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PERSONAL DETAILS

Born in October 1983, Mölndal, Sweden. Married, two children.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative politics; Corruption; Environmental politics; Gender & politics.

POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, July 2020.
PI for Data, Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg, January 2020.
Break due to parental leave, about 18 months in total, 2018-2020.
Visiting Democracy Fellow, Kennedy School, Harvard University, Aug 2017-July 2018.
Postdoc., Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, 2016- 2017.
Visiting doctoral student, University of Michigan, February-May 2015.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Associate Professor (Docent), University of Gothenburg, February 2017.
PhD in Political Science, University of Gothenburg, December 2015.
MA in Political Science, University of Gothenburg, May 2011.
BA in Political Science, University of Gothenburg, May 2008.
BA in Development Studies, University of Gothenburg, May 2008.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

PhD-courses at; Oxford, Michigan (ICPSR programme), Vienna, Keele and Ljubljana.
Undergraduate semester at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Shortlisted to the 2019 *Pro Futura Scientia Programme*. Among 11 finalists from Sweden and abroad, across disciplines, competing in the third and last step for a place in Riksbankens Jubileumsfond's effort to support "especially promising researchers".

Intergenerational Justice Prize 2018, shared third-place award. For manuscript "Youth representation in the European Parliament: The limited effect of political party characteristics", with D. Stockemer. Essay competition, by Intergenerational Foundation and Stiftung für die zukünftiger Generationen. Awarded: 1 250 Euros.

Max Weber Fellow 2017. Awarded one-year paid postdoc fellowship at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence (declined offer).

Nomination for *Atlas Award*, August 2017. Article on women's political empowerment (Sundström et al. 2017) was one of ten shortlisted articles, selected across Elseviers journals "based on their potential social impact" by their Atlas Advisory Board.

Young sustainability talent 2016. Recognition given to 33 persons in Sweden below the age 33 by the magazine Aktuell Hållbarhet.

2016 Eva Selin memorial scholarship. Given with the motivation "for outstanding research on environmental politics." Awarded to one researcher at Chalmers University of Technology and University of Gothenburg. Awarded: SEK 40 000.

Award for best paper, given to a manuscript within the dissertation at the 2014 annual meeting of the Swedish Political Science Association, Lund. Award sum: SEK 5 000.

Swedish student of the year abroad, awarded 2006 by Organisation for Swedish People in the World and SACO, Swedish Union of Academics. Awarded: SEK 10 000.

LARGER GRANTS

"Waging war to save the peace parks: A study of militarization of wildlife management" awarded app. 0,5 million USD (4,2 million SEK) from the Swedish Research Council, with Martin Sjöstedt (PI) and Sverker C. Jagers. The project runs the period 2022-2024.

"Negative spillovers from the introduction of protected area regulations: Linkages between governance of poaching in Africa and increases in local corruption," awarded app. 0,5 million USD (4,4 million SEK) from the Swedish Research Council, as the PI (with co-applicants Martin Sjöstedt and Sverker C. Jagers). The project runs the period 2020-2023.

"Corruption in Natural Resource Management: Advancing Knowledge about Bribes and the Failure of Environmental Regulations," awarded app. 0,2 million USD (1,6 million SEK) from the Swedish Research Council, as PI and single applicant. The project ran the period 2017-2019.

"Climate Change and the Prospects for Economic Growth: How Extreme Weather Events affect Regime Stability," awarded app. 1 million USD (8 million SEK) from the Swedish Research Council, with Martin Sjöstedt (PI), Sverker C. Jagers and Pelle Ahlerup. The project runs the period 2017-2021.

"Corruption and Wildlife Management: The Logics of Collective Action in Transnationally Protected Reserves," awarded app. 0.7 million USD (6 million SEK) from the Swedish Research Council, with Sverker C. Jagers (PI) and Martin Sjöstedt. The project runs the period 2016-2021.

