

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Short bio

I received my Ph.D. in Political Science from Linköping University in 2019. The title of my dissertation is *Interpreting Policy Convergence Between the Left and the Right: Essays on Education and Immigration*. My present research orientation is focused on civil and total defence. I was for nine years, until 2023, an affiliated researcher and Research Fellow at the Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN). I have previously worked as a political adviser for the Swedish government and as an editorial writer at the national daily *Svenska Dagbladet*, where I am presently a contributor to the culture pages. I was born in Stockholm in 1987 and currently reside there with my wife and two sons.

Current position

Research Fellow at the Department of War Studies, Strategy Division,
Swedish Defence University (since 2023)

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Linköping University, 2019
Licentiate in Political Science, Linköping University, 2017
Master of Social Science (Political Science), Linköping University, 2014
Bachelor of Social Science (Political Science, Literature, Economic History),
Uppsala University, 2013
Matriculated at the International English School, Stockholm, 2005

Previous positions

Research Fellow at the Research Institute of Industrial Economics, 2019–2023
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Linköping University, 2014–2019
Affiliated researcher, Research Institute of Industrial Economics, 2014–2018
Political adviser to the Minister for Social Security Ulf Kristersson (current leader of the
Moderate Party and Prime Minister), Government Offices of Sweden, 2012–2013
Editor and staff writer, *Neo*, 2012
Editorial writer, *Svenska Dagbladet*, 2009–2011
Junior consultant and copywriter, Prime Public Relations (presently Prime Weber Shandwick), 2005–2007

Articles in journals with peer-review

- [8] The View of Knowledge: An Institutional Theory of Differences in Educational Quality, *The Independent Review*, 27 (4), 511–532, 2023 (with Magnus Henrekson).
- [7] The Fatal Conceit: Swedish Education after Nazism, *Journal of Controversial Ideas*, 2 (1), 2022, doi:10.35995/jci02010009 (with Gabriel Heller-Sahlgren).
- [6] Moral Consensus and Antiestablishment Politics, *The Independent Review*, 26 (1), 87–95, 2021.
- [5] Political Hedgehogs: The Geographical Sorting of Refugees in Sweden, *Statsvetenskaplig tidskrift*, 122 (4), 671–685, 2020 (with Özge Öner).
- [4] Marketized Education: How Regulatory Failure Undermined the Swedish School System, *Journal of Education Policy*, 35 (5), 665–691, 2020.
- [3] “Post-Truth” Schooling and Marketized Education: Explaining the Decline in Sweden’s School Quality, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 15 (5), 897–914, 2019 (with Magnus Henrekson).
- [2] “A Plague on Both Your Houses”: How Left and Right Undermined Moral Motivation in the Swedish School System, *Statsvetenskaplig tidskrift*, 120 (3–4), 415–434, 2018.
- [1] A Left/Right Convergence on the New Public Management? The Unintended Power of Diverse Ideas, *Critical Review*, 29 (3–4), 380–403, 2016.

Books

Dumbing Down: The Crisis of Quality and Equity in a Once-Great School System—and How to Reverse the Trend, Palgrave Macmillan, 2022 (with Magnus Henrekson; 50,000 downloads of the [open access version](#)).
Interpreting Policy Convergence Between the Left and the Right: Essays on Education and Immigration, Doctoral Dissertation, Linköping Studies in Arts and Sciences No. 760, Linköping University, 2019.
Market, State, and Morality: Two Studies of How Left and Right Undermined Moral Motivation in the Swedish School System, Licentiate Dissertation, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Thesis No. 122, Linköping University, 2017.
Lärare utan frihet: när vänstern och högern kidnappade lärarprofessionen (Teachers Without Freedom: How the Left and the Right Kidnapped the Teaching Profession), Samhällsförlaget, 2014.
Dygdens glädje (The Felicity of Virtue), Atlantis, 2012.

Chapters in books

Konflikten om kunskapen (The Conflict Over Knowledge). In Ann S. Pihlgren (ed.), *Skolans konflikter: vad varje lärare bör veta (Conflicts in School: What Every Teacher Should Know)*, Studentlitteratur, 2019.
Vad är en partistat? (What Is a Party State?) In Mattias Hessérus & Peter Luthersson (eds.), *Nation, stat, imperium: sju ton försök (Nation, State, Empire: Seventeen Essays)*, Axel och Margaret Ax:son Johnsons stiftelse för allmännyttiga ändamål, 2018.
Olagliga kentaureer (Illegal Centaurs). In Mattias Hessérus & Peter Luthersson (eds.), *Krig: tjugotvå försök (War: Twenty-Two Essays)*, Axel och Margaret Ax:son Johnsons stiftelse för allmännyttiga ändamål, 2016.

Working papers

Anarchy, State, and Utopia: Timothy Snyder's Interpretive Framework for the Holocaust Applied to Norway under the Nazi Occupation, 1940–45, IFN Working Paper No. 1151, 2017.[†]

Work in progress

Sveriges sak är vår: den hemliga svenska motståndsrörelsen (Sweden's Cause Is Ours: The Clandestine Swedish Resistance Movement). Book manuscript in preparation for Albert Bonniers förlag.

Popular articles and essays in brief

Roughly 200 popular articles, essays, and book reviews published in leading Swedish journals and newspapers such as *Axess*, *Dagens Nyheter*, *Fokus*, *Kvartal*, *Respons*, and *Svenska Dagbladet*, and international outlets such as *City Journal*, *Telos*, and *Quillette*.

Scientific conferences (presenter or discussant)

- Center for European Renewal, Warsaw 2021
- Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA), Visby 2016
- World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR), Boston 2016
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago 2016
- Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA), Stockholm 2015
- Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA), Lund 2014

Invited lectures

Division of Education, Teaching and Learning, Linköping University. Department of Political Science, Linnaeus University, Växjö. Faculty of Education, University of Gothenburg. Swedish Public Broadcasting Company (SVT), Stockholm. Department of Government, Uppsala University. Faculty of Social Sciences, Lund University. Swedish Radio (SR), Stockholm. Timbro, Stockholm. Center for Educational Leadership and Excellence, Stockholm School of Economics. Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, Stockholm. TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research, Aarhus University. Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, Stockholm. Center for Statecraft and Strategic Communication, Stockholm School of Economics. Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO), Stockholm. Ministry of Defence, Stockholm. Swedish Military Archives, Stockholm. Intelligence Analysis Research Group, Lund University (scheduled 2024). Psychological Defence Agency, Stockholm (scheduled 2024).

Teaching and supervision

8 hours of teaching, irregular warfare, Swedish Defence University, 2022

[†] Currently being revised to address reviewer comments.

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510 hours of teaching, examination, and supervision in first-cycle courses in the Division of Political Science, Linköping University, 2014–2018:

Lecturer in written communication, 2017–2018

Supervisor and examiner of more than 30 student theses (in Swedish: *B-uppsatser*; 1 *C-uppsats*), 2015–2017

Seminar teacher and lecturer in political theory, 2014–2016

Languages

Swedish: native proficiency

English: full professional proficiency

Danish: full professional proficiency (in reading and understanding)

Norwegian: full professional proficiency (in reading and understanding)

German: elementary proficiency

Memberships

Heterodox Academy, since 2017

Parental leave

June–July 2022

References

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