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Background

- Foreign resident in the UK and employed by 'The Swedish Church Abroad' as assistant manager at The Swedish Church in Liverpool. April 1982 until June 1983.
- Research student at 'Chateau de Bossey', World Council of Churches, Switzerland, fall 1983 until Spring 1984. Primary subject: International Relations.
- Bsc in Political Science and Peace & Conflict Research 1985-08-30.
- Research assistant at the University of Stockholm Fall-85 until Spring-87. The last year as guest researcher at the University of Haifa, Israel.
- Employed as College teacher 1987 - 1991.
- Guest researcher at the Hebrew University 1991 - 1993. - Employed as senior analyst at Swedish Military Intelligence, HQ. 930901 - 960331.
- Employed as special analyst at the Swedish Secret Service 960401 - 970331.
- Employed as researcher and lecturer at the Swedish National Defence College 970401.
- Dr. Norell has developed two new courses: 'Terrorism' and 'ethno-political conflicts'. These courses are open for students from outside the College as well and run in cooperation with the Department of Peace & Conflict Research at the University of Uppsala.
- PhD in Political Science, October 15 1998. The title of the dissertation is: "Democracy and Dissent, the case of an Israeli peace movement, Peace Now". The dissertation focus on Jewish, Israeli political culture.
- From March 14, 2001, employed as senior analyst and project leader at the Swedish Defence Research Agency.
- Between 1997 and 2000 Dr. Norell created, together with colleague Dr. Magnus Ranstorp, a back-channel between the Lebanese Hizb'allah movement and the Israelis. The purpose of this endeavour was to find out the consequences of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from the so called security zone in the southern Lebanon. The Initiative came from Yossi Beilin who, within the Israeli Labour party, for many years had advocated such a scenario. The process was successful and based on the 'indirect' assurances given to Norell and Ranstorp by the leadership of the Hizb'allah, a swift and bloodless Israeli withdrawal took place in May 2000. This was reported in Swedish and International media from June 17, 2000, when the story broke in the Swedish daily 'Dagens Nyheter'.
- External Course: 'Intelligence in Combating Terrorism Course', given in Karlsborg, Sweden April 2001 by the US Army Intelligence School (Ft. Huachuca, AZ).
- From April 2003, director of a new research centre at the Defence Agency: 'Centre for the Study of Low-intensity Conflict and Terrorism (CLIENT): www.client.foi.se

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