

Gefjon Off

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CURRENT POSITION

PhD Student in Political Science, Gothenburg University (since 2019)

Research interests: Political Behaviour, Gender & Politics, Radical right, Multi-methods

My dissertation explores individuals' **antifeminism** and **radical right** support. I use **mixed methods** (survey data analysis, a survey experiment and interviews) and **comparative** data from all EU countries, as well as single country studies of Sweden and Germany.

Supervisors: Amy Alexander (Associate Professor), Nicholas Charron (Professor), Johanna Kantola (Professor)

Research stay: with Prof. Eva Anduiza at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (11/2022 - 01/2023)

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

- M.Sc. in Economic Development, Lund University, SE 08/17 - 06/19
 - Elective courses at Department of Gender Studies
- B.A. (Cum Laude) in European Studies, Maastricht University, NL 09/13 - 06/16
- Exchange semestre: Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona, ES 09/15 - 01/16

PHD TRAINING

- Contestations of Gender Equality in Contemporary Europe, Tampere University
- Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
- Advanced Survey Data Analysis and Experiments, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
- 7th PhD School on Elections and Voting Behaviour, University of Leuven/ University of Montréal
- Advanced Study of the State, its Citizens and its Institutions (Focus: Political Behaviour, Political Theory), Gothenburg University
- Research Design, Gothenburg University
- Advanced Regression Techniques, Gothenburg University
- Applied Methods, Gothenburg University
- Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 1, Gothenburg University
- Communicating Science, Gothenburg University

PUBLICATIONS

Off, Gefjon (2022). Gender equality salience, backlash and radical right voting in the gender-equal context of Sweden. *West European Politics*.

Off, Gefjon, Nicholas Charron & Amy Alexander (2022). Who perceives women's rights as threatening to men and boys? Explaining modern sexism among young men in Europe. *Frontiers in Political Science*.

(in a special issue on "Mind the Backlash: Gender Discrimination and Sexism in Contemporary Societies" edited by Hilde Coffé, Susan Banducci, Marta Fraile, Jessica Fortin-Rittenberger, and Amy Alexander).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Articles

Women's rights and refugee immigration as triggers of polarization between social liberals and conservatives: A survey experiment in 27 EU member states (*with Amy Alexander and Nicholas Charron, decline & resubmit*)

Complexities and nuances in radical right voters' antifeminism (*under review*)

"White straight men are the victims": A comprehensive framework for understanding radical right voters' cultural grievances

Protective masculinity and the populist radical right: Explaining the gender gap in populist radical right support in Europe? (*with Kathina Mehring and Katarzyna Wojnicka*)

Books

Gendering Political Authoritarianism: Emancipative gender values and opposition to political authoritarianism (*with Amy Alexander, contract with Cambridge Elements in the Gender & Politics series*)

AWARDS

- **Victor D'Hondt Prize 2022** for the best paper presented at the 7th Leuven PhD School on Elections, Paper: Antifeminism with exceptions: How radical right voters use (anti-)feminist arguments for different political goals

GRANTS

- Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse, grant for research visit (25 000 sek) 2022
- Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond, grant for research visit (25 000 sek) 2022
- Swedish Network for European Studies, grant for research visit (29 500 sek) 2022
- Stiftelsen Siamon, research grant for interview study in East Germany (25 000 sek) 2021
- Donation board scholarship, travel grant for conferences (20 000 sek) 2020
- Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond, travel grant for summer schools (20 000 sek) 2020
- Adlerbertska Stipendiestiftelsen, travel grant (20 000 sek) 2020

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS

- Talk at the Democracy, Elections and Citizenship research group, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (01/2023, forthcoming).
- Talk at the Instituto de Políticas y Bienes Públicos, CSIC, Madrid (11/2022).
- Talk at the Comparative Politics Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Lund University (10/2022).
- Biannual Quality of Government (QoG) conference, Gothenburg. Presenter and discussant (08/2022).
- European Conference on Politics and Gender, Ljubljana. Panel co-organizer, presenter and discussant (07/2022).
- Biannual conference, Gothenburg Research Group on Elections, Public Opinion and Political Behaviour. Presenter (05/2022).
- Politics & Gender workshop, Gothenburg. Presenter and discussant (02/2022).
- Biannual Quality of Government (QoG) conference, Gothenburg. Presenter and discussant (02/2022).
- Nordic Political Science Association (NOPSA), Reykjavik. Presenter (08/2021).
- International Political Science Association (IPSA), Lisbon. Presenter (07/2021).
- 10th Laboratory for Comparative Social Research (LCSR) International Workshop, Moscow. Presenter (04/2021).
- Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA), Östersund/ Sundsvall. Presenter and discussant (09/2020).
- Biannual Quality of Government (QoG) conference, Gothenburg. Presenter and discussant (08/2020).
- Swedish Network of European Studies workshop, Lund. Presenter and discussant (02/2020).

