

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Degrees:

- B.A.(Economics), Stockholm University, 1994.
- Ph.D. (Economics), Stockholm Doctoral Program in Economics, Stockholm University 2001, Public defence of thesis June 2000.
- Docent in Economics, Stockholm University, January 2007

## Current Position

- Professor in Economics at the Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Gothenburg, September 2015-

## Previous Positions

- Innehavare av Torsten Söderbergs forskningsprofessor vid Handelshögskolan i Göteborg, July 2017-June 2020
- Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences Research Fellow supported by a grant from the Torsten and Ragnar Söderberg Foundation. (Kungliga Vetenskapsakademiens särskilda forskartjänst i ekonomiska vetenskaper, med finansiellt stöd från Torsten och Ragnar Söderbergs stiftelser), 2010-2015 (funding extended to June 2017)
- Professor in Economics at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University February 2011–August 2015
- Lecturer (Universitetslektor) in Economics at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University, July 2010-January 2011.

- Researcher (externally financed) at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University, September 2007-June 2010.
- Researcher (Forskarassistent) at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University, December 2003-August 2007.
- Postdoc Researcher at the NWO program 'Scholar', Department of Economics and Econometrics, Amsterdam University, January 2001-November 2003.
- Postdoc Researcher at Swedish Institute for Social Research, June 2000-December 2000
- Phd Candidate 1995-2000 (1998-2000 at Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, 1997-1998 visiting graduate student at Princeton University and 1995-1997 at Economics Department, Stockholm University)

#### Other academic

- Ledamot, IFAUs vetenskapliga råd 2017-
- Ledamot i Utbildningsvetenskapliga kommittén, Vetenskapsrådet, 1/2013-12/2018
- Elected council member, ESPE (European Society of Population Economics), 1/2012-12/2017
- CESIFO Research Network Fellow since 2010
- Research fellow (Founding fellow) at UCLS, Department of Economics, Uppsala University since 2010
- Research fellow at IZA, The Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, since December 2000
- Research affiliate at IFAU, Uppsala, since September 2007.
- Editorial Board, Economics of Education Review, since January 2011.
- Associate Editor, Economics of Education Review, January 2008-December 2010.
- Ledamot (elected) Samhällsvetenskapliga fakultetsnämnden, Uppsala Universitet, 8/2013-1/2015
- Ledamot, Regeringens Utbildningsvetenskapliga Råd, 2014

#### External research grants:

##### Main applicant:

- Three-year grant from the Scientific Council of Sweden (Vetenskapsrådet, HS-B), 2020, for the project, Quantitative analysis of income and wealth distributions using novel econometric methods, 2020-02423, 4,227,000 SEK (about 412,000 EURO).
- Three-year grant from Handelsbanken, 2015, for the program Studies of the transmission of human capital within and between generations, 2,000,000 SEK (about 200,000 EURO).
- Five-year grant from the European Research Council (ERC starting grant 241161), 2010, for the program "Intergenerational associations in education, income and health: an investigation of underlying mechanisms," Amount: 626,000 EURO.
- Five-year grant from the Scientific Council of Sweden (Vetenskapsrådet), 2009, for the program "Intergenerational associations in education, income and health: an investigation

of underlying mechanisms,” Amount: 10,000,000 SEK (when I got the ERC grant, this VR grant was discontinued).

- Three-year grant from the Scientific Council of Sweden (Vetenskapsrådet), Fall 2007, for the study of “Consequences for school productivity and segregation from choice and competition between public and private schools,” Amount: 2,700,000 SEK (about 260,000 EURO).

Co-applicant:

- Uppsala Center for Labor Studies” (2009–19) (Main applicant: Bertil Holmlund)
- “FAS centre: Social Change and Inequality over the course of lifetime” (2007–17) (Main applicant: Anders Björklund)
- “What is the significance of economic incentives for the choice of university education?” (2012-2014), VR, (Main applicant: Per Johansson)

## Publications

Peer-reviewed articles:

Adermon, A., M. Lindahl and M. Palme, “Dynastic Human Capital, Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility,” **American Economic Review**, forthcoming.

