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## Research profile

Mit arbejde bidrager til to overordnede diskussioner:

- Gennem min forskning og mine interesseaktiviteter arbejder jeg for at få menneskerettigheds- og udviklingslærde til at forstå, at de er nødsaget til at tage daglig vold i urbane områder alvorligt og se det som signifikant i sig selv. Det er i stedet for at se menneskerettighedskrænkelser som ekstraordinære former for vold mod for eksempel menneskerettighedsforkæmpere eller blot som en funktion af dårlig udvikling eller mangel på regeringsapparat.
- Gennem min forskning om bander, radikalisering og politisk beslutningstagning vil jeg bidrage til en anden tilgang i kriminel retfærdighed væk fra straf. Den nuværende quasi-dominerende tilgang er destruktiv for vores samfund og ikke blot en krænkelse af menneskerettigheds-lovovertredere.

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My work contributes to two overarching discussions:

1. Through my research and advocacy activities I want human rights and development scholars and practitioners to understand that they need to take serious every-day, urban violence as significant in itself. That is rather than seeing human rights violations as extra-ordinary violations against for instance human rights defenders or as a mere function of bad development or lack of governance.
2. Through my research on gangs, radicalization and policing I want to contribute to a different approach in criminal justice away from punishment. The current, quasi-dominant approach is destructive of our society and not only a violation of the human rights offenders.

## Employment

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