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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	Sept 2012–
	Post-doctoral position at the Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm University	Nov 2011–Aug 2012
	Affiliate member of the CESifo, Munich	April 2012–
	Research fellow at the Uppsala Center for Labor Studies	Nov 2011–Oct 2014
	Research fellow at the Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies	Nov 2011–
	Graduate student at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University	2006–Nov 2011
	Visiting graduate student at the Institute for International Economic Studies	Jan 2011–Oct 2011
	Visiting graduate student at the Department of Economics, MIT	2008
EDUCATION	Uppsala University , 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	
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	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	

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS, CONT.	<p>Award for excellent performance in the economics Ph.D. program awarded by The Swedish Association of Economics in Memorial of Ingemar Carlsson, 2008</p> <p>Full scholarship for studies abroad Fall 2008 awarded by The Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Research Foundation, 2007</p>	
PUBLICATIONS	<p>Lundqvist, H., M. Dahlberg and E. Mörk (2013), “Stimulating Local Public Employment: Do General Grants Work?”, <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>, forthcoming</p> <p>Lundqvist, H. (2013), “Granting Public or Private Consumption? Effects of Grants on Local Public Spending and Income Taxes”, <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i>, forthcoming</p> <p>Dahlberg, M., K. Edmark and H. Lundqvist (2012), “Ethnic Diversity and Preferences for Redistribution”, <i>Journal of Political Economy</i>, vol. 120(1), pp 41–76</p> <p>Lundqvist, H. (2011), “Empirical Essays in Political and Public Economics”, <i>Economic Studies</i> 128, Ph.D. thesis, Uppsala University</p>	
TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING	<p>Stockholm University, Sweden</p> <p>M.A. thesis advisor Spring 2013</p> <p>B.A. thesis advisor Fall 2012, Spring 2013</p> <p>Head teacher in Political Economics, Masters level, Spring 2013</p> <p>Uppsala University, Sweden</p> <p>Guest lecturer in Political Economics, Masters level, Fall 2011, 2012</p> <p>Head teacher in Public Economics, Intermediate level, Spring and Fall 2010</p> <p>Teaching Assistant in Applied Econometrics, Masters level, Spring 2008 and 2009</p> <p>Pedagogy for University Teachers, 5-week course, 2009</p>	
ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<p>Assistant Director of Graduate Studies at the Department of Economics, Stockholm University</p> <p>Research Assistant at the Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation</p> <p>Research Assistant at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University</p>	<p>2012–</p> <p>2006</p> <p>2005</p>
REFeree SERVICE	<p><i>European Economic Review, International Tax and Public Finance, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, World Development</i></p>	
WORKING PAPERS	<p>“Ethnic Diversity and Preferences for Redistribution: Reply” (with M. Dahlberg and K. Edmark), Department of Economics, Stockholm University, Research Paper No. 2013:5</p>	

WORKING PAPERS, “Hur fördelas ökade generalla 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

WORK IN
PROGRESS

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

Outline: 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 *for the same party*, 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. In stead, 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.

“On the Importance of Politicians’ Characteristics for Politics and Public Policy” (with M. Dahlberg and O. Folke)

Outline: In this broad project we examine the role of individual characteristics of politicians for political success and for political decision-making. Questions we are interested in include: Are some types of politicians better at winning votes for their party, and is the incumbency effect heterogeneous across types of politicians? Does an increase in female political representation lead to higher child care expenditures, and does an increase in political representation by individuals with foreign background lead to more favorable policies towards refugees and foreign-born? Using a variant of the regression discontinuity design developed for proportional election systems by Folke (Ph.D. thesis, 2010), we are able to estimate causal effects of political representation. The data for the project is unique in its kind; it includes information on all candidates who have run for office (locally, regionally and nationally) in the period 1988–2010. For these individuals, we have rich information on background characteristics such as age, sex, educational attainment, immigrant status, various income measures and, for males, results on cognitive and non-cognitive tests from the military draft. In addition, we have individual-level election data on which party they were a candidate for, which place they had on the party ballot paper and whether or not they were elected.

“The Emergence and Persistence of Right-Wing Extremism: A Research Program” (with M. Dahlberg and K. Vernby)

Outline: In this research program we explore the roots of right-wing extremism and how extreme right-wing values persist over time. The analysis is focused on the success of nazi-oriented parties in the 1930’s in Sweden, and on the formation and growth of extreme right-wing values and right-wing parties in the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. We focus on four research questions: (i) What explains the existence of Nazi parties in the 1930’s? (ii) Do extreme-right preferences persist over time? (iii) Which are the channels for the survival of right-wing extremism over time? (iv) What explains the geographical diffusion of recent right-wing party success?

PRESENTATIONS AT
CONFERENCES AND
WORKSHOPS

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

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

The 27th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association, Malaga, Spain, August 2012

The 68th 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 2nd National Conference of Swedish Economists, Uppsala, Sweden, September 2011

The 4th 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”:

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 1st National Conference of Swedish Economists, Lund, Sweden, October 2010

The 66th 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 65th 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 1st Summer School on Fiscal Federalism: Tax Competition and Urban Public Finance, Barcelona, Spain, June 2007

INVITED TALKS

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

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

INVITED TALKS,
CONT.

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

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

“Ethnic Diversity and Preferences for Redistribution”:

University of Oslo, Norway, May 2012

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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