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE (AT GOTHENBURG UNIVERISTY)

Bachelor level

- Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective: Gender & the welfare state, populist radical right parties
- “Tematisk fördjupning”: Writing research plans with a thematic focus on political parties (in Swedish)
- The European Union’s Role in International Affairs: European Neighbourhood Policy
- Bachelor thesis supervisions in Political Science & European Studies (partly in Swedish)

Master level

- Introduction to Applied Research Design and Quantitative Research
- Teaching degree for Social Science teachers: Thesis supervisions (in Swedish)
- Master thesis co-supervisions in International Administration and Global Governance & European Studies.

Award-winning theses:

- 2021 Rutger Lindahl Award for Best Master’s Thesis in European Studies: Lundén, Clara (2021). Welfare chauvinism, a privilege of the wealthy?
- 2022 The Henrik and Karolina von Mentzer Award for Best Master Thesis: Mehring, Kathina (2022). Protective masculinity and the populist radical right. Explaining the gender gap in populist radical right electoral support in Europe.

SERVICE & COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

- Reviewer for: *Politics & Gender*, *NORMA: International Journal for Masculinity Studies*
- Co-organizer of the Party Research Seminar Series, Department of Political Science since 01/2022
- Secretary of PhD Council, Social Science Faculty since 09/2021
- PhD rep. to the Advisory Committee for Research and Postgraduate Studies, Social Science Faculty since 03/2021
- PhD rep. of Political Science to the PhD Council, Social Science Faculty since 09/2020

OUTREACH

Blog posts

How conservatives react against feminist mobilisations and turn to the radical right. Blog post in ECPR's Political Science Blog - The Loop. July 2022.

The Swedish elections: takeaways for the study of illiberalism. Blog post in ECPR's Political Science Blog - The Loop. September 2022.

Media interviews

Grootste seksisten? Niet de boomers, maar jonge mannen voelen zich meest bedreigd door gendergelijkheid. (Translates to: Biggest Sexists? Not the boomers, but young men feel most threatened by gender equality). Interview with Jorn Lelong, De Morgen. August 2022.

Ny studie: Unga män mest negativa till ökade rättigheter för kvinnor. (Translates to: New study: Young men are most negative towards advances in women's rights). Interview with Olle Bergvall, Dagens Arena. September 2022.

I also gave an interview about the study on European young men's modern sexism to the Swedish news agency TT nyhetsbyrån, which was then taken up by the Swedish newspapers Sydsvenskan, Svenska Dagbladet, Göteborgs-Posten and Aftonbladet (including on Instagram and TikTok), amongst others. I further gave interviews to Radio Sweden and the radio programs P3 Nyheter and P4 Sjuhärad. Further, I was interviewed by the private Swedish TV channel TV4, and the Swedish public service TV channel SVT reported on the study. In the Swedish talkshow Sverige Möts, the study was discussed in-depth by the Swedish minister for gender equality, amongst others. Beyond Sweden, The Telegraph and The Independent (United Kingdom) and the SonntagsZeitung and TV broadcaster TeleZüri (Switzerland) reported on the study. September/ October/ November 2022.

Participation in podcasts

Modern sexism in Europe. Europe Talks Back. September 2022.

Varför är unga män kritiska till jämställdhet? Vad Vi Vet idag. November 2022.

OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS

- Languages: German (native), English (fluent, academic), French (C1), Swedish (C1), Spanish (B2)
- Programming & Software: Stata (advanced), R (beginner), L^AT_EX

OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Freelance Writer, Orange by Handelsblatt (German online youth magazine) 2017-2019
- Research Assistant for Luis Serratos, Department of Economic History, Lund University Spring 2018

REFERENCES

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