

Curriculum Vitae Henrik Friberg-Fernros, PhD.

Personal Details

Born: 1972-04-04 in Jönköping, Sweden.

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Degrees

- PhD in political Science, University of Gothenburg, 2008.
- Master of Education for the Upper Secondary School, Gothenburg, 2000.
- Master in political science, University of Gothenburg, 2000.
- Bachelor of Education for Compulsory School, 1998.
- Bachelor in political science, University of Gothenburg, October 1998.

Present Position

Associate professor at the Department of Political science, University of Gothenburg. 2014–present.

Academic Affiliation, Employments, etc

- Guest researcher at Princeton University, James Madison Program, 2025-02-09—2025-03-09.
- Director of study of Centre for Education Science and Teacher Research (CUL) 2017-04-01-2023-12-31.
- Member of the Department Council. 2015-07-01- 2021-07-01.
- Chair of the Practical Philosophy and Political Theory Seminar 2015-2018, 2025-
- Member of the Program Council for Teacher Education, 2015- 2020
- Director of Undergraduate Studies 2012.
- Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies 2011–2012.
- Assistant professor at the Department of Political Science, 2012-2014, University of Gothenburg.
- Research Fellow in the project *Not only populism. Xenophobic Parties in a Rokkanian Perspective*. 2009-2011.
- Research Fellow in the project *The decisive choice – State Sovereignty or Human Rights?*

University of Gothenburg 2006–2009.

- Visiting Scholar, University of Maynooth, Ireland, February–June 2004.
- PhD Candidate, 2000–2006, University of Gothenburg.

Education

- Basic Pedagogy in Higher Education level 3, University of Gothenburg, September 2020-January 2021 (5hp).
- Supervision in Postgraduate Programmes, University of Gothenburg, September-November 2013 (5hp).
- Basic Pedagogy in Higher Education level 2, University of Gothenburg, February-May 2011 (5hp).
- Basic Pedagogy in Higher Education level 1, University of Gothenburg, September-December 2009 (5hp).
- *The Sacralization of the Person: The History, Philosophy, and Sociology of Human Rights.* Research School arranged and financed by Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies (SCAS), University of Helsinki, August 2005.
- Courses in methodology at 35th Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, July–August 2002.

Grants and Awards

Smaller grants

- The Royal Society of Arts and Sciences in Göteborg, 2011, SEK 30 000.
- Kungliga Vitterhetsakademin, 2011, SEK 10 000.
- The Lars Hiertas Memorial Foundation, 2009, SEK 30 000.
- Frikyrkliga Forskningsrådet (Free Church Research Council), 2005, SEK 50 000.

Research project

- Research grant from the Swedish Research Council, 2004, of 2,37 million kr, together with Dr Douglas Brommesson, Linneaus University, and Professor Ulf Bjereld, University of Gothenburg, for the research project *The decisive choice – State Sovereignty or Human Rights?* 2006–2009.

- Research grant from The Research Council of Norway, 2012, of NOK 5, 529 million together with Dr Johan Karlsson-Schaffer, Oslo University, for the research project *The Consensus Paradox: Does Agreement impede rational public discourse?*
- Research grant from the Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU), 2019, of SEK 990 600 together with Dr Klas Andersson, Gothenburg University, for the research project *How the Swedish School law's requirements on a scientific basis for education are perceived in relation to the teaching of values: A survey of the views of politicians, officials and teachers.*
- Sabbatical, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond 2023, of SEK 1 248 160 for the research project *An Epistemic Approach to the Justification of Public Coercion: Increasing the legitimacy by strengthening the argument quality*

Research programs

- Research from the The Sten A Olsson foundation for Research and Culture, 2009, 8 million kr. Research leaders professor Marie Demker, professor Ola Sigurdsson, and professor Yvonne Leffler. Title: *Religion och hälsa i ett existentiellt föränderligt samhälle.*
- Research Grant from det Frie Forskningsråd, 2011, 6.356.719,00 kr. Project leader Professor Olav Hammer, Syddansk Universitet. Title: *Religious Maximalism and Minimalism in Antiquity and Contemporary Europe.*

