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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor	07/2025- present
Department of Political Science, the University of Gothenburg	
Researcher	
Department of Political Science, Lund University	09/2024 - 06/2025
Sick leave	02/2025 - 06/2025
Marie Curie Fellow	
Department of Political Science, Lund University	11/2021 - 08/2024
Sick leave	06/2022 - 09/2023
Sick leave and maternity leave	11/2017 - 10/2021
Assistant Professor	
Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, Denmark	01/2013-06/2018

EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF YEARS SINCE PH.D.

7 years and 4 months (as of October 2025)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles	2005-2012
<i>Subfield Concentration:</i>	
Formal Theory and Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics	
<i>Dissertation Project:</i>	
“Party Leadership Selection in Parliamentary Democracies”	
<i>Dissertation Committee:</i>	
Kathleen Bawn (Chair), Jeffrey Lewis, Michael Thies, and James Adams (UC Davis)	
M.A. in International Relations, University of San Diego	2003-2004
B.S. in Biochemistry; Interdisciplinary Studies (Double Major), Calvin College	2000-2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Coalition politics; consequences of gender bias; political consequences of the macroeconomic condition; political economy of elections; parties and elections; and game theory.

PAPERS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

2024. “Serious Conflicts with Benign Outcomes? The Electoral Consequences of Conflictual Cabinet Dissolutions.” *The American Political Science Review* 118 (3): 1449-1463.

2021. “Don’t Air Your Dirty Laundry: Party Leadership Contests, Policy Competence, and Parliamentary Election Outcomes.” *The European Journal of Political Research* 60 (1): 3-24.

2018. “More Spotlight, More Problems? Westminster Parliamentary Systems and Leadership Replacement in Large Opposition Parties.” *Party Politics* 24 (5): 588-597.

2018. “Attract Voters or Appease Grassroots? Opposition Party Leaders’ Dilemma and Positional Shift.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 30 (2): 246-266.

2018. “One Size Doesn’t Fit All: Voter Decision Criteria Heterogeneity and Vote Choice.” (with Henrik Seeberg and Rune Stubager) *Electoral Studies* 52: 1-10.

2018. “The Agenda Setting Power of the Prime Minister Party in Coalition Governments.” (with Christoffer Green-Pedersen and Peter B. Mortensen) *Political Research Quarterly* 71 (4): 473-456.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

“Keep Calm and Carry On: Democratic Parliamentary Monarchs and Citizens’ Satisfaction with Democracy” (with Andrej Kokkonen)

“The Impacts of Scandal-Based Coalition Terminations on Voters” (with Ida B. Hjermitsev), revise and resubmit

WORKING PAPERS

“The Economy, Non-Economic Issues, and the Electoral Fortunes of Junior Coalition Partners”

“Get TAN-ed when the Economy Goes South? Economic Downturn, TAN Issues, and the Electoral Performances of Prime Ministers’ Parties”

“Do Partisans Jump Ship? The Macroeconomy’s Impact on Opposition Parties”

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- HPS Seminar Series, the University of Hamburg, April 2025
- Politics and Society Seminar Series, Aalborg University, October 2024
- AxPo-CEE Joint Seminar, Sciences Po Paris, May 2024
- MZES Colloquium, University of Mannheim, November 2023
- Party Politics Seminar Series, Gothenburg University, February 2023
- Workshop on Party Politics, Aarhus University, November 2022
- Workshop on Coalition and Party Politics, Lund University, September 2022

- Workshop on Intra- and Inter-party conflicts, Humboldt University in Berlin, August 2022
- Comparative Politics Lunch Seminar, Lund University, May 2019
- Workshop on Party Leaders, Södertörn University, Stockholm, November 2017
- Workshop on Intra-Party Politics, University of Gothenburg, September 2015
- Political Economy Research Seminar, University of Mannheim, September 2013
- Political Economy Series, Lund University, September 2013.
- High Seminar in Political Science, Södertörn University. September 2011.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2025
- European Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012, 2014, 2016, 2023, 2024
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2008-2016
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2012
- European Consortium of Political Research General Conference: 2014
- Comparative Agendas Project Annual Conference: 2013-2016
- Council of European Studies Annual Conference: 2015, 2017