"Sweden-America foundation scholarship," awarded app. 12 500 USD (100 000 SEK) from the Sweden-America foundation for stay as postdoc at John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2017-2018.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Ntuli, H. A. Sundström, M. Sjöstedt, E. Muchapondwa, S. Jagers, and A. Linell (2021) "Understanding the drivers of subsistence poaching in the Great Limpopo: What matters for community wildlife conservation?" *Ecology and Society.*

Sundström, A. and D. Stockemer (2020) "Conceptualizing, measuring and explaining youths' relative absence in legislatures" *PS: Political Science & Politics.*

Stockemer, D., M.J. Wigginton and A. Sundström (2020) "Boys' club or good ol' boys club? Corruption and the parliamentary representation of young and old men and women" *Parliamentary Affairs.*

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2020) "Quotas, the electoral system type and the election of young women" *Social Politics.*

Sundström, A., A. Linell, H. Ntuli, M. Sjöstedt and M. Gore (2020) "Gender differences in poaching attitudes: Insights from communities in Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe living in the Great Limpopo" *Conservation Letters,* 13 (1): 1-8.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2019) "Youth representation in the European Parliament: Insights from interviews with young Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)" *Intergenerational Justice Review*, 5 (1): 4-8.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2019) "Women's representation across different generations: A longitudinal analysis of the European Parliament" *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, 57 (4): 823-837.

Sundström, A. (2019) "Why do people pay bribes? A survey experiment with resource users" *Social Science Quarterly*, 100 (3): 725-735.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2019) "Corruption and women in cabinets: Informal barriers to recruitment in the executive" *Governance*, 32 (1): 83-102.

Linell, A., M. Sjöstedt and A. Sundström (2019) "Governing transboundary commons in Africa: The emergence and challenges of the Kavango-Zambezi Treaty" *International Environmental Agreements,* 19 (1): 53-68.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2019) "Do young female candidates face double barriers or an outgroup advantage? The case of the European Parliament" *European Journal of Political Research*, 58 (1): 373-384.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2019) "Young deputies in the European Parliament: A starkly underrepresented age group" *Acta Politica*, 54 (1): 124-144.

Sundström, A. (2019) "Exploring performance-related pay as an anticorruption tool" *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 54 (1): 1-18.

Sundström, A. and D. Stockemer (2018) "Youth representation in the European Parliament: The limited effect of political party characteristics" *Intergenerational Justice Review*, 4 (2): 68-78.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2018) "Age representation in parliaments: Can institutions pave way for the young?" *European Political Science Review*, 10 (3): 467-490

Gustavson, M. and A. Sundström (2018) "Organizing the audit society: Does good auditing generate less public sector corruption?" *Administration & Society,* 50 (10): 1508-1532.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2018) "Women in cabinets: The role of party ideology and government turnover" *Party Politics*, 24 (6): 663-673.

Wang, Y-t., P. Lindenfors, A. Sundström, F. Jansson, P. Paxton and S. Lindberg (2017) "Women's rights in democratic transitions: A global sequence analysis 1900–2012" *European Journal of Political Research*, 56 (4): 735-756 (lead article).

Sjöstedt, M. and A. Sundström (2017) "Donor coordination or donor confusion? How disputed facts and problem framing affect the prospects for aid harmonization" *Development Policy Review*, 35 (2): 64-79.

Sundström, A., P. Paxton, Y-t. Wang, and S. Lindberg (2017) "Women's political empowerment: A new global index, 1900-2012" *World Development*, 94: 321-335.

Sundström, A. (2016) "Violence and the costs of honesty: Rethinking bureaucrats' choice to take bribes" *Public Administration*, 94 (3): 593-608.

Sundström, A. (2016) "Understanding illegality and corruption in forest governance" *Journal of Environmental Management*, 181: 779-790.

Sundström, A. (2016) "Corruption and violations of conservation rules: A survey experiment with resource users" *World Development*, 85: 73-83.

Sundström, A. and L. Wängnerud (2016) "Corruption as an obstacle to women's political representation: Evidence from local councils in 18 European countries" *Party Politics*, 22 (3): 354-369.

