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CURRICULUM VITAE

I was born in Sweden in 1953 and left for Asia in 1975. I spent 1975-79 travelling in the Asia-Pacific region (the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, Hongkong, Japan, Australia and New Zealand) but I have been living permanently in Thailand since December 1979, working as a journalist. I was a free-lance journalist until March 1988, at which time I was employed by the *Far Eastern Economic Review* of Hongkong (for which I began writing on a free-lance basis in 1982) as its Burma correspondent. Later, I also covered a range of other issues for the *Review* such as organized crime, ethnic and political insurgencies, and regional security. After the *Review* was closed down in November 2004, I began working as a senior analyst for *Jane's Information Group* in the USA. Since 1995 I have also been the East Asia correspondent for the Swedish daily *Svenska Dagbladet*, and from 1995 to 2003 the Southeast Asia correspondent for *Politiken* of Denmark. I served as President of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand (FCCT) from January 1993 to January 1995.

I am the recipient of three research grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The first grant (1992-93) enabled me to write BURMA IN REVOLT (see below), and second grant (1997-98) paid for my book, BLOOD BROTHERS: CRIME,

BUSINESS AND POLITICS IN ASIA. The third grant was for writing a book about illegal migration from China to the rest of the world, which will be published this year. In 2004, I received an award for excellence in reporting about North Korea from the Society of Publishers in Asia. In 2005, Silkworm Books in Chiang Mai published GREAT LEADER, DEAR LEADER: DEMYSTIFYING NORTH KOREA UNDER THE KIM CLAN, which outlines the regime's ideology and how the Kim Clan exercises power. In 2007, a South Korean publishing house published (in Korean) AUNG SAN SUU KYI AND BURMA'S STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY, a biography of the leader of Burma's pro-democracy movement. My most recent book is MERCHANTS OF MADNESS: THE METHEMPHETAMINE EXPLOSION IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE (2009, with Michael Black.)

Employment History

<u>Employer:</u>	<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Position:</u>
Far Eastern Economic Review	1988-2004	Correspondent
Politiken	1995-2003	Southeast Asia correspondent
Svenska Dagbladet	1995-	East Asia correspondent

Free-Lance Writing (from 1973 onwards):

Articles have appeared in the following newspapers and magazines:

USA

Wall Street Journal (daily)

Washington Post (daily)

International Herald Tribune (daily)

The Los Angeles Times (daily)

New York Times Book Review (weekly supplement to the New York Times)

Reader's Digest (monthly)

World Paper (monthly)

Current History (monthly)

Talk magazine (monthly)

Nieman Reports

Yale Global Online

INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES

United Press International (UPI)

Deutsche Presse-Agentur (DPA)

UNITED KINGDOM

The World Today (Chatham House monthly)

The Independent (daily)

Jane's Defence Weekly

The Sunday Telegraph

Mail on Sunday/Night and Day (weekly)

Jane's Intelligence Review (monthly)

International Defense Review (monthly)

Critical Asian Studies (quarterly)

Global Crime

Boundary and Security Bulletin (International Boundaries Research Unit)

The Bulletin of the Friends of Jade

Arabia (monthly)

Oxford Analytica Daily Briefs

AUSTRALIA

Sydney Morning Herald

Financial Review (Weekend Review)

Asia-Pacific Magazine

Asian Studies Review

Asian Analysis

HONG KONG

Far Eastern Economic Review (weekly)

Asia Times Online

Journal of Oriental Studies

SINGAPORE

Contemporary Southeast Asia

JAPAN

The Japan Economic Journal (daily)

AERA (Asahi Shimbun Extra Report and Analysis; weekly magazine)

Sapio (weekly magazine)

Tokyo Journal (monthly magazine)

Playboy (Japan)

SOUTH KOREA

Hankyoreh Shinmun (daily)

Hankyoreh 21 (weekly)

Global Asia (quarterly)

GERMANY

Die Tageszeitung (daily)

Der Überblick (quarterly)

Der Spiegel Reporter (monthly)

