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# **Lyssna till ditt hjärta: Muslimska moderskap och modrandets villkor i Sverige**

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Ur avhandlingens abstract:

This study deals with the meanings and conditions of motherhood for some Muslim women in Sweden, the majority of which live in Stockholm. The analysis is based mainly on 16 in-depth interviews with women who self-identify as Muslims. A majority of them were born in Sweden.

The thesis shows on the one hand how an authentic Muslim identity is related to ideas about Muslim places and origins; on the other hand it demonstrates how the women's ambivalent affinities with Sweden, and (what they consider to be) Swedish and Muslim values, destabilize such an unambiguous connection. These ambivalent identifications show how the women's conditional affinities become relevant for how they speak about motherhood and mothering and for how they relate to questions concerning "the good of the child".