Jagers, S. C., M. Povitkina, M. Sjöstedt and A. Sundström (2016) "Paradise Islands? Island States and the provision of environmental goods" *Sustainability*, 8: 285.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2016) "Modernization theory: How to measure and operationalize it when gauging variation in women's representation?" *Social Indicators Research*, 125: 695-712.

Sundström, A. and A. McCright (2016) "Women and nuclear energy: Examining the gender divide in opposition to nuclear power among Swedish citizens and politicians" *Energy Research & Social Science,* 11: 29-39.

Sundström, A. and D. Stockemer (2015) "Voter turnout in the European regions: The impact of corruption perceptions" *Electoral Studies*, 40: 158-169.

Sundström, A. (2015) "Covenants with broken swords: Corruption and law enforcement in governance of the commons" *Global Environmental Change*, 31: 253-262.

Sundström, A. and D. Stockemer (2015) "What determines women's political representation at the local level? A fine-grained analysis of the European regions" *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 56 (3-4): 254-274.

Povitkina, M., S. Jagers, M. Sjöstedt, and A. Sundström (2015) "Democracy, development and the marine environment - A global time-series investigation" *Ocean & Coastal Management*, 105: 25-34.

Halkos, G., A. Sundström and N. Tzeremes (2015) "Regional environmental performance and governance quality: A nonparametric analysis" *Environmental Economics and Policy Studies*, 17 (4): 621-644.

Sjöstedt, M and A. Sundström (2015) "Coping with illegal fishing: An institutional account of success and failure in Namibia and South Africa" *Biological Conservation*, 189: 78-85.

Sundström, A. and A. McCright (2014) "Gender differences in environmental concern among Swedish citizens and politicians" *Environmental Politics*, 23 (6): 1082-1095.

McCright, A. and A. Sundström (2014) "Examining gender differences in environmental concern in the Swedish general public, 1990-2011" *International Journal of Sociology*, 43 (4): 63-86.

Stockemer, D. and A. Sundström (2013) "Corruption and citizens' satisfaction with democracy in Europe: What is the empirical linkage?" *Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft (ZfVP) / Comparative Governance and Politics*, 7 (1): 137-157.

Sjöstedt, M. and A. Sundström (2013) "Overfishing in Southern Africa: A Comparative account of regime effectiveness and national capacities" *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, 15 (5): 415-431.

Reprinted as a 'classic' in (Eds.) Geva-May, I. J. Muhleisen, and G Peters (2019) *Classics of Comparative Policy Analysis*. London: Routledge.

Sundström, A. (2013) "Corruption in the commons: Why bribery hampers enforcement of environmental regulations in South African fisheries" *International Journal of the Commons*, 7 (2): 454-472.

Sundström, A. (2012) "Corruption and regulatory compliance: Experimental findings from South African small-scale fisheries" *Marine Policy*, 36: 1255-1264.

Martinsson, J., L.J. Lundqvist, A. Sundström (2011) "Energy saving in Swedish households: The (relative) importance of environmental attitudes" *Energy Policy*, 39 (9): 5182-5191.

MONOGRAPHIES AND REPORTS

Sundström, A. (2018) *Jämställdhet på lokal nivå? En analys av andelen lokalt valda kvinnor inom EU:s medlemsstater* [Gender equality on the local level? Analyzing the share of locally elected women within the EU]. Monograph-length report for SIEPS, the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies. With peer review.

Sundström, A. (2015) *Corruption in Governance of the Commons: Consequences and Reform Challenges*. Göteborg Studies in Politics no. 144, University of Gothenburg. For the defense, external opponent was Eric Coleman, South Florida University.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

"Youth without representation: The presence of young politicians as candidates, legislators and ministers", with D. Stockemer. Book manuscript contracted with *University of Michigan Press*, Ann Arbor. Full manuscript under review.

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS IN FINAL PROGRESS

"Measuring support for women's political leadership: Social desirability and gendered interviewer effects among African respondents," (first author) with D. Stockemer.

