

Summary

Alternative and unofficial place-names in Uppsala – three short studies

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In autumn 2012, an onomastics course for PhD students was arranged at Uppsala University. It was led by Staffan Nyström, under the heading ‘Alternative and unofficial place-names of the city’. The course comprised both required reading, which explored various urban name environments in Sweden and around the world (all the titles are included in the list of references for this article), and practical fieldwork involving the collection and documentation of place-names and name usage in various Uppsala settings. Three field studies were conducted by the participants and presented both orally and in written reports. Study 1 was concerned with the district of Gottsunda (alternative names for which include *Brottsunda* ‘Crime-sunda’, *G-sunda*, *Ghettot* ‘The Ghetto’ and *The Hoods*); Study 2 dealt with a park called Kapellgärdesparken and its many names for playgrounds (*Blågården* ‘The Blue Yard’, *Lekparken* ‘The Playground’), playground equipment (*Hängmatta* ‘Hammock’, *Korvgungan* ‘The Sausage Swing’, *Långa krokodilen* ‘The Long Crocodile’, *Spindelnätet* ‘The Spider’s Web’), and for the park itself and its various parts (*Fjärilsparken* ‘The Butterfly Park’, *Linbaneparken* ‘The Ropeway Park’, *Parken bakom dagiset* ‘The Park behind the Day Nursery’, *Stora parken* ‘The Big Park’); and Study 3 examined the names of a group of ‘weather streets’ (e.g. *Regngatan* ‘Rain Street’ and *Molngatan* ‘Cloud Street’, or *Regn* and *Moln* for short) and other areas (e.g. *Fyra mackar* ‘Four Filling Stations’) in the Gränby district of the city. This article presents the postgraduate students’ three reports, edited, tied together and provided with an introduction and a conclusion by Staffan Nyström.