

Project for Doctoral Studies in States of Consciousness and Parapsychology

(handledning på svenska eller engelska)

As part of programmatic research on states of consciousness and anomalous psychology, my associates and I at the Center for Research on Consciousness and Anomalous Psychology (CERCAP) conduct research, using quantitative and qualitative approaches and various techniques including interviews and questionnaires, hypnosis, experience sampling, cognitive tasks, and measures of brain activity (EEG). These are some of the areas in which we are currently working (for a more complete list of recent publications see <http://www.lu.se/lucacat/user/61da1029c4863804fc482d940b8b21ee>):

- 1) The neurophenomenology of spontaneous and induced states of consciousness with people varying in levels of hypnotizability.
- 2) Mind-wandering and related attentional processes, as mediated by performance in cognitive tasks and EEG.
- 3) Dissociative processes and traits, including their relationship to important relations, attachment styles, and the relation between trauma, dissociation, and dysfunction.
- 4) The relation between hypnotizability, dissociation, alterations of consciousness, and performance in controlled psi experiments. Although I am interested in this topic, for pragmatic reasons I will not supervise a student who only wants to do research on psi.
- 5) The integration of psychology and anthropology to study the experience of spirit possession.

My past Ph. D.s have secured faculty and/or postdoctoral positions here and at other institutions. Potential applicants should read some of our recent publications (you can consult my webpage or a scholarly search engine for a list of my recent publication) to obtain a more detailed understanding of our research interest and perspectives. We are a very productive and collaborative lab, with many international collaborations and publications per year. I welcome serious applications on the areas described above, or closely related areas.

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