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Summary

As professor of environmental economics in Gothenburg I have during the last three decades built up the Unit for Environmental Economics with a staff of about a dozen PhDs and a number of graduate students. We give a unique PhD program in environmental economics and have had more than 50 graduate students from developing countries (financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida), as well as masters and undergraduate programs and a large number of other research and teaching activities.

2018 I presided over the World Conference of Environmental and Resource Economics in Gothenburg. With 1500 participants it was the biggest ever! For the academic year 2015-2016 I was elected to a guest professorship at the Collège de France. 2011-2014 was spent in part on the AR5 of the IPCC where I was CLA of chapter 15 on policy instruments. 2012-2013 I was on sabbatical leave from Gothenburg and worked as Chief Economist at the Environmental Defense Fund in New York. My main areas of work are instrument design for climate and environmental policy, catch shares in fisheries and theory of discounting.

I have published over 110 articles in refereed journals, authored or edited more than a dozen books and a large number of book chapters and official reports. I have also been quite prolific

when it comes to diffusion into journalistic articles ranging from having my own opinion piece in local media to writing for New York Times, Le Monde or The Times. The main focus of my work has been on environmental policy instruments with applications to energy and climate, industry, transport economics and finally resource management in developing countries. Many of these areas benefit from interdisciplinary collaboration with natural scientists, engineers, medical or other experts which I find to be a challenging and exciting part of professional life. For more details, see list of publications below

I teach courses in natural resource economics and environmental policy at the graduate and undergraduate levels. I have been the advisor for about two dozen PhD theses and I do quite a lot of external lecturing and consulting.

Employments

1. Collège de France, Titulaire de la Chaire « *Développement durable – Environnement, Energie et Société* » pour l'année académique 2015-2016.
2. Environmental Defense Fund, Visiting Chief Economist, New York. 2012-13. Senior Contributing Economist 2014-
3. University of Gothenburg
 - a. Professor since 1995-06-01
 - b. Senior Lecturer 1990-95
 - c. Associate Professor 1989 (Docent)
 - d. Assistant Professor 1986-1989
 - e. Various junior posts (total 4 years)
4. Statistisk Centralbyrå SSB, Oslo; Extra 20% Appointment, 2010-
5. World Bank, Environment Department, 1998-9.
6. Examiner/tutor at the Dept of Economics, Univ of Karlstad, 1992-96.
7. Bank of Gothenburg (Economic Intelligence Dept.) 1977 - 1978
8. Biskopsgårdens Bleck & Plåt AB.1975-1976. Apprentice metal worker.

Universities and Research Institutions

- Collège de France, Paris, 2015-16
- Statistisk Centralbyrå SSB, Oslo (Guest researcher)
- Resources for the Future, Washington DC, 1998-9 (Gilbert White Fellow)

- World Bank (Consultant 1998-99 and shorter consultancies 2000-)
- University of Grenoble, France, Visiting researcher 1988-1989 (6 months)
- University of Cambridge, England, Visiting researcher spring 1988
- Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay, Visiting researcher Dec 1987
- Visiting researcher Trade Union Inst. for Econ Research, Sthlm, 1986
- El Colegio de México, Visiting researcher, 1983 and 1985 (2 months)
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Visiting researcher 1980-1981
- University of Gothenburg, Sweden: (BA in 1976); (Phd economics 1986-01-17)
Additional courses in theoretical ecology (1991) and ecology (1992).
- University of Montpellier, France, 1970 (Certificat pratique de la langue Francaise)
- University of Innsbruck, Austria, 1969 (German philosophy and art)

Schools

- Hamilton House Prep School (London) 1958-65
- Westminster Public School (London) 1965-69 (4 A- & 2 S-levels 1969 in Chemistry, Maths, Physics)
- Sandöskolan, Training for development assistance 1973-74.
- Gustavus Primus art school, 1971-1973.

Languages

English, Swedish, French, Spanish, German (+ beginner's efforts in Italian and Swahili)

For a full list of publications, books, honorary positions, prizes, PhD supervision and other, please see the full-length [CV](#).