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#### **Date of Birth**

27 November 1964

#### **Education and degrees**

BSc in Public Administration, Uppsala University, 1991. PhD in Political Science, Uppsala University, 1999.

#### **Professional experience**

Professor, Department of Government, Uppsala University, 2020– Associate Professor, Department of Government, Uppsala University, 2007–2020 Vice Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, 2011–2017. Assistant Professor in Political Science, Department of Government, Uppsala University, 2001–2005.

## International experience as visiting scholar

Scandinavian Consortium for Organizational Research (SCANCOR), Stanford University, USA, Visiting scholar (financed by Fulbright stipend), academic year 1995/96.

University of Hyderabad, Indien, Linnéstipendium, February 2004.

Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, USA, *Visting scholar* (financed by stipend from STINT), Spring semester 2008.

## **Supervisor of PhD-students**

I have supervised five doctoral students to their PhD-degree:

As main supervisor: PhD Wendy Maycraft Kall, Department of Government, Uppsala, oral defense in January 2011.

As co-supervisor: PhD Helena Wockelberg, Department of Government, Uppsala, oral defense June 2003.

MD Ulrika Winblad Spångberg, Department of Public Health and Caring Sciences, oral defense in June 2003.

Doctor of Law Olof Ställvik, Department of Law, oral defense June 2009.

PhD Sofia Ledberg Knöchel, Department of Government, oral defense in April 2014.

Ongoing supervision (co-supervisor):

Doctoral student Astrid Collsiöö, Department of Education, planned oral defense in 2022. Doctoral student Anahita Assadi, Department of Government, planned oral defense in 2023.

#### External examiner at oral examinations of PhD theses

September 2004 at Department of Political Science, Gothenburg University, Carl Dahlström's PhD-thesis *Nästan välkomna. Invandrarpolitikens retorik och praktik.* 

June 2007 at Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, Magnus Erlandsson's PhD-thesis *Reformer och reformdebatt i regeringskansliet*.

October 2015 at Department of Political Science, Linnæus University, Otto Petersson's PhDthesis *Att bli polis – Från utbildningens förväntningar till gatans norm.* 

# Member of the examination board at oral examinations of PhD theses

Department of Political Science, Växjö University: Loxbo, Karl, 2007, *Bakom socialdemokraternas beslut: en studie av den politiska förändringens dilemman - från 1950-talets ATP-strid till 1990-talets pensionsuppgörelse*, Växjö: Växjö University Press.

Department of Economics, Uppsala University: Elinder, Mikael, 2008, *Essays on Economic Voting, Cognitive Dissonance, and Trust*, Economic Studies 113 (Department of Economics).

Department of Political Science, Stockholm University: Madestam, Jenny, 2009, *En kompispappa och en ytlig djuping: partieliters ambivalenta partiledarideal*, Stockholm Studies in Politics, Stockholms universitet.

Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University: Ingemansson, Malena, 2010, Success as Science but Burden for Business? On the Difficult Relationship Between Scientific Advancement and Innovation, Uppsala universitet.

Department of Sociology, Uppsala University: Egeberg Holmgren, Linn, 2011, IngenMansLand: om män som feminister, intervjuframträdanden och passerandets politik, Uppsala universitet.

Department of Business Studies, Uppsala University: Pourmand, Firouze, 2011, *How do Small Firms Manage their Political Environment – A Network Perspective*.

Department of Sociology, Uppsala University: Dahlkild-Öhman, Gunilla, 2011, *Att börja tala med barn om pappas våld mot mamma*, Uppsala universitet.

School of Public Administration, Gothenburg University: Gustavson, Maria, 2012, *International Standards and Local Adjustment in Sub-Saharan Africa – The State Audit Case*.

Department of Sociology, Uppsala University: Salmonsson, Lisa, 2014, *The 'Other' Doctor*: *Boundary work within the Swedish medical profession*, Uppsala universitet.

Department of Political Science, Stockholm University: Millares, Matilde, 2015, *Att välja välfärd – Politiska berättelser om valfrihet*, Stockholm Studies in Politics 162, Stockholm: Stockholms universitet.

School of Education and Communication in Engineering Science (ECE), Department of Learning, KTH Royal Institute of Technology: Karlsson, Sara, 2016, *The Active University – Studies of Contemporary Swedish Higher Education*, Stockholm: KTH Royal Institute of Technology.

Department of Business Studies, Uppsala universitet: Magnusson, Eva Maria, 2018. *Vad händer i själva verket?*: Om styrning och handlingsutrymme i Skolverket under åren 1991–2014, Uppsala universitet.

### Reviewer for docentur and senior lectureship

Magnus Hagevi, Växjö University (today: Linnæus University), 2009. Senior lectureship at the School of Public Administration, Gothenburg University, 2012. Senior lectureship at the Research Centre for Studies on Local Politics, Organization and Development, Linköping University, 2018.

