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Academic background

1990 PhD Political Science, Göteborg University

1992 Associate Professor, Göteborg University

1999 Professor, Political Science, Göteborg University

Research projects (selection of)

The Riksdag Study of 1985 (financed by the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation)(together with Sören Holmberg); Parliaments, Elections and Representative Democracy in Face of the Next Millennium (financed by The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation) (together with Sören Holmberg); Parties as Moulders of Opinion 1902-1994 (financed by Swedish Council for Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities); Nordic Legislatures and Legislators (financed by The Joint Committee of the Nordic Social Science Research Councils) (with Knut Heidar); The Election Coverage of Swedish Public Service TV (financed by Stiftelsen Etermediernas historia); When The Unemployment Agency Says No – Does the Fairness of Treatment Matter? (financed by Council for Working Life and Social Research); Mechanisms of Democracy (financed by The Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation) (with colleagues in Göteborg, Stockholm and Uppsala); Forms of Decision-Making in Well-Functioning Schools (financed by The Swedish Research Council) (with colleagues in Göteborg and Stockholm); State Capacity for Building Infra Structure – Legitimacy and Efficiency In Public Facility Siting (financed by Swedish Research Council Formas); Schools, Ethnicity and Democracy (financed by Göteborg University's means for strategically important research)(together with Mikael Gilljam and colleagues from the faculty of Education).

Other merits (selection of)

Visiting scholar Arizona State University 1991/92; Guest lectures at University of Uppsala; University of Lund; University of Stockholm; University of Riga, Latvia; University of Helsinki, Finland; Invited Lecturer TMR-Winter School of Social Sciences at University of Loewen (2000) and at University of Amsterdam (2001); Invited speaker at the annual meeting of Swedish Association of Mass Communication Researchers 2003, at the Annual Norwegian Media Festival in Bergen 2004; and at the Annual Meeting of Scholars and Practitioners of the Welfare State, Umeå, 2006; Invited participant in Expert Meeting on Electoral Reforms sponsored by the Dutch Government 2005; Opponent on PhD Dissertations in political science (Sweden and Denmark), Education (Norway), and history (Sweden); peer reviewer for British Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; International Journal of Political Science; International Journal of Public Opinion Research; European Journal of Political Research; European Journal of Communication; Scandinavian Political Studies; Norwegian Journal of the Social Sciences; Politica; and the Swedish Journal of Political Science; Awarded Forskning och Framsteg's prize for best popularly written social science article 1991; Awarded Göteborg University's price for best teaching accomplishment 1998.

Communication of research results (selection of)

Election Night expert commentator on national television (TV4) from the U.S. presidential elections (1992-), Swedish parliamentary elections (1994-) and the Swedish national referenda on joining the EMU(2003); Member of the first Democratic Audits of Sweden commissioned by the Center for Business and Policy Studies (SNS) 1995; Regular publisher of op-ed articles in the most prestigious Swedish daily newspaper Dagen Nyheter; Göteborgs-Posten, Svenska Dagbladet och Sydsvenska Dagbladet; Invited host of Swedish radio classic "Sommar", 2002; Collaboration with the Swedish national Board for Youth Affairs on a project on Democratic Decision-Making in Schools (2001-2002); Consultant for the Swedish Public Service TV on their Coverage of the Parliamentary Election 2002; Consultant for Swedish National Labour Market Board and County Labour Board of the Region Västra Götaland on projects on Bureaucratic Fairness (2003-2006); numerous talks on elections, democracy and representative democracy outside the university, according to systematic measurements one of the ten most cited social scientists in Swedish media.