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PERSONAL	Year of birth: 1982 Nationality: Swedish	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Applied microeconometrics, Political economics, Public economics	
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Assistant professor at the Department of Economics, Stockholm University	<b>2012–</b>
	Post-doctoral position at the Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University	<b>2011–2012</b>
	Affiliate member of the CESifo, Munich	<b>2012–</b>
	Research fellow at the Uppsala Center for Labor Studies	<b>2011–</b>
	Research fellow at the Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies	<b>2011–</b>
	Graduate student at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University	<b>2006–2011</b>
	Visiting graduate student at the Institute for International Economic Studies	<b>2011</b>
	Visiting graduate student at the Department of Economics, MIT	<b>2008</b>
NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Audit Director at the Swedish National Audit Office	<b>2017–</b>
EDUCATION	<b>Uppsala University</b> , Sweden Ph.D., Economics, Nov 2011 - Thesis title: “Empirical Essays in Political and Public Economics” - Advisor: Professor Matz Dahlberg Ph. Licentiate, Economics, 2009 M.A., Economics and Statistics, 2006	

- RESEARCH GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS
- Project funding for “Effects of Conscription on Human Capital, Social Capital and Political Preferences” awarded by The Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Research Foundation (main applicant), 2017–2020
- Grant for one year sabbatical at the University of California at San Diego awarded by The Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Research Foundation, 2017 (postponed)
- Grant for organizing the workshop “Empirical Political Economics and Political Science” awarded by The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and Social Sciences/Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (main applicant), June 2015
- Scholarship granted to young prominent researchers for full funding of 3 years’ research awarded by The Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Research Foundation, 2012
- The Benzelius Prize awarded by The Royal Society of Sciences in Uppsala, 2012
- The Distinguished CESifo Affiliate Award in Public Sector Economics, 2012
- Award for excellent performance in the economics Ph.D. program awarded by The Swedish Association of Economics in Memorial of Ingemar Carlsson, 2008
- Full scholarship for studies abroad Fall 2008 awarded by The Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Research Foundation, 2007
- PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS
- Berg, H., M. Dahlberg and K. Vernby (2018), “Post-WWI Military Disarmament and Interwar Fascism in Sweden”, *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, forthcoming
- Dahlberg, M., K. Edmark and H. Berg (2017), “Ethnic Diversity and Preferences for Redistribution: Reply”, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* 119(2), pp 288–294
- Lundqvist, H. (2015), “Granting Public or Private Consumption? Effects of Grants on Local Public Spending and Income Taxes”, *International Tax and Public Finance* 22(1), pp 41–72
- Lundqvist, H., M. Dahlberg and E. Mörk (2014), “Stimulating Local Public Employment: Do General Grants Work?”, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 6(1), pp 167–192
- Dahlberg, M., K. Edmark and H. Lundqvist (2012), “Ethnic Diversity and Preferences for Redistribution”, *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 120(1), pp 41–76
- CHAPTERS IN BOOKS
- Dahlberg, M. and Lundqvist, H. (2013), “Politikers egenskaper och privatisering av välfärdstjänster” in *Välfärdstjänster i privat regi: Framväxt och drivkrafter* (ed. Henrik Jordahl), 2013, SNS, Stockholm
- OTHER PUBLICATIONS
- Andersson, H., H. Berg and M. Dahlberg (2017), “Native Migration Responses to Increased Immigration”, *ifo DICE Report* vol. 15(3), pp 26–29
- Lundqvist, H. (2013), “Lönar det sig att vara kommunpolitiker?” (“Does It Pay Off to Be a Local Politician?”), *Ekonomisk Debatt (Journal of the Swedish Economic Association)* vol. 41(5), pp 27–36

- WORKING PAPERS “Politicians’ Payments in a Proportional Party System”, CESifo Working Paper No. 7278
- “Migrating Natives and Foreign Immigration: Is There a Preference for Ethnic Residential Homogeneity?” (with H. Andersson and M. Dahlberg), IFAU (the Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy) Working Paper No. 2018:12
- “Ethnic Diversity and Preferences for Redistribution: Reply” (with M. Dahlberg and K. Edmark), Department of Economics, Stockholm University, Research Paper No. 2013:5 (this is an earlier and longer version of the reply in *Scandinavian Journal of Economics* 119(2))
- “Vill Svensson bo med Svensson? Effekter av flyktinginvandring på svenskföddas flyttbeteende” (“Does Svensson want to live with Svensson? Effects of refugee migration on the migrating behavior of the Swedish-born”) (with H. Andersson and M. Dahlberg), IFAU (the Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy) Report No. 2018:15
- “Hur fördelas ökade generella statsbidrag mellan personal i olika kommunala sektorer?” (“What is the Distribution of Increased General Intergovernmental Grants to Personnel in Different Municipal Sectors?”) (with M. Dahlberg and E. Mörk), IFAU (the Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy) Report No. 2008:14
- PH.D. THESIS Lundqvist, H. (2011), “Empirical Essays in Political and Public Economics”, *Economic Studies* 128, Uppsala University
- PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING, ADVISING AND TEACHING
- Stockholm University, Sweden**
- Ph.D. advising in theory and practice, 2-week course, 2016
- How to conduct appraisal talks with graduate students, half-day course, 2014
- Ph.D. main advisor to Daniel Almén, expected graduation: 2018
- M.A. thesis advisor Spring 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- B.A. thesis advisor Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016
- Head teacher in Political Economics, Masters level, Spring 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Uppsala University, Sweden**
- Guest lecturer in Political Economics, Masters level, Fall 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
- Head teacher in Public Economics, Intermediate level, Spring and Fall 2010
- Teaching assistant in Applied Econometrics, Masters level, Spring 2008 and 2009
- Pedagogy for university teachers, 5-week course, 2009