ITALY

Corriere della Serra (weekly magazine)

Grazia (monthly magazine)

FRANCE

Geopolitical Drugdispatch (monthly newsletter from Observatoire
Géopolitique des Drogues)

Courrier International

the NETHERLANDS

NRC Handelsblad (daily)

BELGIUM

Vivant Univers (quarterly)

SWITZERLAND

DU Magazine (monthly)

Das Magazin (weekly)

SWEDEN

Svenska Dagbladet (daily)

Uppsala Nya Tidning (daily)

Falu-Kuriren (daily)
Kommunalarbetaren (weekly)
Statsanställd (weekly)
Fackläraaren (weekly)
Broderskap (weekly)
Folket i Bild (fortnightly)
Populär Historia (monthly)
NEO (monthly)
ELLE (monthly)
Zäta (monthly)
Frihet (monthly)
SIDA Rapport
Kina Rapport
Internationella Studier
Alkohol och Narkotika
Sydasien
Scanorama

NORWAY

Stavanger Aftenblad (daily)
Ny Tid (weekly)
Utvikling (monthly)

DENMARK

Politiken (daily)
Information (daily)
Weekendavisen (weekly)
Kontakt
Udkig

FINLAND

Suomen Kuvalehti (weekly)

INDIA

The Times of India (daily)

India Today (fortnightly)

Economic and Political Weekly

Week (weekly)

China Report

South Asian Survey

India & Global Affairs (quarterly)

NEPAL

Himal

THAILAND

Bangkok Post (daily)

The Nation (daily)

Thailand Times (daily)

Journal of the Siam Society (yearly)

Manager (monthly)

Metro Bangkok (monthly)

Focus (monthly)

Business in Thailand (monthly)

ASEAN Investor (monthly)

Look East (monthly)

Guidelines (monthly)

Gemological Digest

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh Post (fortnightly)

INDONESIA

The Jakarta Globe (daily)

BRUNEI

Muhibah

CYPRUS

Global Dialogue

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Penguin News (weekly)

Reports and interviews have been aired on the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC), Radio Australia, the American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), National Public Radio (USA), Voice of America (VOA), Christian Science Monitor Radio (USA), Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), Swiss Broadcasting Corporation, Radio France International, Deutsche Welle, Radio Netherlands, Vatican Radio, Radio Sweden, Radio Norway, Radio Finland and Radio Hong Kong.

Interviews and documentaries have been shown by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Cable News Network (CNN), Al-Jazeera, the American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC), the CNN Television Agency (USA), Christian Science Monitor Television (USA), the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Swedish Television, Norwegian

Television, Danish Television, Netherlands Television, the South African Broadcasting Corporation, and Thai Television (Channel 9).

CONSULTANCIES:

In addition to writing articles for various newspapers, magazines and periodicals, I have also been a consultant for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (evaluations of grant applications), Radio Free Asia (evaluations of its Burmese and Lao language services), the British Broadcasting Corporation (an evaluation of the BBC's Burmese language service), the Danish International Development Agency, DANIDA (a survey of mass media organisations and journalists' associations in Southeast Asia), the Southeast Asian Press Alliance (a report on the Burmese media in the country and in exile), and Jane's Information Group (reports on defence-related issues).

BOOKS:

OUTRAGE: Burma's Struggle for Democracy (Review Publishing Company, Hongkong, 1989. 270 pages. Second edition, White Lotus UK, 1990. 208 pages. (A Burmese translation was published in 1990 by Peacock Press: *Domanhong -- Bamapyi Dimokresi tatpwe* . 268 pages). About the 1988 uprising for democracy in Burma.

THE RISE AND FALL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BURMA (Cornell University Press, Ithaca, USA, 1990. 111 pages). A history of Burma's communist movement from 1939 to 1990.

LAND OF JADE: A Journey through Insurgent Burma (Kiscadale, the UK, 1990. 315 pages). This book describes my wife's and my 18-month trek through northern Burma in 1985-1987. Second edition, [Land of Jade: A Journey from India through Northern

Burma to China] White Orchid, Thailand, 1996. 380 pages. (Manipuri translation, SLKH Meitei, RK Singh, Imphal, January 2006).

