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PhD Candidate

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ABOUT

PhD candidate at Stockholm University, specializing in Historical Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Political Sociology, and Quantitative Methods. Experience from University of Linköping, Ludwig Maximilian University, and Barcelona Center for European Studies (BACES). Currently analyzing legacies of historical institutions' on contemporary political behavior in Germany and Sweden.

EDUCATION

PhD - Sociology <i>Stockholm University - Stockholm</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supervision by Jens Rydgren, Jan Teorell and Sirus H Dehdari	Sep. 2021 - Current
Master of Political Science <i>Ludwig Maximilian Universität - Munich</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Average grade 1.35Supervision by Martin Gross	Sep. 2019 - Sep. 2020
Master of Current Democracies <i>Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Average grade 9.11/10Double degree with Ludwig Maximilian Universität - Munich	Sep. 2018 – Jul. 2020
Bachelor of Political Science <i>Uppsala University - Uppsala</i>	Sep. 2014 – Jun. 2018
Bachelor of History <i>Uppsala University - Uppsala</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Rewarded the Best Bachelor Thesis Award	Sep. 2014 – Feb. 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting doctoral researcher <i>Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visiting Daniel Ziblatt	Planned Oct. 2024 - Nov. 2024
Visiting doctoral researcher <i>European University Institute, Florence, Italy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Visiting Hanspeter Kriesi	Jan 2023 - June 2023
Visiting doctoral researcher <i>Stockholm University - Department of Political Science, Stockholm Sweden</i>	April 2022 - Jun 2022
Research assistant <i>University of Linköping, Linköping, Sweden</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Analysed local level polarization and inter-municipal cooperation at the Centre for Local Government Studies.	March 2021 - Sep 2021
Research assistant <i>Barcelona Center for European Studies (BACES), Barcelona, Spain</i>	Feb. 2021 - Sep 2021
Research and Data Trainee <i>European Union Agency for the Fundamental Rights, Vienna, Austria</i>	Oct. 2020 – Feb. 2021
Student Research Assistant <i>Ludwig-Maximilian Universität, Munich, Germany</i>	May 2020 – Sep. 2020

Worked in conference and event planning for organizations such as the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU) and the Swedish Association of International Affairs, before entering academia.

PUBLICATIONS

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Candidate Shortages and the Electoral Consequences for Radical Right-Wing Parties: Insights from Sweden *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, Accepted
- Behind the Wall - Did the Lack of Interaction Between East and West Contribute to the Rise of the Radical Right? *Acta Politica*, 2024 (Conditional acceptance)
- Political Expectations and Electoral Responses to Wind Farm Development in Sweden [w/ Simon Gren] *Energy Policy*, 2024
[Covered in: Extrakt]
- Political Effects of Rural School Closures – Evidence from Sweden, *Journal of Rural Studies*, 2023
[Covered in: Altinget, Dagens Arena, Dagens Samhälle]

Work in Progress

- How Car Culture Drives Political Preferences in Rural Regions: Evidence from Sweden [R&R]
- Spirited Away: The Role of Alcohol in Radical Right-Wing Support [R&R]
- Gun Violence and Political Behavior: Evidence from Sweden [w/ Jens Rydgren] [R&R]
- Democratic Protests as a Catalyst for Long-term Electoral Participation [Under review]
- Between Altars and Elections: Exploring How Faith Shapes Political Participation Among Immigrants in Europe [Under review]
- Diminished Trust and Alternative Avenues: Understanding the Influence of Discrimination on Political Participation [In preparation]
- Beyond Borders: Landed Elites, Rural Conflict, and Diverging Political Behavior in Transferred Regions [In preparation]
- From Repression to Participation: When Historical Political Repression Foster Long-term Electoral Participation [In preparation]
- Persistent Breeze from the Winds of Change: How Protest Participation Shapes Long-Term Political Behavior [In preparation]
- Repression, Party Ties, and Political Beliefs: Ideological Continuities in Post-Socialist Regimes [In preparation]

