

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT:

- 2019- Professor, Department Political Science, *University of Gothenburg*.
- 2019-2022 Visiting Professor, *ESADE Law School*, Barcelona.
- 2012 Associate Professor, Department Political Science, *University of Gothenburg*
- 2007 Research Fellow, The Quality of Government Institute, *University of Gothenburg*

EDUCATION:

- 2007 PhD, Political Science, *University of Oxford*.
- 2002 Master of Arts in Social Sciences, *Juan March Institute*, Madrid.
- 2000 Master in Public Management, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*,
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, *ESADE Barcelona*.
- 1999 Bachelor in Political Science, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

- (with Carl Dahlström) *Organizing Leviathan. How the relations between politicians and bureaucrats shape good government*. Cambridge University Press, 2017.
In Spanish: *Organizando el Leviatán*. DEUSTO, 2018.

-(with Nicholas Charron and Bo Rothstein) *The Quality of Government in European States and Regions*, Edward Elgar, 2013.

-*Decálogo del buen ciudadano. Cómo ser mejores personas en un mundo narcisista*, Península, Grupo Planeta, 2021. (in Spanish)

-*El Retorno de los Chamanes: Los Charlatanes Que Amenazan El Bien Común y Los Profesionales Que Pueden Salvarnos*, Península, Grupo Planeta, 2015. (in Spanish)

Peer-reviewed
articles:

-(with Carl Dahlstrom), “Comparative Bureaucratic Politics”. *Annual Review of Political Science*, 25, 2022. Online preview.

-(with Nicholas Charron and Andrés Rodríguez-Pose) “Uncooperative Society, Uncooperative Politics or Both? Trust, Polarisation, Populism and COVID-19 Deaths across European regions”. *European Journal of Political Research*, forthcoming.

-(with Nicholas Charron and Niklas Harring). “Trust, regulation, and redistribution. Why some governments overregulate and under-redistribute?” *Regulation & Governance* 15 (1), 3-16, 2021.

-(with Steven Van de Walle). “The effects of New Public Management on the quality of public services”. *Governance*. 33 (3) 461-475 2021

-(with Kohei Suzuki and Steven Van de Walle). “Goats or Wolves? Private Sector Managers in the Public Sector”. *Governance*. 33 (3) 599-619, 2020.

-(with Kohei Suzuki). “The Prudent Entrepreneurs: Women and Public Sector Innovation” *Journal of European Public Policy*, 1-27, 2020.

-(with Kohei Suzuki). “Politicization, Bureaucratic Legalism, and Innovative Attitudes in the Public Sector”, *Public Administration Review*.80(3) 454-467. 2020.

-(with Paola Annoni and Nicholas Charron) “Measuring Quality of Government in EU regions across space and time” *Papers in Regional Science*. vol. 98, no 5, p. 1925-1953. 2019.

-with Salvador Parrado and Carl Dahlström). “Mayors and corruption in Spain: Same rules, different outcomes”, *South European Society and Politics* 23 (3), 303-322, 2018.

-(with Björn Rönnerstrand). Corruption and use of antibiotics in regions of Europe. *Health Policy*, 121(3), pp.250-256. 2017.

-(with Carl Dahlström, Nicholas Charron and Mikael Fazekas). “Careers, Connections and Corruption Risks”, *The Journal of Politics*, 79(1), pp.89-104. 2016.

(discussed in *The Economist*, Mar. 12th 2016

<http://www.economist.com/news/international/21694553-countries-are-trying-harder-recruit-best-bureaucrats-not-hard-enough-mandarin>)

-(with Carl Dahlström and Nicholas Charron) “Measuring Meritocracy in the Public Sector in Europe: a New National and Sub-National Indicator”, *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research*, 22(3), pp.499-523 2016.

-(with Remo Fernández-Carro) “The Emperor’s clothes and the Pied Piper: Bureaucracy and scientific productivity” *Science and Public Policy*, 3(4), pp.546-561. 2015.