REJSEN TIL JADELANDET (in Danish; Mellempfolkeligt Samvirke, Denmark, 1989. 432 pages). A Danish translation of *Land of Jade* .

BURMA IN REVOLT: Opium and Insurgency Since 1948 (Westview, Boulder, Colorado, 1994. 515 pages). A study of Burma's ethnic conflict and the Golden Triangle opium trade. Second revised and updated edition, Silkworm Books, Chiang Mai, 1999. 558 pages.

THE KACHIN: LORDS OF BURMA'S NORTHERN FRONTIER (Teak House, Chiang Mai, 1998, 258 pages). About the history and culture of the Kachin people of northern Burma.

BLOOD BROTHERS: CRIME, BUSINESS AND POLITICS IN ASIA

About organized crime in the Asia-Pacific region. (Allen & Unwin, Sydney, Australia, 2002, 470 pages).

GREAT LEADER, DEAR LEADER: DEMYSTIFYING NORTH KOREA UNDER THE KIM CLAN About North Korea, the regime's ideology and how the Kim Clan exercises power. (Silkworm Books, Chiang Mai, 2005, 274 pages).

AUNG SAN SUU KYI AND BURMA'S STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRACY (IN KOREAN); Asia Network/Prunsoop, Seoul 2007, 336 p.)

MERCHANTS OF MADNESS: THE METHAMPHETAMINE EXPLOSION IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE (with Michael Black)

(Silkworm Books, Chiang Mai, 2009, 180 pages).

BOOKLETS:

AUNG SAN SUU KYI AND BURMA'S UNFINISHED RENAISSANCE (Monash University, Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Working Paper No 64, Melbourne,

Australia. 28 pages). The first and so far the only biography of Burma's most prominent opposition leader.

AUNG SAN SUU KYI AND BURMA'S UNFINISHED RENAISSANCE (Peacock Press, UK, 1990. 34 pages). As above [another edition]. Second edition: White Lotus, Bangkok 1991.)

CROSS-BORDER DRUG TRADE IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE (Territory Briefing Number 1, International Boundaries Research Unit, University of Durham, England, 1991. 66 pages). An overview of the Golden Triangle drug trade and related border issues.

THE POLITICS OF THE DRUG TRADE IN BURMA (Occasional Paper No. 33, Indian Ocean Centre for Peace Studies, University of Western Australia, Perth, 1993. 63 pages).

OPIUM (in Danish; Gyldendal, Denmark, 1982. 56 pages). A school textbook about opium.

GYLLENE TRIANGELN: Opium och Krig (in Swedish; the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 1981. 32 pages). A brief account of "Opium and war in the Golden Triangle".

THE SHANS AND THE SHAN STATES OF BURMA (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, March 1984. 48 pages)

BURMA (in Swedish; the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 1989. 32 pages)

THAILAND (in Swedish; the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 1989. 32 pages)

KAMBODJA (in Swedish; the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, 1989. 24 pages)

BOOK CHAPTERS:

MIRAKLET I ASEAN: Fup eller fakta? (in Danish; co-author; six chapters out of 21 written by Bertil Lintner; Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke, Denmark, 1984).

DEN TREDJE VERDEN (1989-90) (in Danish; Yearbook, Mellemfolkeligt Samvirke, Denmark. Cambodia chapter)

INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ETHNIC CONFLICT (edited by K.M. de Silva and R.J. May, Pinter Publishers, London, 1991: Burma chapter: “The Internationalisation of Burma’s Ethnic Conflict”).

JAPAN IN ASIA (edited by Nigel Holloway, Review Publishing, Hongkong, 1991. Burma chapter: “The Odd Couple”)

WAR ON DRUGS: STUDIES IN THE FAILURE OF US NARCOTICS POLICY (edited by Alfred W. McCoy and Alan A. Block; Westview Press: Boulder, San Francisco and Oxford, 1992. Burma chapter: “Heroin and Highland Insurgency in the Golden Triangle”).