Teaching

Basic and Advance level

- Responsible for courses on Teacher Education Program 2016-present.
- Supervising theses on the basic level, and master thesis on advanced level in political science and social science, 2002–present.
- Examining theses on basic and advanced level in political science, 2008-present.
- Responsible for course on advanced level in methodology (2006–2007).
- Responsible for courses on advanced level in social science studies (2010–2011).
- Responsible for dissertation course in social science studies (2012- 2014)
- Lecturer at courses in political science on advanced level, in qualitative methodology on advanced level, in social science courses on advanced level, and in in courses program for teacher training, 2006-present.

Doctoral level

Assistant advisor for 1 doctoral student, Fredrik D. Hjorthen (dissertation 2017). Currently advisor for 1 doctoral student, Sofia Wiman (dissertation expected 2026).

Review assignments

American Political Science Review, Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, Political Studies, Political Studies Review, Human Rights Review, Journal of Politics and Law, Global Responsibility to Protect, Kriterion, Journal of Public Deliberation, Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift, Res Publica, Journal of Global Ethics, Social Epistemology, Rhetorica Scandinavica, International Law, Nordic Journal of Human Rights, Ethical Perspectives

Invited talks, assignments, seminars and workshops

Member of the external evaluation committee for the doctoral programme in Educational Work at the University of Gothenburg, Spring 2025.

Member of the application committee, PhD candidate applications, Department of Pedagogical, Curricular, Professional Studies, University of Gothenburg, Spring 2024.

I was responsible for the final reading of Eilev Hegstad's PhD thesis "*The proper role of bioethics commissions a work in political political theory*" Oslo Metropolitan University November 22, 2023.

I organized the Swedish Network for Political Theory, which is a part of Swedish Political Science Association, May 9-10, 2023.

I organized the Swedish Network for Political Theory, which is a part of Swedish Political Science Association, May 10-11, 2021.

Member of the grading committee for Meike Froitzheim (PhD) *The Implementation of Peace Operations. Executing Security Sector Reform and Stabilization in the DR Congo*, June 1, 2018, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg.

Member of the Grading committee for Jasmina Nedevska (PhD) *Why Care About Future People's Environment? Approaches to Non-Identity in Contractualism and Natural Law* October 12, 2018, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.

Member of the grading committee for Sofia Helander (PhD) *From Antagonism to Alienation—Redirecting Radical Democracy*, September 9, 2021, Uppsala University.

Participating in a presentation on values of life and death, Gothenburg Science Festival, 2015

I co-arranged a workshop with Johan Karlsson-Schaffer and Cathrine Holst on consensus and epistemic democracy with Simone Chambers and Jürg Steiner as keynote-speakers, Paris 2014.

Participating in a Panel on Human Rights, Gothenburg Science Festival, 2009.

Parental leaves

- June 2006–May 2007.
- January–May 2009.

Publications

Books

Friberg-Fernros H. (2017) *Making a case for stricter abortion laws*. London: Palgrave Pivot.

Brommesson D & **Friberg-Fernros H.** (2013) *Bortom den sekulära staten. Religion och Politik i en post-sekulariserad tid.* (Beyond the Secular State. Religion and Politics in a Post-Secular Time), Lund: Studentlitteratur.

Friberg-Fernros H. (2008) *I gränslandet till liv och död. Om människovärdet och den offentliga maktens koherens* (At the Margins of Life and Death. About the value of Human Life and the Coherence in the Exercise of State Power). Doctoral dissertation, Department of Political Science: University of Gothenburg, 2008.

Peer-reviewed original articles

Friberg-Fernros H. (2025) Implications of Abandoning Common-Sense Realism for the Practice and Aim of Knowledge-Based Education. Forthcoming in *Educational Theory*.

Friberg-Fernros H. (2025) Addressing the Ideational Turn: How the Resources of Qualitative Content Analysis and Idea Analysis Can Together Strengthen the Study of Ideas. *Statsvetenskaplig Tidskrift*. 127 (2):355–377.

