

New Study on Minority Media and Minority Media Policy in Sweden

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Ethnic minority media constitute an area within the Swedish media landscape which until now has been poorly researched. In the recently published study *Minoritetsmedier och minoritetsmediepolitik i Sverige – En kartläggning* (Minority Media and Minority Media Policy in Sweden – A mapping) Leonor Camauër has mapped the minority media produced in Sweden and their institutional and economic conditions of production. The study was initiated and funded by Styrelsen för psykologiskt försvar / SPF (the National Board of Psychological Defence), and comprises two volumes: the study proper and a catalogue with contact and production data of the minority media.

The 150 pages long study begins with a background of the investigation and the make up of the multiethnic Swedish society, and its theoretical and methodological framework. This is followed by a presentation and rough analysis of those elements of state policy which have a bearing on the exist-

ence and operation of minority media. State policies on minorities and integration, as well as media policies, are especially focused on here. After that comes an account of the mapping of minority media and a rough analysis of the four media landscapes (print, radio, and TV media, and Internet news pages). Particular attention is paid here to institutional aspects, that is, the ways in which state policy both enables and constrains their operation. A central purpose of the study has been to through this focus shed light on the question of whether and to what extent the state through its policies manages its public responsibility for the ethnic integration in the area of the media. The study ends with a summarizing chapter and includes an English summary as well.

The 180 pages long catalogue of minority media provides contact and production data as well as brief information on the contents of each of the 371 media included. The catalogue aims at functioning as a working instrument for main stream and other media workers and public administration officials.

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