POPULATIONS IN DANGER (edited by François Jean; John Libbey/Médecins Sans Frontieres: London, 1992. Burma chapter)

LA PLANETE DES DROGUES (edited by Alain Labrousse and Alain Wallon, Éditions du Seuil, Paris, 1993. Burma chapter: “Birmanie: l’opium, vainqueur du peuple”).

DEMOCRACY IN ASIA: ITS PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS (Burma chapter, Asia-Pacific Peace Press, South Korea, 1995. Edited by Corazon Aquino, Oscar Arias, Kim Dae-jung).

BURMA/MYANMAR IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY, DYNAMICS OF CONTINUITY AND CHANGE (Thai Studies Section, Chulalongkorn University's Institute for Strategic and Security Studies, 1996. Edited by John J. Brandon. Chapter: “Drugs, Insurgency, and Counterinsurgency in Burma”).

ÅRET I FOKUS 1995 (in Swedish; co-author; East Asia chapter written by Bertil Lintner; Norstedts Förlag and Bokförlaget Bra Böcker, Sweden, 1996).

BURMA: PROSPECTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC FUTURE, edited by Robert I. Rotberg (Brooking Institution Press, Washington DC, 1998; Chapter 9: “Drug and Economic Growth: Ethnicity and Exports”).

LANDET MED DE ULYKKELIGE SMIL: KAMPEN FOR ET DEMOKRATISKT BURMA (in Danish; two chapters, “Demokratibevægelse i håndjern” and “Narkotikakongernes paradis”; Den Danske Burma Komite, Copenhagen 1998).

INDIAN AND CHINESE FOREIGN POLICIES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE,

Edited by Surjit Mansingh (Nehru Memorial Museum and Library/Radiant Publishers, New Delhi 1998; Chapter 20: “Burma and Its Neighbours”).

COMMUNITIES: BURMA (MYANMAR). In *The Encyclopedia of the Chinese Overseas*, edited by Lynn Pan, 140-143. Singapore: Chinese Heritage Centre, 1998.

DRUGS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH IN BURMA. In *Burma/Myanmar: Strong Regime Weak State?* Edited by Morten B. Pedersen, Emily Rudland and R.J. May. Adelaide, Crawford House Publishing, 2000.

BURMA: DEADLY DENIALS. In *Drugs, Death, Disease: Reporting on AIDS in Southeast Asia.* Edited by Cecile C.A. Balgos, Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism and the United Nations Economic, Social and Cultural Organization, Manila, 2001.

MYANMAR/BURMA. In *Ethnicity in Asia.* Edited by Colin Mackerras. Routledge/Curzon, London and New York, 2003.

RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM AND NATIONALISM IN BANGLADESH. In *Religious Radicalism and Security in South Asia.* Edited by Satu P. Limaye, Robert G. Wirsing and Mohan Malik. The Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu, 2004.

ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM IN BANGLADESH. In *Bangladesh: Treading the Taliban Trail.* Edited by Jaideep Saikia, Vision Books, New Delhi, 2006.

DIASPORAS IN CHINA’S SECURITY STRATEGY. In *Ethnic Diasporas & Great Power Strategies in Asia.* Edited by Robert G. Wirsing and Rouben Azizian; India Research Press & Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2007.

THE STAYING POWER OF THE BURMESE MILITARY REGIME. In *Between Isolation and Internationalization: The State of Burma.* Edited by Johan Lagerkvist. The Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Stockholm, 2008.

THE ASIA YEARBOOK (Review Publishing, Hongkong. Burma chapters, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002. Laos chapters, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002. Bhutan chapters, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002. Cambodia chapters 2000, 2001, 2002).

ALL-ASIA GUIDE (Review Publishing, Hongkong). Burma chapters, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997. Laos chapter 1995, 1997. Bhutan chapter 1997.

SOUTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore). Laos chapter 2001, 2003, 2008.