Friberg-Fernros, H. & Andersson. K. (2024) Scientific basis and teaching of values: a survey of politicians', central bureaucrats', and teachers' interpretations, *Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research*, 1-13.

Friberg-Fernros, H., & Karlsson Schaffer, J. (2022). An epistemic alternative to the public justification requirement. *Philosophy & Social Criticism*. 50(6): 948-970.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01914537221137>

Andersson, K., & **Friberg-Fernros, H.** (2023). Den vetenskapliga grunden i skolan och undervisningen om värden (No. 2023: 7). *IFAU-Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy*.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2023). On The Problem of Defending Basic Equality: Natural Law and The Substance View. In *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy: A Forum for Bioethics and Philosophy of Medicine*.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2022). Leaving Naturalism Behind: Making the Case for Grounding Liberalism in Theism. *Philosophy and Theology*, 34(1/2), 137-166.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2022). Against the Religious Neutrality Requirement. *Ratio Juris*, 35(4), 383-400.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2020). Correcting an interpretation of my view on legal punishment and abortion. *The New Bioethics*, 26(3), 273-274.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2020). Responding to Simkulet's objections to the two tragedies argument. *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 46(3), 223-224.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2020). The Explanatory Power of the Soul: Why Liberals Should Seriously Consider Dualism. *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 48(1), 101-121.

Friberg-Fernros, H., Karlsson Schaffer, J., & Holst, C. (2019). Deliberation after Consensus: Introduction to the Symposium. *Journal of Public Deliberation*, 15(1)
<https://www.publicdeliberation.net/jpd/vol15/iss1/art12/>

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2019). Defending the two tragedies argument: a response to Simkulet. *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 45(6), 417-418.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2018). Within the limits of the defensible: a response to Simkulet's argument against the pro-life view on the basis of spontaneous abortion. *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 44(11), 743-745.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2018) "Hit But Not Down. The Substance View in light of the criticism of Lovering and Simkulet" *Bioethics* 32(6): 388-394.

Friberg-Fernros, H., & Karlsson-Schaffer J. (2017) "Assessing the epistemic quality of democratic decision-making in terms of adequate support for conclusions". *Social Epistemology* 31(3): 252-265.

Friberg-Fernros, H., Demker, Marie, Martinsson, Johan (2017) "Media and the Power of Naming: An experimental study of racist, xenophobic and nationalist party labels" *Ethnicities* 17(5), 727-745.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2017) "Clashes of Consensus: On the Problem of Both Justifying Abortion of Fetuses with Down's Syndrome and Rejecting Infanticide". *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*. 38(3), 195-212.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2016) "Respect, coercion and religious reasons: Towards a post-secular deliberative approach". *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44 (3).

Friberg-Fernros, H., & Brommesson, D. (2016) "The limits of the principle of charity: Why Haesebrouck is wrong after all". *International Politics*, 53(2), 277-283.

Friberg- Fernros, H. (2015) "A Critique of Rob Lovering's Criticism of the Substance View". *Bioethics*, 29(3), 211-216.

Friberg- Fernros, H., & Schaffer, J. K. (2014) "The consensus paradox: Does deliberative agreement impede rational discourse?" *Political Studies*, 62(S1), 99-116.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2014) "Taking precautionary concerns seriously: A defense of a misused anti-abortion argument". *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 39(3), 228-247.

Friberg-Fernros, H., & Brommesson, D. (2013) "The responsibility to protect– An incoherent doctrine". *International Politics*, 50(4), 600-622.

Brommesson, D., & **Friberg-Fernros, H.** (2012) "The feasibility of an expanded regime on humanitarian interventions–The case of the responsibility to protect". *Journal of International Relations and Development*, 16(1), 138-166.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2012) "Varför den svenska abortlagstiftningen bör göras mera restriktiv" in *Tidskrift för politisk filosofi* 16(3): 6-18.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2011) "Allies in tension: Identifying and bridging the rift between R2P and just war". *Journal of Military Ethics*, 10(3), 160-173.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2010) "Abortion and the Limits of Political Liberalism". *Public Reason*, 2(1), 27-42.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2010) "Konservativ kristendom och sekulära ideal" in *Tro och liv* 69(1):34-36.