### Reviewer academic journals

I have reviewed articles for the following academic journals:

Governance – An International Journal of Policy, Administration and Institutions
The Journal of PA – European Forum
The Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis
Public Administration Review
Lournal of Comparative Studies

Journal of Common Market Studies Scandinavian Political Studies Statsvetenskaplig tidskrift

Språk & stil

Scandinavian Journal of Public Administration

#### Publisher's reader etc.

Appointed by *Studentlitteratur* to review Ylva Bretzer-Norén's book *Sveriges politiska system* (in 2009 and 2014).

Expert reviewer for the Research Service of the Riksdag (Riksdagens utredningstjänst): "Rapport från utredningstjänsten: New Public Management", 2013-11-04.

Expert reviewer for the Government Commission on the Swedish Central Bank, chapter 33 in the final report SOU 2019:46 *En ny riksbankslag*.

## **Stipends and awards**

| The Swedish Parliament  | The Riksdag stipend  | 1992                  |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| The Fulbright Commission                                      | Graduate Student Program   | academic year 1995/96 |
| The Skytte Foundation   | Post-doc stipend "[f]or her original and imaginative study [dissertation]" | 1999                  |
| The International Programme Office for Education and Training | Linnaeus-stipend for teacher exchange with India                           | 2004                  |
| Uppsala Political Science<br>Students' Association            | Pedagogical Prize (Teachers Award)   | 2017                  |
| Uppsala University  | The Distinguished Teaching<br>Award (Pedagogiska priset)                   | 2020                  |
| Uppsala Political Science<br>Students' Association            | Pedagogical Prize (Teachers Award)   | 2021                  |

## **External research funding**

| 2018–2022 | Research project: Governing public professions: Performance management and professional autonomy in the police and military (principal investigator)   | Marianne and<br>Marcus Wallen-<br>berg Foundation   | 3 800 000 SEK |
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| 2017–2021 | Research project: A Swedish Model of<br>Administration? State Level Agency<br>Autonomy from a Multi-Dimensional<br>Perspective (co-investigator)   | The Bank of<br>Sweden<br>Tercentenary<br>Foundation | 5 859 000 SEK |
| 2011–2016 | Research project: Kampen om byråkratin – varför blev effektivitet och styrbarhet förvaltningspolitisk överideologi? [The Politics of Public Management Policy: Explaining and Evaluating Public Performance Management in Sweden] (principal investigator) | The Swedish<br>Research Council                     | 6 300 000 SEK |
| 2008–2012 | Research project: <i>Kunskap och politik</i> [The Politics of Democratic Knowledge] (principal investigator)   | The Swedish<br>Research Council                     | 2 421 000 SEK |
| 2006–2008 | Research project: <i>Demokrati och deprofessionalisering</i> (projektledare) [Democracy and Deprofessionalization] (principal investigator)  | The Swedish<br>Research Council                     | 1 823 000 SEK |
| 2004–2008 | Inter-disciplinary research project:  Demokrati och deprofessionalisering: En studie av deprofes-sionalisering i svensk offentlig förvaltning och dess betydelse för demokratin (co-investigator) [Democracy and Deprofessionalization]                    | The Swedish<br>Research Council                     | 7 550 000 SEK |

| 1998–2005                | Research project: <i>EUs återverkningar på</i> nordisk demokrati [The EUs Repercussions on Nordic Democracy] (shared project leadership)  | The Bank of<br>Sweden<br>Tercentenary<br>Foundation | 2 000 000 SEK |
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| 1998–2007<br>(part time) | Research project: Att representera folket: yrkesbana eller sidospår i karriären? [Representing the People: Occupation or a Side-track in the Career?] (shared project leadership) | The Bank of<br>Sweden<br>Tercentenary<br>Foundation | 850 000 SEK   |

#### International research collaboration

- Swedish country expert for the European public administration network, Coordinating for Cohesion in the Public Sector of the Future (COCOPS). This European research program aimed at analyzing management policies and reforms in 17 EU countries (financed within the framework of the EU Commission's Seventh Framework Program).
- Swedish expert in the EU-funded research project Support for Developing Better Country Knowledge on Public Administration and Institutional Capacity Building (EUPACK 2016 and 2019).
- Presently one of three co-chairs for the European Group of Public Administration's (EGPA's) permanent working group, Performance and Accountability in the Public Sector.

## **Teaching**

Head teacher of the mandatory Basic course in Political Science: "Public Administration (6 hp)" which runs every semester, fall semester 1998–spring semester 2018 and fall semester 2019–spring semester 2021.

Head teacher of the Master's Course "Governance and the State" (15 hp), which runs every fall, fall semester 2007–2017 and 2019–2020.

