

Bruno Hamnell  
Division of History of Ideas and Sciences



Visiting address:  
Helgonavägen 3  
Room LUX:A412  
Lund  
Sweden

Postal address:  
Box 192  
221 00  
Lund  
Sweden

Email: [bruno.hamnell@kultur.lu.se](mailto:bruno.hamnell@kultur.lu.se)

## Research

My research interests lie in the intersection between modern intellectual history, philosophy of history, and cultural criticism. My most recent project, as a post-doc 2023–2025, was called “All is One: Holistic Knowledge Ideals and Controversies from Fin de siècle to the Anthropocene.” It investigated scientific boundary work and the relationship between knowledge, ideology, and spirituality.

My thesis, *Two Quests for Unity*, is a study of John Dewey's and R. G. Collingwood's thought in relation to philosophical idealism and political liberalism. Previously, I have studied various cultural sciences and have written bachelor's dissertations in philosophy and comparative literature covering issues on identity, narration, trauma, memory, and the relationship between historiography and fiction.

My teaching experience includes the history of liberalism, Dewey and the history of pedagogy, Freud and the history of psychoanalysis, Foucault and French anti-humanism, historical perspectives on dystopianism, and the transnational history of the Haitian Revolution. I also lead various text seminars and supervise students in the history of ideas and digital culture.

## Employment

### Affiliated researcher

Division of History of Ideas and Sciences  
Lund University  
Lund, Sweden  
2016 Aug 24 → present

## Research outputs

### Att skriva problemorienterad, kritisk och argumenterande idéhistoria

Hamnell, B., 2026 Feb 20, *Att skriva idéhistoria*. Hamnell, B. & Gåvertsson, F. (eds.). Lund, p. 17–35 18 p. (Ugglan: Lund Studies in the History of Ideas and Sciences; vol. 21).

### Konversationspartners: Forskningsöversikten som dialog med vetenskapssamhället

Hamnell, B., 2026 Feb 20, *Att skriva idéhistoria*. Hamnell, B. & Gåvertsson, F. (eds.). Lund, p. 37–55 18 p. (Ugglan: Lund Studies in the History of Ideas and Sciences; vol. 21).

### Att skriva idéhistoria

Hamnell, B. (Editor) & Gåvertsson, F. (Editor), 2026, Lund: Lund Studies in the History of Science and Ideas, Lund. 284 p. (Ugglan: Lund Studies in the History of Ideas and Sciences; vol. 21)

### Inledning

Hamnell, B. & Gåvertsson, F., 2026, *Att skriva idéhistoria*. Hamnell, B. & Gåvertsson, F. (eds.). Lund: Lund Studies in the History of Science and Ideas, Lund, Vol. 21. p. 7-13 7 p.

**The Numinous, the Political, and the Epistemic: Analytical Categories for Exploring the Historical Intersections of Spirituality, Ideology, and Knowledge**

Hamnell, B., 2025 Oct 13, *History of Intellectual Culture 4/2025: Gender, Archiving, and Knowledge Production after the Holocaust. A Postwar Republic of Letters?*. Lerg, C. A., Östling, J. & Weiß, J. (eds.). Berlin: De Gruyter Oldenbourg, p. 195–214 20 p. (History of Intellectual Culture: International Yearbook of Knowledge and Society; vol. 2025, no. 4).

#### **"Studenternas aktivism visar en hoppfull strävan."**

Eleonorasdotter, E., Abdelhady, D., Bowling, D., Zackari, K., Pressfeldt, V., Chan, S., Borges Freitas, C., Gren, N., Montesino, N., Scharbrodt, O., Eklund, L., Hamnell, B., El-Husseini, R., Öhman, A., Salami, F., Ramasar, V., Jones, B., Mulinari, D., Chahin, H. & Dodds, P. & 28 others, Côte, M., Nardi, M. A., Graminius, C., Hinton, J. B., Halberg, S., Leth Gammelgaard, S., Charlesworth, D., Jedeberg, K., Shachat, E., García-Lamarca, M., Andersson, C., Goldman, A. J., Olsson, T., Samper, J. A., Pardo, A., Sarkez, J., Bostan, C., Nikoleris, A., Karlsson, C., Aspeborg, A., Malm, A., Linderöth, K., Mery Karlsson, M., Sager, M., Lundberg, A., Taha, H., Dinc, P. & Ali, N., 2024 Apr 22, Sydsvenskan.

#### **Can the History of Fanaticism Help Us Tackle Present-Day Fanaticism?**

Hamnell, B., 2024, In: *Contributions to the History of Concepts*. 19, 3, p. 95-98 4 p.

#### **Perspektiv på politisk idéhistoria**

Hamnell, B., 2024, In: *Lychnos. Årsbok för idé- och lärdoms historia*. 2024, p. 221–223 3 p.

#### **Demonisering som kulturkrigsstrategi: Om högerradikalt historiebruk och den kulturmarxistiska konspirationen**

Hamnell, B., 2022 Aug, *Polarisering: Idéhistoriska perspektiv på ett samtida fenomen*. Eklöf, F. & Hansson, J. (eds.). 1 ed. Lund: Nordic Academic Press, p. 213-239 26 p.

#### **Historiografi och naturalism i ljuset av antropocen**

Hamnell, B., 2022 Apr 11, *Salongen – Nettidskrift för filosofi och idéhistorie*.

#### **Recension av *The Climate of History in a Planetary Age* av Dipesh Chakrabarty**

Hamnell, B., 2022 Feb, In: *Lychnos: årsbok för idé- och lärdoms historia*. 2022, p. 323-325

#### **The Primacy of Method in Historical Research: Jonas Ahlskog: The primacy of method in historical research. Philosophy of history and the perspective of meaning**

Hamnell, B., 2021, In: *Lychnos: årsbok för idé- och lärdoms historia*. 2021, p. 375-377 3 p.

#### **Two Quests for Unity: John Dewey, R. G. Collingwood, and the Persistence of Idealism**

Hamnell, B., 2021, Lund: Lund Studies in Arts and Cultural Sciences. 371 p.

#### **Bortom realismen? Historieteori och kunskapssyn i *Historisk tidskrift och Scandia*, 1965-2009**

Hamnell, B., 2020 May 27, In: *Scandia*. 86, 1, p. 55–80 26 p.

#### **Humanistisk praxis och kritiken av den teoretiska filosofins kunskapssyn**

Hamnell, B., 2019, *Kunskap och information: 15 försök*. Luthersson, P. & Hessérus, M. (eds.). Stockholm: Axess Publishing AB

#### **Understanding Others**

Hamnell, B., 2019, In: *Lychnos: årsbok för idé- och lärdoms historia*. 2019, p. 338-340