-(with Nicholas Charron and Lewis Dijkstra) “Mapping the Regional Divide in Europe: A Measure for Assessing Quality of Government in 206 European Regions”. *Social Indicators Research*, 1-32, 2014.

-(with Agnes Cornell). “Meritocratic Administration and Democratic Stability”, *Democratization*, 7(21), 1286-1304, 2014.

-(with Marina Nistotskaya and Nicholas Charron). “The Wealth of Regions: Quality of Government and SMEs in 172 European Regions”. *Environment and Planning C: Government and Policy*, 33(5), pp.1125-1155, 2014.

-(with Bo Rothstein), “Civil War Spain versus Swedish Harmony: the Quality of Government Factor”, *Comparative Political Studies*, 47(10), pp.1416-1441, 2014.

-(with Nicholas Charron) ““Why do Some Regions in Europe Have Higher Quality of Government?”, *The Journal of Politics*, 75.03: 567-582, 2013. (Best conference paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association)

-(with Nicholas Charron and Lewis Dijkstra) “Mapping Quality of Government in the European Union: A Study of National and Sub-National Variation” *Regional Studies*, 48.1: 68-90, 2014.

-(with Nicholas Charron and Carl Dahlström). “No Law Without State”, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 40(2): 176-193, 2012.

-(with Nicholas Charron) “Which Dictators Produce Quality of Government?” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 46(4), pp.397-423, 2011.

(discussed in *Foreign Policy* May/June 2012:

http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2012/04/23/a_better_dictator)

-(with Carl Dahlström and Jan Teorell), “The Merit of Meritocratization: Politics, Bureaucracy, and the Institutional Deterrents of Corruption”, *Political Research Quarterly*, 65(3), pp.656-668. 2012.

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<http://www.economist.com/news/international/21694553-countries-are-trying-harder-recruit-best-bureaucrats-not-hard-enough-mandarin>)

-(with José Fernández-Albertos) “Doomed to Disagree? Divided Government, Party-Voter Discipline, and Policy Gridlock”, *Party Politics*, 17(6), pp.801-822, 2011.

(discussed in Jan. 2012 in *The Economist* print edition. Available here:

<http://www.economist.com/node/21543172>)

-(with Anders Sundell). “Adam Smith or Machiavelli. Political Incentives for Contracting Out Local Services” *Public Choice*. 153 (3-4), pp.469-485, 2010.

-“A Tale of Two Cities. Bureaucratization in Mayor-Council and Council-Manager Municipalities”, *Local Government Studies*, (36-6), 739-757, 2010.

-(with Nicholas Charron) “Does Democracy Produce Quality of Government?”, *European Journal of Political Research*, (49) 443-470, 2010.

-(with Carl Dahlström) “Explaining Cross-Country Differences in the Adoption of Performance-Related Pay in the Public Sector”, *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, (20) 577-600, 2009.

-(with Marina Nistotskaya) “To The Short-Sighted Victor Belong The Spoils: Politics and Merit Adoption in Russia”, *Governance*, July, (22-3), 431-458, 2009.

(with Remo Fernández-Carro), “Political Regimes, Bureaucracy and Scientific Productivity”, *Politics and Policy*, December 2008, (36:6), 1006-1043.

Book chapters:

-(with Carl Dahlström), “Bureaucracy and Government Quality”, in Bågenholm, A., Bauhr, M., Grimes, M., and Rothstein, B *The Oxford Handbook of The Quality of Government*, 643-665, 2021.

-(with Carl Dahlström) “Democratic and Professional Accountability”. *Elites, Institutions and the Quality of Government*, Palgrave, 2015.

-“Bureaucracy”, in Gandhi, J. and R. Ruiz, *Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions*, Routledge, 2015.

-(with José Fernández-Albertos and Nicholas Charron), “Small is Different. Size, Political Representation and Governance” in Santiago Lago-Peñas and Jorge Martínez-Vázquez (eds.) *The Challenge of Local Government Size*, Edward Elgar. 2013.