Supervision of BA and Master's theses during the last 25 years.

I have also taught courses in Methodology, Swedish Politics, etc and I have been teaching courses for Uppsala University commissioned education since 2004. In addition, I am frequently appointed as lecturer at other departments at my own university and at other universities in Sweden and abroad.

## **University Teacher Training Courses**

| Course for PhD-supervisors               | Uppsala University | 2000 |
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| Supplementary course for PhD-supervisors | Uppsala University | 2003 |
| University Teacher Training Course       | Uppsala University | 2005 |
| Recruitment on equal conditions          | Uppsala University | 2012 |

## **Administrative Appointments**

Chairperson CESAR – Centre for Social Work (2021-)

Board member of the research program Democracy and higher education (2021-)

Chairperson of the Uppsala University consulting assembly (vice-chancellor election) 2019-2021.

Teacher representative (alternate), Uppsala University Board, 2017–

Chairperson Uppsala University consulting assembly (vice-chancellor election), 2017.

Vice Dean (elected), Faculty of Social Sciences, 2011–2017.

Acting Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, January–March 2012 & April 2014.

Deputy Head of Department, Department of Government, 2010–2011.

Chairperson, Recruitment group for senior lecturers, Faculty of Social Sciences, 2011–2017.

Chairperson, Quality Group, Faculty of Social Sciences, 2011–2017.

Chairperson, Steering Committee of Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice 2014–2017.

Member, Steering Committee of Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace and Justice 2011–2014.

Member, Faculty Board of Social Sciences 2008–2011.

Chairperson, Equal Opportunities Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences, 2008–2011.

Member, the Academic Senate, Uppsala University, 2008–2011.

Chairperson, the Board of Uppsala Centre of Labour Studies (UCLS), 2011–2017.

Member, the Board of Research Ethical Forum (FEF), 2003–2005.

Alternate in the electoral assembly of the Disciplinary Domain of Humanities and Social Sciences, Uppsala University, 2009–2011 and 2014–2016.

Ledamot av den Akademiska senaten, Uppsala universitet, 2008–2011.

Ledamot av styrelsen för Forskningsetiskt forum (FEF), Uppsala universitet 2003–2005.

Member of the electoral assembly of the Disciplinary Domain of Humanities and Social Sciences, Uppsala University 2002–2004.

## Leadership training at Uppsala University

Leadership training fall 2004–spring 2005 Leadership training for women 2009/2010 academic year 2009/2010

U4 Leadership Programme (joint leadership programme between Uppsala University, University of Göttingen, Germany, Ghent University, Belgium, and University of Groningen, the Netherlands)

2012-2013

## **External appointments**

| Board of Trustees of the University of Bergen, Norway   | External member   | 2021–2025 |
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| The Government committee of inquiry with instructions to evaluate the measures taken by the Government, administrative authorities and municipalities to limit the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 | Member  | 2020–2022 |
| The Government Commission on Trust-Based Public Management  | Member (delegate)   | 2019–2020 |
| The Government Commission on Trust-Based Public Management  | Chair of the scientific council   | 2019      |
| The Government commission on Trust-Based Public Management  | Member of the scientific council  | 2018–2019 |
| The Royal Society of Arts and Sciences of Uppsala   | Working member  | 2017–     |
| The Swedish National Audit<br>Organization ( <i>Riksrevisionen</i> )  | Member of the scientific council  | 2016–     |
| The Swedish Agency for Public Management (Statskontoret)  | Member of the scientific council  | 2015–     |
| The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation (RJ)   | Member of the Sector Committee for<br>Research Performance Based<br>Management                  | 2013–2014 |
| The Expert Group for Public Economics (ESO)   | Member of the Board   | 2007–2013 |
| The Parliamentary Committee investigating the State Audit reform  | Member of the expert group  | 2007–2009 |
| Nordic Administrative Association's (NAF)   | Member of the Board of the Swedish section  | 2005–2011 |
| The National Police Board   | The National Police Board's Council on Ethics   | 2004–2009 |
| The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation  | Member of the Sector Committee for<br>Research on Public Economy,<br>Management, and Leadership | 2004–2009 |
| Swedish Election Authority Board  | Member of the Board   | 2002–2011 |
| National Council for Quality and<br>Development's reference group for<br>researchers and practitioners  | Member of the reference group   | 2002–2004 |
| The Parliamentary Review Committee's expert group on audit, follow-ups and evaluation   | Expert  | 1999–2000 |

## Interaction with the surrounding community

Apart from appointments outside the university I spend a lot of time interacting with the surrounding community in other ways. Either by giving talks, taking part in panel discussions or by giving expert comments to news media.

## **Parental leave**

During the period January 2001 through June 2002 I was on parental leave (full- and part time). The time that I was away from work equals 1.25 years of fulltime work.