Volume 2: Issue 2: Paper 2. Pp 75-83.

Klang, M. (2004). "Spyware – the ethics of covert software", *Ethics and Information Technology*, Issue 3, September 2004 pp. 193-202.

Klang, M. (2004). "Avatar: From Deity to Corporate Property", *Information, Communication & Society*, Volume 7, Number 3 pp. 389- 402.

Klang, M. (2003). "Spyware: Paying for Software with our Privacy", *International Review of Law Computers and Technology*, Volume 17, Number 3, November.

Klang, M. (2003). "A Critical Look at the Regulation of Computer Viruses", *International Journal of Law and Information Technology*, Vol. 11 No 2.

Klang, M. (2003). "Technology, Speech, Law & Ignorance – The state of free speech in Sweden", *Hertfordshire Law Journal*, 1(2), Autumn, 48-63.

Klang, M., Ihlström, C. & Olsson, S. (2002). "Overcoming Barriers: Why SMEs Should Consider Networks", *International Journal of Services Technology and Management*, Volume 3, Number 1 (2002) 68-81.

Klang, M. (2001). "Who do you Trust? Beyond encryption, secure e-business" *Decision Support Systems* 31 (2001) 293-301.

Articles & Book Chapters

Klang, M. (2023) "An Entire History of You: Five Critical Questions about Live Facial Recognition Surveillance", in Hunsinger, J (ed) *Handbook of Public Policy and the Internet* (Forthcoming)

Klang, M. (2023) "Domestic Panopticons: Home Surveillance and Surveillance Culture" in Rettberg-Walker, J. (ed) *Cultural Representations of Machine Vision*, *Open Library of Humanities Journal* (Forthcoming)

Klang, M. & Madison, N. (2018) "Vigilantism or Outrage: an exploration of policing social norms through social media" in Vanacker & Heider (eds) *Ethics for a Digital Age*. Peter Lang Publishing.

Klang, M. (2014). "Foreword" in Johnson, S. (ed) *Global Issues and Ethical Considerations in Human Enhancement Technologies*, IGI Global.

Skärsäter, I. & Klang, M. (2014). "Personcentrering på distans – e-hälsa" in Ekman, I. (ed) *Personcentrerad Hälsa*. Liber, Stockholm. Pp. 245-261.

Klang, M. (2014). "The Rise and Fall of Freedom of Online Expression" in Brownsword, R. & Duewell, M. (eds) *Cambridge Handbook on Human Dignity*, Cambridge University Press. Pp 505-513.

Klang, M. (2014). "Informationens sötma" in *Information som problem*, Jonas Nordin, Pelle Snickars & Otfried Czaika (eds). Stockholm: KB. Pp 218-238.

Klang, M. (2012). "Från vax till moln: Musikens upphovsrätts- och teknikhistoria", in Sigurdardóttir, H (ed.) *Tolv Toner*, Rösshka Gunnebo Akademien, nr 2 pp 72-85.

Klang, M. (2011). "Om sociala medier och staten" in Nilsson, M. (ed.) *Sociala? Medier? En antologi om en ny tid*. Manifesto, Stockholm. Pp 49-55.

Klang, M. (2008). "Spyware", in Luppicini, R. & Adell, R. (eds) *Handbook of Research on Technoethics*, Idea Group Reference.

Klang, M. (2007). "The Evolution of Free Software" in St.Amant, K. & Still, B. (eds) *Handbook of Research on Open Source Software: Technological, Economic, and Social Perspectives*, Idea Group Reference.

Klang, M. (2006). "Tillit & Teknologi"? in Johansson, Jönsson & Solli (eds.), *Värdet av Förtroende*, Studentlitteratur, Lund.

Klang, M. (2005). "Privacy, Surveillance & Identity", in Klang, M. & Murray, A. (eds) *Human Rights in the Digital Age*, Cavendish Publishing, London.

Klang, M. (2005). "Virtual Sit-Ins, Civil Disobedience and Cyberterrorism", Klang, M. & Murray, A. (eds) *Human Rights in the Digital Age*, Cavendish Publishing, London.

Selected Conference Proceedings

Klang, M. & Madison, N. (2018) Activism as Meme: The globalized performance of protest, *ESS Baltimore*, February.

Klang, M. & Madison, N. (2017) Online Mammary Activists: Trolling the Surveillance Capital Machine. *Connecting to the Masses Symposium*. Amsterdam, November.

Nelhans, G., Maurin Söderholm, H., Nolin, J., Klang, M. & Lassi, M. (2013). Spontaneous reactions to an anti-piracy initiative: A YouTube clip microanalysis. *iConference 2013 Proceedings* (pp. 985-989).