"Conservation and positive spillovers on corruption: Establishment of protected areas across Africa reduced local bribery" with S. Pailler.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Sundström, A. and T. Wyatt (2017) "Corruption and Organized Crime in Conservation." Pp. 97-114 in Gore, M. (Ed.) *Conservation Criminology* (Wiley).

Sundström, A. and L. Wängnerud (2017) "Women's empowerment at the local level," Pp. 117-137 in Alexander, A., C. Bolzendahl, F. Jalalzai (Eds.) *Measuring Women's Political Empowerment across the Globe* (Palgrave).

Agerberg, M., M. Gustavson, L. Wängnerud and A. Sundström (2018) "Linking female leadership and decreased corruption," in Stensöta H. and L. Wängnerud (Eds.) *Gender and Corruption*: *Historical Roots and New Avenues for Research* (Palgrave).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Sundström, A., P. Paxton, Y-t. Wang, S. Lindberg (2017) "Introducing the Women's Political Empowerment Index," *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter* 27 (1).

Sundström, A. (2016) "Våldsamma hot och priset för ärlighet: En omvärdering av tjänstemäns val att ta mutor" [Violent threats and the costs of honesty: rethinking bureaucrats' choice to take bribes]. Expert Group for Aid Studies Report 2016:7.

Mechkova, V., F. Andersson, A. Sundström, A. Alijla (2015) "Women's rights in the Middle East – New data show both improvement and impasse." V-Dem Briefing 15:1.

Sundström, A. (2013) "Women's local political representation within 30 European countries: A comparative dataset on regional figures." QoG Working Paper 2013:18.

Sundström, A., J. Martinsson, L.J. Lundqvist (2011) "Vilka svenskar vill betala mer för grön el? [Which Swedes are willing to pay more for green electricity?], in Oscarsson, Weibull (ed), *Island of bliss*, SOM-report 52. Pages 235-343.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Presented ongoing work at about 55 conferences and workshops since 2011.

INVITED POLICY TALKS

"Measuring women's political empowerment," United Nations Development Program (UNDP) round table on measuring diversity in public institutions, UNDP Governance Centre, Oslo, June 2017.

"Corruption as an obstacle to women's political representation," the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): Round Table on Corruption and Gender, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, October 2015.

"Women in the local councils in Europe," the Swedish Municipalities and Counties (SKL), Stockholm, November 2013.

IMPACT ON POLICY

The PhD dissertation work led to the acknowledgement of corrupt practices from spokespersons of the South African authority under inquiry. More importantly, it contributed to that the World Wildlife Foundation moved the lobster fishery – pinpointed in the thesis as having corruption tainting the monitoring of its regulations – to their 'red list' to be avoided by consumers.

IMPACT THROUGH CITATIONS

The Google Scholar citation count in Dec 2020: i10-index: 27.

CONSULTANCIES

Expert advisor to the Jury of the *WIN WIN Gothenburg Sustainable Award*, an annual 1 million SEK prize to benefit sustainability. May 2020 and one year onwards.

Invited expert for one week's teaching in 2017 for the online course 'Corruption in Natural Resource Management,' organized by U4 Anticorruption Agency, Norway.

FIELD DATA COLLECTION EXPERIENCE

Collected data for research from the following locations and during the following years:

Botswana; 2017
India; 2003, 2008
Mozambique; 2014
South Africa; 2011, 2014, 2016
Zambia; 2017
Zimbabwe; 2017

PHD SUPERVISION

The external member on the committee for Brittany Anlar, 4th-year PhD-student, Political Science, Rutgers University.

Assistant supervisor for Moa Dahlberg, 3rd-year PhD-student, Political Science, Luleå Technical University.

PARTICIPATION IN PHD THESIS EXAMINATION

Member of the examination board (grading committee) for the PhD thesis in economics by Martin J. Chegere, "Post-Harvest Losses, Intimate Partner Violence and Food Security in Tanzania", at the School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, May 2017.