GRANTS

<p>“More Money, Different Problems? Peoples’ Engagement with Politics during Good Economic Times (ECONENGAGE)”</p> <p>Principal Investigator, 2025 ERC Starting Grant, The European Commission</p> <p>Award amount: 1,979,490 EUR</p>	2026-2031
<p>“Mass-Elite Politics in Established Democracies”</p> <p>Principal Investigator, Riksbanken Jubileumsfond Research Initiation Grant, Sweden</p> <p>Award amount: 284,107 SEK</p>	2025
<p>“Political Economy and Behavior.”</p> <p>Principal Investigator, Riksbanken Jubileumsfond Research Initiation Grant, Sweden</p> <p>Award amount: 319,314 SEK</p>	2024
<p>“Divided Parliaments? Polarization, Moralization, and the Risk of Gridlock.”</p> <p>Co-Principal Investigator, Riksbanken Jubileumsfond Project Grant, Sweden</p> <p>Award amount: 6,273,643 SEK</p>	2024-2026
<p>“Gender Dynamics in Politics, the Workplace, and Society.”</p> <p>Principal Investigator, Riksbanken Jubileumsfond Research Initiation Grant, Sweden</p> <p>Award amount: 217,057 SEK</p>	2023
<p>“The Impacts of Economic Growth and Decline on Party Behavior.”</p> <p>Principal Investigator, Marie Curie Individual Fellowship, The European Commission</p> <p>Award amount: 203,850 EUR</p>	2021-2023
<p>“Electoral Institutions and Political Divisiveness in Established Democracies.”</p> <p>Principal Investigator, Carlsberg Foundation Postdoctoral Grant, Denmark</p> <p>Award amount: 123,148 EUR</p>	2016-2018

FELLOWSHIPS

AxPo Visiting Fellow, Sciences Po	May-June 2024
UCLA Departmental Fellowship	2011-2012
Stokes Dissertation Research Fellowship, The British Politics Group	2011
Dissertation Research Fellowship, UCLA Center for European and Eurasian Studies	2011
EITM, National Science Foundation	2009 and 2010
Academic Year Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA	2006-2007
Summer Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA	2006
UCLA Fellowship, UCLA	2005-2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

“Comparative Politics: Actors and Institutions” (master’s seminar, co-taught with Hanna Bäck, Agustín Goenaga, Robert Klemmensen, and Jonathan Polk)	Spring 2024, 2023
“Parties and Political Behavior” (bachelor’s seminar course coordinator, co-taught with Esther Calvo)	Autumn 2023, 2022
Instructor for Course in Game Theory	2016 ECPR Methods Winter School
“Explaining Politics through Game Theory: Strategies, Collective Action, and Paradoxes in the Modern World” (master’s seminar in game theory)	Spring 2017, Autumn 2015, 2014, 2013
“Game Theory and International Security” (master’s seminar, co-taught with Bruno Oliveira Martins)	Spring 2015
“Strategies in Political Violence and Conflict” (master’s seminar, co-taught with Jakob Tolstrup in Danish)	Autumn 2014
“Social Science Research Methods for Journalism” (Erasmus Mundus seminar, co-taught with Morten Brænder and Lasse Nielsen)	Spring 2015, 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-convener, Comparative Politics Seminar Series, Lund University (Jan - Dec 2023)

Referee for the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Electoral Studies*, the *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Political Science Review*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, and *Representation*

Grant reviewer, Czech Social Science Foundation

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Workshop organizer, “Mass-Elite Politics in Established Democracies.” June 2026

Workshop organizer, “Political Economy and Behavior.” September 2024

Workshop organizer, “Gender Dynamics in Politics, the Workplace, and Society.” September 2023

Workshop organizer, “Democratic Representation in Established Democracies.” November 2017

Section co-chair, 2014 European Consortium of Political Science (ECPR) Conference, Glasgow, Scotland

Panel organizer, 2014 and 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Conferences, Chicago, IL

Panel organizer, 2013 American Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL

LANGUAGES

English (native), Chinese: Mandarin and Cantonese (fluent), Danish (fluent), French (fluent), Burmese (speaking, fluent), Swedish (intermediate)

REFERENCES

Available upon requests