Klang, M. & Nolin, J. (2011). "To Inform or to Interact, that is the question: The role of Freedom of Information", *Proceedings from Social Media Policies, Information Science and Social Media*. Pp 11-27.

Klang, M. (2008). "Open Access and Action Research" in *Proceedings of HCC8 Social dimensions of ICT policy*.

Klang, M. (2006). "Virtual Censorship: Controlling the Public Sphere", in IFIP International Federation for Information Processing, Vol. 223, *Social Informatics: An Information Society for All? In Remembrance of Rob Kling*, eds. Berleur, J., Numinen, M. I., Impagliazzo, J., (Boston: Springer), pp 185-194.

Klang, M. (2006). "Informational Commons", in *Proceedings of European Conference on Information Systems*.

Klang, M. (2005). "The Digital Commons: Using Licenses to Promote Creativity", *Proceedings of Eth-icom*.

Encyclopedia Entries

Klang, M. (2009). "Technology of Internet", in Donsbach, W. (ed) *The International Encyclopaedia of Communication*, Blackwells. Pp 2455-2461.

Industry Publications

Klang, M. (2008) "Alla dessa lösenord", *GU Journalen* nr 5-08.

Klang, M. (2007) Riv Demokratin! in Amnå, E. (ed) En ny demokrati, *Global Utmaning*, Rapport 4.

Klang M. (2006) "Creative Commons – allmänningen som svar på kulturens terra nullius", *Infotrend*, Vol 61 nr 2/06.

Klang, M. & Sandklef, H. (2006) "Bodströmsamhället – Övervakning är ordning", *VägValVänster*, 30 January.

Klang, M. & Sandklef, H. (2006) "Naiv tro på teknologi som brottsbekämpare", Debatt, *Göteborgs-Posten*, 24 January.

Klang, M. & Jonsson, K. (2006) "Digital spridning på dina villkor", Månadens debatt *Internetworld*, nr 1 2006.

Klang, M. & Jonsson, K. (2005) "Upphovsrätt, fildelning och allmänningar", CS Debatt, *Computer Sweden*, 12 December.

Klang, M. (2005) "Creative Commons & kulturproduktionens renässans" *VägValVänster*, 16 November 2005. republished in *Dagens ETC*, 6 December.

Klang, M. & Öberg, J. (2005) "Fri programvara som digital offentlighetsprincip" *24timmarsbloggen*, 23 May.

Klang, M. (2005) "Creative Commons Meets Open Access", 2005:1 *ScieCom info*

Klang, M. (2005) "Creative Commons Sverige – för offentlig sektor?" *24timmarsbloggen*, 4 april

Book Reviews

Klang, M. (2008). Review of *Intellectual Property: The many faces of the public domain* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2007), in *Script-ed*.

Klang, M. (2007). Review *Varför dog Bellman – Om inte om hade varit* (2007), in *Datorn i Utbildningen*, nr 7.

Klang, M. (2007). Review *Internet Politics* (OUP 2006), in *Information, Communication & Ethics in Society* (2007) pp 29-30.

Klang, M. (2006). Review *Internet Law and Cultures* (CUP 2005), in *Web Journal of Current Legal Issues*, [2006] 2 Web JCLI.

Klang, M. (2003). Review *Human Rights and the Internet*, in *International Journal of Law and Information Technology* Volume 11, Issue 1, Spring 2003: pp. 106-108.

Selected Invited Presentations & Keynotes

2023. Surveillance Masterclass University of Amsterdam

2012. “Expressions in Code and Freedom”, Keynote *KDE Akademy*, Tallinn, Estonia.

2012. “Social Media – Control & Communication in Healthcare” invited speaker *Association of Occupational Therapists*, Stockholm, Sweden.

2012. “Looking for Orwell, missing Huxley, or Why privacy law is failing”, keynote *Internet und Gesellschaft Co:laboratory*, Berlin, Germany.

2012. “Democracy cannot ignore technology” Panel Presentation Swedish Parliament.

2012. “Social Media Social #Fail: Gaining Speech, Losing Democracy”

2012. “Empowered Citizens or Digital Dairy Cows” invited speaker *Swedish Teachers Association*, Stockholm, Sweden.

2012. “The Extroverted Reader” *LIBRIS* invited speaker, Swedish Library Association, Stockholm

2011. “Limiting the Open Society”, invited speaker GoOpen, Oslo, Norway.

2011. “Copyright – One size fits all?”, invited speaker SERI, Oslo, Norway.

2011. “Dangerous Bits of Information”, invited speaker, NOKIOS, Norwegian Conference for eGovernment, Trondheim, Norway.

2011. “Culture is Inevitable, Copyright is Not”, invited speaker *You are in Control*, Reykjavik, Iceland.