Björkegren, E., M. Lindahl, M. Palme and E. Simeonova, “Pre- and Post-Birth Components of Intergenerational Persistence in Health and Longevity: Lessons from a Large Sample of Adoptees, **Journal of Human Resources**, forthcoming..

Adermon, A., M. Lindahl and D. Waldenström (2018) ”Intergenerational Wealth Mobility and the Role of Inheritance: Evidence from Multiple Generations” **Economic Journal**, Vol 128(612), Feature: New Directions in Measuring Intergenerational Mobility, F482-F513.

Borcan, O, M Lindahl and A Mitrut (2017) “Fighting Corruption in Education: What Works and Who Benefits?” **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**, Vol. 9(1), 180-209.

Böhlmark, A, H. Holmlund and M Lindahl (2016) “Parental choice, neighbourhood segregation or cream skimming? An analysis of school segregation after a generalized choice reform, **Journal of Population Economics**, Vol. 29(4), 1155-1190.

Böhlmark, A, and M Lindahl (2015) “Independent Schools and Long-Run Educational Outcomes - Evidence from Sweden’s Large Scale Voucher Reform”, **Economica**, Vol. 82, 508-551.

Lindahl, M, M Palme, S Sandgren Massih and A Sjögren (2015) “Long-term intergenerational persistence of human capital: an empirical analysis of four generations”, **Journal of Human Resources**, Vol. 50(1) (Lead Article).

Borcan, O, M Lindahl and A Mitrut (2014) "The Impact of an Unexpected Wage Cut on Corruption: Evidence from a "Xeroxed" Exam" **Journal of Public Economics**, vol 120, 32-47.

Lindahl, M, M Palme, S Sandgren Massih and A Sjögren (2014) "A Test of the Becker-Tomes Model of Human Capital Transmission using Microdata on Four Generations," **Journal of Human Capital**, Vol. 7(1).

Holmlund, H, M Lindahl and E Plug (2011) "The Causal Effect of Parent's Schooling on Children's Schooling: A Comparison of Estimation Methods", **Journal of Economic Literature**, 49(3): 615-51.

Leuven, E, M Lindahl, H Oosterbeek and D Webbink (2010) "Expanding Schooling Opportunities for 4-year olds", **Economics of Education Review**, 29(3), 319-328 (Lead Article).

Leuven, E, M Lindahl, H Oosterbeek and D Webbink (2007) "The effect of extra funding for disadvantaged students on achievement", **Review of Economics and Statistics**, 89(4), 721-736.

Björklund, A, M Lindahl and E Plug (2006) "The Origins of Intergenerational Associations: Lessons from Swedish Adoption Data", **Quarterly Journal of Economics**, 121(3), 999-1028.

Lindahl, M (2005) "Home versus School Learning: A new Approach to Estimating the Effect of Class Size on Achievement," **Scandinavian Journal of Economics**, 107(2), 375-394.

Lindahl, M (2005) "Estimating the Effect of Income on Health and Mortality using Lottery Prizes as Exogenous Source of Variation in Income," **Journal of Human Resources**, 40(1), 144-168.

Björklund, A, M Lindahl and K Sund (2003) "Family background and school performance during a turbulent era of school reforms", **Swedish Economic Policy Review** 10(2), 111-136.

Krueger, A and M Lindahl (2001) "Education for Growth: Why and for Whom?", **Journal of Economic Literature**, Vol. 39 (4), 1101-1136.

Krueger, A and M Lindahl (1999) "Education for Growth in Sweden and the World", **Swedish Economic Policy Review**, Vol. 6 (2), 289-339. Reprinted in *Education Matters: Collected Essays by Alan B. Krueger*, Edward Elgar Publishing, October 2000.

Working Papers:

Björkegren, E., M. Lindahl, M. Palme and E. Simeonova “Selection and Causation in the Parental Education Gradient in Health: Lessons from a Large Sample of Adoptees,” NBER Working Paper No. 28214 (dec 2020)

Schürz, S.; Y. Alem, M. Kocher, F. Carlsson, and M Lindahl “Distributional preferences in adolescent peer networks, IHS Working Paper, No. 20, Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS), Vienna (aug 2020)

Angelov, N., P. Johansson. M. Lindahl and A. Pihl “Subjective Expectations, Educational Choice Heterogeneity and Gender: Evidence from a Sample of Swedish High School Students,” First version August 2018, Revised March 2019.