-(with Carl Dahlström) “Weberian bureaucracy and corruption prevention”. In Holmberg, S. and B. Rothstein (eds.). *Good Government. The Relevance of Political Science*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 150-173, 2012

-(with Carl Dalhström and Jan Teorell) “Public administrations around the world”. In Holmberg S. and B. Rothstein (eds.). *Good Government. The Relevance of Political Science*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 40-67, 2012.

-(with Nicholas Charron) "In Democracy We Trust, But How Much? Political Regimes and Quality of Government." In Holmberg S. and B. Rothstein (eds.). *Good Government. The Relevance of Political Science*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 105-129, 2012.

-(with Carl Dahlström) “Has New Public Management a Trust Problem?” in Jean-Michel Eymeri-Douzans, Jon Pierre (eds), 2010, *Administrative Reforms and Democratic Governance*, London, Routledge.

-“A Delegation Theory for Explaining the Bureaucratization of Public Administrations” in Dietmar Braun and Fabrizio Gilardi (eds), 2006, *Delegation in Contemporary Democracies*, London, Routledge.

Peer-reviewed edited volumes:

-(with Kohei Suzuki). Editor of Special Issue on “Quality of Government in Asian Administrations”, at *Asia Pacific Journal of Public Administration*, 2022.

-(with Steven Van de Walle). Editor of Special Issue on “The Effects of New Public Management”, at *Governance*. 2021.

Edited books:

-*Reinventado la Tradición. Las monarquías parlamentarias en el siglo XXI*. Madrid. Thomson Reuters Aranzadi, 2022.

-*La Calidad de la Democracia en España*, Madrid, Círculo de Empresarios, 2018.

-*La Corrupción En España. Un Paseo Por El Lado Oscuro De La Democracia Y El Gobierno*, Madrid, Alianza Ensayo, 2016.

Other publications:

-(with Nicholas Charron and Bo Rothstein). “Mapping the Quality of Government in Europe. An analysis at the national and regional level within the EU member states” *Svenska Institutet för Europapolitiska Studier* (SIEPS), Stockholm, 2018.

-“Above politics: Bureaucratic discretion and credible commitment”, *Public Administration*. (2), 549-551, 2018.

-“En busca de las instituciones virtuosas”, in *La Reforma de la Democracia Española*, Círculo de Economía, Barcelona, 2013.

-“Principal-Agent Theory” in Morlino L., Badie B., Birg-Schollosse D., (eds) *IPSA Encyclopaedia of Political Science*, (forthcoming) London, Sage Publications, forthcoming.

-(with Pablo Fernández and Gonzalo Rivero) “Horizontal and Vertical Controls of Corruption” in *Report on Democracy in Spain*, ed. *Fundacion Alternativas*, Madrid. 2011.

-(with Nicholas Charron and Bo Rothstein). “Korruption i Europa. En analys av samhällsstyrningens kvalitet på nationell och regional nivå i EU:s medlemsstater.” *Svenska Institutet för Europapolitiska Studier* (SIEPS), Stockholm, 2011.

-“Por qué la corrupción no se castiga”, Documento de Política Comparada, 02/2011, *Fundación Alternativas* Madrid.

-(with Nicholas Charron and Bo Rothstein) “Measuring the Quality of Government in the EU and Sub-national Variation”, Report for the *European Commission* Directorate-General Regional Policy and Directorate Policy Development, 2010.

-“Mérito y Burocracia en la Administración”, *Documentación Administrativa*, Presidencia del Gobierno, Madrid, pp 113-132. 2010.

-(with Anders Sundell) “Contracting Out to Private and Public Agents in Swedish Municipalities”, *PUBLIC Newsletter of the Institute of Public Governance & Management*, 2010, Barcelona.

-“Institutional Problems and Corruption” in *Towards a New Global Deal. Report on Democracy in Spain*, ed. *Fundacion Alternativas*, Madrid. 2009.

-“A Political Economy Approach to Bureaucracies”, *Journal of Economic History*, Summary of Doctoral Dissertations, (69:2), 533-568, June 2009.