2010. “The Role of Commons in Relational Economies”, *Creative Commons Salon*, Stockholm, Sweden.

2010. “File Sharer? Go to jail!” Keynote *F5CONS*, Göteborg, Sweden.

TEACHING

Postgraduate Courses

Social Media & Civic Engagement (Fordham University)

Disruptive Technology (ISM, France)

Computer Ethics (University of Göteborg, Sweden)

Disruptive Technology and Social Media (University of Göteborg, Sweden)

E-commerce and E-government (University of Göteborg, Sweden)

Legal Regulation of Information Technology (London School of Economics & Political Science, England)

Undergraduate Courses

Digital Resistance: Political activism and protest online (Honors Program, Fordham University)

Digital Property: Rights, Policy & Practice (Fordham University)

Privacy & Surveillance (Fordham University)

Digital Cultures (Fordham University)

Introduction to Digital Technologies & Emerging Media (Fordham University)

Media & Society (UMass Boston)

Hate Speech & Propaganda (UMass Boston)

Communication & Mobilization (UMass Boston)

News Media and Political Power (UMass Boston)

Political Communication (UMass Boston)

Privacy: Communication, Technology & Society (UMass Boston)

Hate Speech & Propaganda (UMass Boston)

Civic Media (St Joseph University, Philadelphia)

Communication Ethics (St Joseph University, Philadelphia)

Open Source/Free software: Political Science (University of Göteborg, Sweden)

Open Source/Free software: Political Science (University of Göteborg, Sweden)

The Vulnerable IT Society (University of Göteborg, Sweden)

Internet Law (University Trollhättan/Uddevalla, Sweden)

Information Technology and the Law (London School of Economics & Political Science, England)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

Tryggvi Björgvinsson (2013) *User-Driven Development for Bespoke Software*, University of Iceland, Reykjavik

Master Thesis Supervision

2011. Micael Samuelsson, “Interaction patterns among Swedish Twitter users”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.

2011. Ander Petersson, "Staden som klassrum -Digitala möjligheter för mer historieundervisning utomhus", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2011. Magnus Delin, "Man vill ju inte ha några äckliga gubbar..." En studie av ungdomars uppfattningar av lärare på Facebook", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2011. Emelie Victorin Richter, "Hur kan en blogg hjälpa informationsfördelningen i ett företag?", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2011. Niklas Johansson, "Integritet på Facebook", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2011. Sofia Serholt, "Audiovisuell kontra skriftlig stimulans: En jämförande studie mellan effekten av video och text på gymnasieelevers kort- och långsiktiga minnesförmågor", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2010. Martin Johansson & Henrik Nilsson, "Social media in organizations - Challenges and possibilities for organizations through customer relationships in social media", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2010. Anna-Karin Holmqvist, "Här blir fröken den som behöver hjälpen undersökning om pedagogers syn på IKTanvändningen i dagens skola" ", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2010. Maria Sjöstrand & Sandra Svensson, "E-communities - Young peoples view on how e-communities affect their personal relationships", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2010. Jan Nilsson & Per Håkansson, "Sociala och lokala medier: en studie av nyttor i sociala nätverk", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2007. Oscar Lundin & Farhad Roashan, "IT för Lärare & Föräldrar – Kommunikation mellan skolor och skolbarns föräldrar i SDN Tynnered", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2007. Lydia Kihlström, "Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 – dess konsekvenser på svenska företag", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2007. Fredrik Olofsson & Christoffer Du Rietz, "Mobilt styr och reglersystem för fastighetsbranschen", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2007. Mattias Enocksson & Hannes Holmquist "Användarorienterad informationsdesign - En ansats mot ett nytt intranät i Mölndals stad", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2005. Veronika Larsson & Britta Hermansson, "Identitet och integritet - En attitydundersökning om automatisk identifiering, med hjälp av RFID-teknik, och påverkan på den personliga integriteten", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2005. Adam Walter & Per-Olof Norehall, "Små handelsföretag och e-implementering - Infrastrukturen inom e-handelsdomänen i ett tillväxtperspektiv", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2005. Jonas Andersson "Strategic use of IT in Radiology A comparison between Sweden and the USA", University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2005. Robert Karlsson, "Malware-relaterade kostnader för offentlig sektor", University of Göteborg, Sweden.