Brandén, G., M. Lindahl and B. Öckert The Importance of Nature-Nurture Interactions for Skill Formation: Evidence from a Large Sample of Adoptees, mimeo, 2017

Lindahl, M., E. Lundberg, M. Palme and E. Simeonova, ”Parental Influences on Health and Longevity: Lessons from a Large Sample of Adoptees” NBER Working Paper w21946, IZA Discussion Paper No. 9688, January 2016

Böhlmark, A. and M. Lindahl “The Impact of School Choice on Pupil Achievement, Segregation and Costs: Swedish Evidence” IZA Discussion Paper No. 2786, May 2007.

Björklund, A., M. Lindahl and E. Plug ”Intergenerational Effects in Sweden: What Can We Learn from Adoption Data?” IZA Discussion Paper No. 1194, June 2004.

Lindahl, M “Summer Learning and the Effect of Schooling: Evidence from Sweden” IZA Discussion Paper No. 262, February 2001.

### Teaching and Supervising

#### Teaching:

My total teaching experience amounts to over 400 lecture hours (roughly half at the undergraduate and half at the graduate program).

#### Supervising at the Ph.d. program level:

##### Main supervisor for:

- Adrian Adermon (Uppsala University, Ph.D. 2013. First placement: Uppsala University on Wallander stipend)
- Sebastian Axbard (Uppsala University, Ph.D. 2016. First placement: Queen Mary University London as Lecturer (tenure-track); Winner of Arnberska priset 2017

- Gunnar Branden (Uppsala University, Ph.D. 2018. First placement: Umeå University (PostDoc).
- Debbie Lau (University of Gothenburg, Ph.D. 2020.).
- Simon Schürz (University of Gothenburg, Ph.D. March 2020).
- Lina Andersson (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2016)
- Andrea Berggren (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2016)

Assistant supervisor for:

- Helena Holmlund (SOFI, Stockholm University, PhD 2006. First placement: Centre for Economic Performance, LSE, as a research economist)
- Krister Sund (SOFI, Stockholm University, PhD 2007. First placement: Swedish National Agency for Education).
- Krzysztof (Chris) Karbownik (Uppsala University, Ph.D. 2013. First placement: Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, as research associate)
- Maksym Khomenko (University of Gothenburg, Ph.D. 2019. First placement: Stockholm University on Wallander stipend).

#### Assignments as opponent and grading committees

- Faculty opponent Torsten Santavirta PhD defence, "Essays on Human Capital Development, Wage Dynamics, and Religious Participation". Aalto University, November 2011.
- Faculty opponent Martin Nybom, PhD defence, "Essays on Educational Choice and Intergenerational Mobility". Stockholm University, January 2013.
- External opponent Kaja Høiseth Brugård, PhD defence, "Dropped Out? Three Essays on High School Education, NTNU, Trondheim, November 2013
- Faculty opponent Karin Hederos Eriksson, PhD defence, "Essays on Inequality, Gender and Family Background, Stockholm School of Economics, April 2014
- External opponent Jan Stuhler, PhD defence, "Essays on Migration and Intergenerational Mobility". University College London, October 2014.
- Faculty opponent Mengyi Cao, PhD defence, "Labor, Trade and Finance: Essays in Applied Economics," Stockholm University, December 2017

#### Keynotes etc

- Keynote presentation (Transmission of human capital across four generations: intergenerational correlations and a test of the Becker-Tomes theory) at the workshop "Educational Systems and Human Capital" in Trondheim March 27-29, 2011.
- Keynote presentation (How can we understand the transmission of inequality in well-being across generations?) at the 6th Zurich Workshop in Economics, University of Zurich, Murg, 15-16 September 2016.

- Keynote presentation (Dynastic Human Capital and the sources of Intergenerational mobility) at the 10th edition of the IWAE conference in Economics of Economics, Catanzaro, Italy, June 2018.