-“¿Por Qué Algunos Países Sufren Exceso de Regulación?”, *Gestión Y Análisis de Políticas Públicas*, Madrid: Instituto Nacional de Administración Pública. 2005.

Active working papers:

-(with Nicholas Charron and Monika Bauhr) “Sub-national Quality of Government in EU Member States: Presenting the 2021 European Quality of Government Index and its relationship with Covid-19 indicators” *The Quality of Government Working Paper Series*, 2021:3.

-(with Nicholas Charron) “Quality of Government in EU Regions: Spatial and Temporal Patterns.” *The Quality of Government Working Paper Series*, 2018:2.

-(with Eliska Drapalova) “Do City Managers Improve Government Performance?” *The Quality of Government Working Paper Series*, 2017:02.

AWARDS:

2016 Award COSITAL 2016, of the *Spanish Association of Local Civil Servants* (COSITAL), for his “research on government, corruption and public administration”. Previous winners listed here: <https://habilitados-nacionales.com/otro/premio-cosital/>

2015 Best Paper 2015 in the journal *Regional Studies* (2014).

2012 Pi Sigma Alpha Award for best conference paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association* (Chicago, April 2012)

2009 Best paper published in the journal *Politics and Policy* (2008)

2008 Finalist of the Gerschenkron Dissertation Prize of the *Economic History Association*, Yale University, September 2008.

Finalist of the *International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE)* Best Dissertation Award, University of Toronto, June 2008.

RESEARCH GRANTS:

2020 (with Nicholas Charron and Monika Bauhr)
European Commission (Directorate-General Regional Policy): “Quality of Government in European Regions”
Amount: 1,200,000 Euros

2020 (with Kohei Suzuki)
Vetenskapsrådet. Project: “Varför följer vissa tjänstemän professionella normer striktare än andra? ”.
Amount: 4,5 million SEK.

2017 (with Nicholas Charron)
European Commission (Directorate-General Regional Policy): “Quality of Government in European Regions”
Amount: 1,000,000 Euros

2012 (with Marcia Grimes and Agnes Cornell).
Vetenskapsrådet. Project: “No Democracy Without Bureaucracy”.
Amount: 4,5 million SEK.

2012 (with the Quality of Government Institute in a consortium of 21 partner institutions). *European Commission’s Seventh Framework Program*: “ANTICORRP (Anticorruption Policies Revisited: Global Trends and European Responses to the Challenge of Corruption), the largest social sciences grant by the European Commission up to date. Amount: 10 million Euro.

2009 (with Nicholas Charron and Bo Rothstein)
European Commission (Directorate-General Regional Policy): “Measuring the Quality of Government and Subnational Variation”
Amount: 500,000 Euros

SCHOLARSHIPS:

- 2004 Two-year Scholarship by *Fundación Ramón Areces* (Madrid).
- 2003 ‘Vincent Wright’ Scholarship by *Nuffield College* (U.Oxford) and *Juan March Institute* (Madrid).
- 2000 Four-Year Scholarship by *Juan March Institute* (Madrid).
- 1999 Extraordinary Award of BA in Political Science by *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*.

JOURNAL REFEREE:

American Political Science Review
American Journal of Political Science
European Political Science Review
Governance
Journal of Common Market Studies
Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory
Public Administration
Public Administration Review
International Political Science Review
Public Choice
Southern European Politics and Society
The Journal of Politics
West European Politics

MEDIA:

Op-ed pieces in *El País* (2009-), *Diario.es* (2012-), *The Guardian* (2017-), or *Project Syndicate* (2015-), and *Dagens Nyheter* (2019-)

Victor’s research has been mentioned in international media like *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *The Guardian*, *Politico*, *BBC Radio*, *Time Magazine*, *Foreign Policy*, *Revista Época*, *Revista Veja*, *Dagens Nyheter*, *Politiken*, *To Vima*, and numerous media outlets in Spain.

OTHER:

Coordinator of the Visiting Program, of the Seminar Series, and of the Working Paper series of the Quality of Government Program (2016-2019)