Chapters & Reports

[transl.] Intermunicipal Cooperation: What are the Known Effects? A Literature Review. (2021), Kommuninvest. [w/ Gissur Erlingsson & Bo Persson]

Other Publications

- Isaksson, Zeth. (2019). "Hjärnan bakom Podemos" [The brain behind Podemos], *Ordfront Magazine*
- Isaksson, Zeth. (2017). "Åkesson hos Heimdal" [Åkesson at Heimdal], *Ordfront Magazine*
- Isaksson, Zeth. (2016). "100 nya frivilliga" [100 new volunteers], *Ordfront Magazine*

SUPERVISION

Master

- Lyon Portolani - Sociology Graduated: Spring 2024 - Grade A
- Zubaida Karim - Sociology Graduated: Spring 2024 - Grade A

TEACHING

Globalization

Stockholm University, Sweden

- Seminar leader. Grading of papers.

Spring 2024

Basic methods

Stockholm University, Sweden

- Supervision of undergraduate students and seminar leader. Grading of exams.

Spring & Fall 2022

External censor

University of Oslo, Norway

- Assessed and graded one master thesis as an external censor

Fall 2022

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming presentations:

Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe - EUI, June 2024, Florence.
European Political Science Association (EPSA), July 2024, Cologne.
East European Politics Graduate Workshop, August 2024, Online.
Lunch seminars in comparative politics, Department of Political Science, September 2024, Lund.

Past presentations:

Invited:

Centre for Local Government Studies (CKS), Nov 2021, Norrköping.
Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Oct 2022, Stockholm.
The Anti-Racism Working Group Seminar Series - Panel on the Swedish election, Oct 2022, Stockholm
Centre for Collective Action Research (CeCAR), Oct 2022, Gothenburg
European University Institute, May 2023, Florence
Higher Seminar in Political Science - Linnaeus University, Sep 2023, Växjö
Stockholm Sessions on Migration, Oct 2023, Stockholm

Workshops:

The Swedish Network for European Studies in Political Science (SNES) - PhD Workshop, Nov 2022, Malmö
Political Periodisations workshop, Nov 2022, Uppsala
Life Styles and Politics - Skåvsjöholm, June 2024, Stockholm.

Conferences:

SWEPSA (2021, 2022, 2023)
ECPR - General (2023)
EPSA (2024)
NESS - (2022)
ESSHC - (2023)
Sociologidagarna (2024): the biannual conference of the Swedish Sociological Association

REFEREE SERVICE

Comparative Political Studies; Environmental Politics; Social Sciences Research

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Recognized expert in Swedish politics prior to the 2022 election, featured prominently in hundreds of news articles, radio and TV shows, and podcasts. Acknowledged as one of the most referenced researchers from Stockholm University in a single day, with over 500 worldwide article mentions. Regularly sought after for commentary on Swedish politics in both national and international media.

Selected media appearances:

International

- Swedish conservatives close to election win amid crime fears - AP (2022-09-12)
- Parties in Sweden election 'completely even' as far right surges - Al-Jazeera (2022-09-11)
- Sweden's right-wing opposition slightly ahead in election still too close to call - NBC News (2022-09-12)

Swedish

- Högervind bland unga ökar stödet för kärnkraft - Dagens Nyheter (2022-08-06)
- "Jag skäms inte att säga att jag röstar på SD" - Aftonbladet (2022-09-17)
- Kritiserad klimataktion kan påverka stödet för Miljöpartiet - Sveriges Radio (2022-08-30)

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2024: Helge Ax:son Johnsons stipend: 10 000 SEK
- 2024: Gustaf Björklunds memorial stipend: 21 235 SEK
- 2024: Elisabeth and Herman Rhodins stipend: 8 765 SEK
- 2017: Awarded for the best bachelor thesis in History - Uppsala University 10 000 SEK
- 2017: Henrik Gahns scholarship - 15 000 SEK

LANGUAGES

- Swedish - Native
- English - C1
- German - B1

AFFILIATIONS

Barcelona Centre of European Studies - BACES UPF