2005. Yukie Adachi, “24-timmarsmyndigheten En fallstudie av Sambruk – en kommunal samverkan”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2005. Zahra Hosseinpour & Anita Kendes, “Virtuella museer - vision eller verklighet? ”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2005. Johan Sandblom & Erik Petterson, “I väntan på mjukvarupatent”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2003. Raye Walter, “Competence Management Strategies (CMS) A Future Concept in Competence Management for Knowledge-Based Organizations”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2003. Gustav Dahlberg & Jonas Jonell, “Framtiden för mobile spel”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2003. Daniel Wettergren, “Utbildning för implementering Hur den kan generera utveckling för användare och företag”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2003. Anette Stenberg & Ola Andersson, “Prototyping som systemutvecklingsmetod för småföretag”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2003. Magnus Persson & Ann-Charlott Larsson, “Dokumentation som undervisningsmoment i utbildningar inom systemutveckling”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2002. Joakim Abel, “Intranätets roll idag och imorgon?! - En studie i nyttjande och underutnyttjande av intranätet i en större organisation, med utgångspunkt ur ett användarperspektiv”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2001. Alma Osmanovic & Violeta Lipic, “mCommerce- utveckling av mobila tjänster”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2001. Fredrik Johannesson & Johan Lindström, “Kan man sänka transaktionskostnader med hjälp av mobila tjänster? ”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2000. Jessica Engelbrekt, “Moderatorns roll i virtual communities”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.
2000. Anders Frånberg, “Ett säkert Internet-Betalningsformer för säkra transaktioner över Internet”, University of Göteborg, Sweden.

SERVICE

University Service

2019 – Core advisor, Rose Hill Campus, Fordham University.

2018 – Associate Chair, Department of Communication and Media Studies, Fordham University.

2018 – Member of the Curriculum Committee, Department of Communication and Media Studies, Fordham University.

2019 Member of the Search Committee Director of Academic and Financial Operations at Fordham.

2018 Chair of the Search Committee Assistant Professor of Queer Media & Civic Engagement, Department of Communication and Media Studies, Fordham University.

2017 - Executive Committee Member of the Department of Communication and Media Studies, Fordham University.

2016 – 2017. Chair of the Tenure Committee, Department of Communication, UMass Boston.

2015 – 2016. Chair of the Search Committee responsible for selecting Assistant Professor Dr Sun Young.

2015 – 2017. Chair of Departmental Personnel Committee, Department of Communication, UMass Boston.

2015 – 2017. Member of the Department Curriculum Review Committee.

2003 – 2006. Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Informatics, University of Göteborg.

2001 – 2003. Representative, Department of Informatics Board.

2001 – 2003. Representative, Ph.D. student council at the School of Economics and Commercial Law, University of Göteborg.

Community Service

2019. Guest editor, Special Issue on Digital Resistance, Journal of Resistance Studies.

2017. Chair: Association of Internet Research Dissertation Award Committee.

2016. Committee Member: Association of Internet Research Dissertation Award Committee.

2015. Expert on panel evaluating research grant applications for the Academy of Finland.

2005 – 2013. Project Leader for Creative Commons Sweden.

2013 – 2014 Member of Wikimedia Sweden Copyright Committee.

2010 – 2011 Advisory Board for film production *Granny's Dancing on the Table* (Hanna Sköld, 2015).

2009 – 2013 Member of the editorial board for GU Journalen <http://www.gu-journalen.gu.se/>

2007 – Member of the editorial board for International Journal of Technoethics

2007 – 2009 Member of the editorial board for Resistance Studies Magazine.

2007 – 2008. Representative on the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry on E-Access to Official Documents (E-offentlighetskommittén Dir. 2008:26)

2006 – 2007. Coordinator for the Resistance Studies Network.

Professional Service

2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 Member of the Organizing Committee of the FSCONS Free Software Conference in Scandinavia, Göteborg, Sweden. <http://www.fscons.org>

Academic Program Committee, Wikipedia Academy Berlin 2012 <http://wikipedia-academy.de/>

Member of the Program Committee of the IFIP TC9, 8th International Conference on Human Choice and Computers, HCC8: Social dimensions of ICT policy, Pretoria, South Africa 25-27 September 2008.

Member of the Program Committee Free Knowledge, Free Technology - Education for a free information society - First International Conference - July 15-17, 2008 - Barcelona, Spain - <http://fkft.eu>

Member of the Program Committee of the Fourth International Summer School, The Future of Identity in the Information Society – Challenges for Privacy and Security, FIDIS/IFIP Internet Security & Privacy Summer School, Brno, Czech Rep., 1-7 September 2008.

Program Committee member FreeCulture 2010 Research Conference, Berlin 8-9 October. <http://wikis.fu-berlin.de/display/fcrc/Home>

Program Committee member FreeCulture 2009 Research Workshop, Berkman Center for Internet & Society Harvard University. <http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/node/5486>

Program Committee member FreeCulture 2008 First Interdisciplinary Research Workshop on Free Culture <http://icommonssummit.org/programme/labs/first-interdisciplinary-resear.html>

Media Appearances

SVT Nyheter, Sveriges Radio, Washington Post, Goteborgs Posten, Dagens Nyheter