PEDAGOGICAL LEADERSHIP

Responsible for the political science studies profile within the Environmental Social Sciences programme, School of Commerce and Business, Gothenburg University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching and supervising at graduate and under-graduate-level courses at the University of Gothenburg of abt. 1500 hours.

Supervised numerous under-graduate and graduate-level students in theses writing.

Lectured in under-graduate and graduate-level quantitative methods and analysis.

Developed two new courses at the Department of Political Science, Gothenburg;

Swedish environmental politics in a comparative perspective (SK1139)
Environmental politics in theory and practice (SK1138)

Developed new lectures on the following themes;

Youths' political representation in a comparative perspective
Gender, environmental politics and public opinion
Corruption in natural resources governance
Environmental politics: Sweden in a comparative perspective
Women's political representation and democratization
Governing natural resources: a stakeholder role-playing game

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Currently enrolled in 'Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 3', University of Gothenburg.

Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 2: Subject Field Pedagogy (5 hec), University of Gothenburg, 2018.

Supervision in Postgraduate Programs (5 hec), University of Gothenburg, 2016.

Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 1 (5 hec) University of Gothenburg, 2015.

SERVICE TO THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY AS REVIEWER

Reviewed articles for journals such as;

Administration and Society, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology, Applied Economics, Applied Science, The British Journal of Politics and International Relations, Climate*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conservation & Society*, *Ecological Economics, Ecology & Society, Employee Relations, Energy Research & Social Science*, *Environmental Conservation*, *Environmental Development, Environmental Politics, Environmental Sociology, European Journal of Political Economy, European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science, Forest Policy and Economics*, *International Area Studies Review*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Journal of Human Rights*, *International Journal of Public Administration, International Journal of Sustainable Transportation, International Political Science Review*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, *International Review of Sociology*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Environmental Policy & Planning*, *Journal of Politics, Journal of Women, Policy and Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Natural Resources Forum, Papers in Regional Science, Party Politics*, *PNAS*: *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Politics & Gender*, *Polity*, *Public Administration*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Representation, Scandinavian Political Studies, Social Sciences*, *Society & Natural Resources*, *Social Science Research, Sociological Methods and Research, Sustainability, World Development.*

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Presently applying for two major grants as PI and co-PI; both of them targeting RJ infrastructure (abt 1 million USD), to be submitted early 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Elected member of the Secretariat of Focali (Forest, Climate, and Livelihood research at the University of Gothenburg), 2016-2018.

Coordinated the work of writing the application to the "UGOT Challenge call" in 2015, resulting in the successful creation of CeCAR (Centre for Collective Action Research at University of Gothenburg), valued at appr. 6 million USD (50 million SEK).

Service at the Gothenburg Department of Political Science, includes;

Coordinator for CEPS (Centre for Environmental Political Studies), 2010-2015.

Coordinator for the Minor Field Study board in 2016.

Member of the Minor Field Study board since 2012.

GRANTS FOR DATA COLLECTION AND CONFERENCES

Before and during PhD-program (appr. converted currency), in total: USD 70 000

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

2010: Ass. researcher, the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Fall, 2009: Internship, the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat, UN Headquarters, New York.

Summer, 2009: Internship, Environment and Development Policy Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok.

Part-time, 2005-2010: Work experience as a journalist, foreign affairs reporting from countries such as; Bangladesh, China, the Dominican Republic, the Gambia, Greece, India, Morocco and Thailand (freelance for outlets such as; *Aftonbladet*, *Fokus*, *Göteborgs-Posten* and *Svenska Dagbladet*).

ASSIGNMENTS OF TRUST

Financial officer (and Board member) of parent-run cooperative kindergarten. Responsible for planning and overseeing a revenue per annum of abt. 3 million SEK. Have been active in termination of contracts and recruitment. From 2019 –

NON-ACADEMIC AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

"Award of Excellence" in *Picture of the Year International* 2007, described as "the oldest and most prestigious photojournalism program and competition in the world".

Nominated "Environmental journalist of the year, 2005" by Environmental Journalists of Sweden.