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL MERITS	Assistant Director of Graduate Studies at the Department of Economics, Stockholm University	<b>2012–2016</b>
	Member of the scientific Program Committee for the Annual Meeting of the European Economic Association, to take place in Geneva in August 2016.	<b>2016</b>
	Final seminar discussant of Linna Martén’s Ph.D. thesis at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University	<b>2015</b>
	Final seminar discussant of Lovisa Persson’s Ph.D. thesis at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University	<b>2015</b>
	Member of the Junior Job Market Recruiting Committee at the Department of Economics, Stockholm University	<b>2013/14</b>
	Research Assistant at the Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy	<b>2006</b>
	Research Assistant at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University	<b>2005</b>
REFEREE SERVICE	<i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Economics, CESifo Economic Studies, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, Journal of Politics, Journal of Public Economics, Political Science Research and Methods, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Social Choice and Welfare, World Development</i>	
WORK IN PROGRESS	<p>“Is it Worth it? On the Returns to Holding Political Office”</p> <p><i>Outline:</i> Despite the key role played by political payoffs in theory, very little is known empirically about the types of payoffs that motivate politicians. The purpose of this paper is to bring some light into this. I estimate causal effects of being elected in a local election on monetary returns. The claim for causality, I argue, can be made thanks to a research design where the income of some candidate who just barely won a seat is compared to that of some other candidate who was close to winning a seat <i>for the same party</i>, but ultimately did not. This research design is made possible thanks to a comprehensive, detailed data set covering all Swedish politicians who have run for office in the period 1991–2006. I establish that monetary returns are absent both in the short and long run. Instead, politicians seem to be motivated by non-monetary returns, and I show that being elected locally once (for exogenous reasons) can be an effective starting point for enjoying such payoffs.</p>	
PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS	<p>“Migrating Natives and Foreign Immigration”:</p> <p>Meeting of the Uppsala Center for Labour Studies, Uppsala, Sweden, April 2015</p> <p>“Politicians’ Payments in a Proportional Party System”:</p> <p>Meeting of the Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies, Uppsala, Sweden, October 2014</p> <p>The 4<sup>th</sup> National Conference of Swedish Economists, Umeå, Sweden, September 2014</p> <p>Meeting of the Uppsala Center for Labor Studies, Krusenberg, Sweden, August 2014</p>	

PRESENTATIONS AT  
CONFERENCES AND  
WORKSHOPS,  
CONT.

“Is it Worth it? On the Returns to Holding Political Office”:

Empirical Political Economics and Political Science Workshop, Helsinki, Finland, December 2013

The 7<sup>th</sup> Nordic Econometric Meeting, Bergen, Norway, June 2013

Workshop on Public Economics and Public Policy, Copenhagen, Denmark, January 2013

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Malaga, Spain, August 2012

The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Dresden, Germany, August 2012

The CESifo Area Conference on Public Sector Economics, Munich, Germany, April 2012

The 2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference of Swedish Economists, Uppsala, Sweden, September 2011

The 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Fiscal Federalism: Political Accountability, Corruption and Economic Outcomes, Barcelona, Spain, June 2011

“Interwar Militarism and Fascist Mobilization”:

Political Economy Workshop, Oslo, Norway, December 2012

“Ethnic Diversity and Preferences for Redistribution”:

Growth and Sustainability Policies for Europe (GRASP) Workshop on Social Policy and the Financial Crisis, Oslo, Norway, May 2012

Ph.D. Workshop in Public Economics, Uppsala, Sweden, June 2010

“Granting Public or Private Consumption? Effects of Grants on Local Public Spending and Income Taxes”:

The 1<sup>st</sup> National Conference of Swedish Economists, Lund, Sweden, October 2010

The 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Uppsala, Sweden, August 2010

“Stimulating Local Public Employment: Do General Grants Work?”:

ESF Exploratory Workshop on Fiscal Policy at the Regional Level and Intergovernmental Relations, Barcelona, Spain, April 2012

The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, Cape Town, South Africa, August 2009

The Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, US, April 2009

Ph.D. Workshop in Public Economics, Uppsala, Sweden, June 2008

New Perspectives on Fiscal Federalism: Intergovernmental Relations, Competition and Accountability, Berlin, Germany, October 2007

The 1<sup>st</sup> Summer School on Fiscal Federalism: Tax Competition and Urban Public Finance, Barcelona, Spain, June 2007

INVITED TALKS

“Politicians’ Payments in a Proportional Party System”:

Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden, May 2014

The Political Economics Seminar Group, Lund University, Sweden, April 2014

INVITED TALKS,  
CONT.

“Is it Worth it? On the Returns to Holding Political Office”:

The Berlin Network of Labour Market Researchers, Germany, November 2013

The Stockholm School of Economics in Riga/BICEPS, Latvia, June 2013

The Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, Sweden, March 2012

The Department of Economics, University of Mannheim, Germany, February 2012

The Department of Economics, Stockholm University, Sweden, February 2012

The Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, January 2012

The Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich, Germany, July 2011

The Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm, Sweden, April 2011

“Ethnic Diversity and Preferences for Redistribution”:

Högskolan Dalarna, Borlänge, Sweden, October 2010

The Ratio Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2010

“Granting Public or Private Consumption? Effects of Grants on Local Public Spending and Income Taxes”:

Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, April 2010

MISCELLANEOUS

Captain of Team Uppsala competing in the Econometrics Game 2011 held in Amsterdam (top ten finalists)

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