Brommesson, D., & **Friberg-Fernros, H.** (2009) Individualisation and destabilisation of the international order. The case of the responsibility to protect. *International Review of Sociology—Revue Internationale de Sociologie*, 19(2), 315-330.

Book chapters

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2022). A plausible account of basic equality. In Colgrove, N., Blackshaw, B. P., & Rodger, D. (Eds.) *Agency, Pregnancy and Persons: Essays in Defense of Human Life*. London: Routledge Annals of Bioethics.

Friberg-Fernros H. (2022) Personalism. In Landgren P. (ed.) *Kristdemokrati – människosyn, etik, politik*. Stockholm: Timbro.

Friberg-Fernros H. (2022) Kristdemokrati och andra ideologier. In Landgren P. (ed.) *Kristdemokrati – människosyn, etik, politik*. Stockholm: Timbro.

Friberg-Fernros, H. & Brommesson D. (2005) ”De kristna och kriget i Irak” in Hagevi M. (Ed) *Religion och politik*, Malmö: Liber.

Friberg-Fernros, H. (2005) ”Aristotelisk thomism i svenska offentlig maktutövning om mänskligt liv och människovärde” in Hagevi M. (Ed) *Religion och politik*, Malmö: Liber, 2005.

Friberg-Fernros, H. & Brommesson D. (2005) Stater eller individer? Dragkampen om den internationella rätten ” in Demker, M. Bjereld, Ekecrantz J. and Ann-Marie Ekengren (eds) *Det hyperindividualiserade samhället?* Umeå: Boréa.

Reports

Andersson, K., & **Friberg-Fernros, H.** (2023). *Den vetenskapliga grunden i skolan och undervisningen om värden* (No. 2023: 7). IFAU-Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (peer-reviewed).

Conference and workshop contributions

Friberg-Fernros, H. “Making the Case for Grounding Liberalism on Theism”, Presented at APSA, Virtual Conference, 10-13 September 2020.

Friberg-Fernros, H. “Liberal-conservative asymmetry in politically biased reasoning: An argument scheme approach”, Presented at APSA, Virtual Conference, 10-13 September 2020.

Friberg-Fernros, H. “On the problems of defending basic equality: Natural Law and the Substance View”, presented at Swedish Network for Political Theory, Lund 2-3 May, 2019.

Friberg-Fernros, H. “The explanatory Power of the Soul. Why liberals should seriously consider substance dualism”, presented at Swedish Network for Political Theory, Stockholm 4-5 May 2017.

Friberg-Fernros, H. “Against Religious Equality Requirement” presented at GothenburgOslo workshop, Oslo 17-18 June 2015.

Friberg-Fernros, H. Karlsson Schaffer J. “A Toolkit for Testing Epistemic Democracy: Assessing truth-trackingness by detecting inadequate support for conclusions” presented at Nordic Political Science Association (NoPSA) Gothenburg 12-15 August 2014.

Friberg-Fernros H. “Respect for Person and Reason for coercion” presented at American Political Science Association, Chicago 29 August-1 September 2013.

Friberg-Fernros H. “Antiracist Norms in News Media: Drawback for Anti-Immigration Parties?” presented at Nordic Political Science Association, Wasa, August, 2011, (With Professor Marie Demker, University of Gothenburg).

Friberg-Fernros, H. Incompatible Allies. Identifying and bridging the rift between the responsibility to protect and just war theory.” Paper presented at the 51th annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, 17–20 February 2010.

Friberg-Fernros, H. “The Feasibility of an Expanded Regime on Humanitarian Intervention: The Case of the Responsibility to Protect”, paper presented at the 50th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New York, 15–18 February, 2009. (With Douglas Brommesson).

Newspaper articles

1. ”Insatsen mot Libyen stärker FN” *Svenska Dagbladet* 2011-03-22.
2. “Dags att se över abortlagstiftningen” *Göteborgsposten* 2006-11-06