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Education

- 2027 PhD in Economics, IIES, Stockholm University (expected June 2027)
 - Advisors: Torsten Persson (main), David Schönholzer
- 2024/25 Recognised Student, University of Oxford, hosted by [Noam Yuchtman](#)
- 2018 MSc in Econometrics, Stockholm University
 - GPA 5.0/5.0
- 2016 BA in Philosophy, Stockholm University
- 2015 BSc & MSc in Mathematics, Stockholm University
 - Mittag-Leffler Institute Award for Excellent MSc Thesis

Research Fields

Economic History, Political Economy, Development Economics

Job Market Paper

Coffeehouses and the Rise of Science (with Jens Oehlen)

Can social institutions foster knowledge production by lowering the cost of learning from others? We study this question in seventeenth-century London, where coffeehouses served as public venues for exchanging ideas across social and occupational groups. Historians have long argued that coffeehouses fostered rational debate and helped Enlightenment ideas flourish. We test this claim for science. Using geocoded records and a staggered event study across London parishes, we find that the arrival of the first coffeehouse in a parish substantially and persistently increases the number of mathematical practitioners and scientific instrument shops. We argue that coffeehouses fostered this growth by making scientific knowledge easier to access and experimental science more interactive and public. Consistent with this mechanism, effects are larger among practitioners with weaker ties to Oxford and Cambridge, connections between theory-oriented scientists and practical instrument makers increase, and shops producing experimental instruments become more common.

Working Papers

Learning to Participate: The Effects of the First Female Teachers (with Mattias Folkestad)

How does opening a profession to a previously excluded group shape the next generation? We study women's entry into elementary-school teaching in Sweden after the 1859 reform that first allowed them to hold certified positions. Teaching rapidly feminized, and teachers became overrepresented among the female political elite. We link newly digitized teacher registers and school-district maps to full-count censuses and roughly 350,000 handwritten signatures from the 1913–14 women's suffrage petition. Exploiting the staggered arrival of female teachers across school districts, we find that potentially exposed girls were more likely to participate politically and work in non-domestic occupations as adults. Exposed women were 23 percent more likely to sign the petition and, in 1910, 9 percent more likely to hold a non-domestic occupation. Spatial estimates using access to female teacher seminaries provide evidence linking female teachers to stronger local suffrage support.

Wealth Confiscation and Elite Persistence: Evidence from the Great Reduction (with Jonatan Riberth)

Can wealth confiscation weaken elite persistence? This paper studies Sweden's Great Reduction of 1680, the largest wealth redistribution in Swedish history, in which the Crown confiscated roughly half of noble estates. We link noble genealogies to landholdings from the sixteenth to twentieth centuries across Sweden, Finland, and parts of Russia. Using variation in exposure to confiscation, conditional on observables, we estimate the immediate and intergenerational effects of the Reduction on economic and social outcomes. The shock persistently reduced landed wealth: affected families owned substantially fewer manors than otherwise similar noble families across generations. Yet these losses did not meaningfully alter demographics, military careers, marriage patterns, or human capital. The results show that elite persistence did not rest on wealth alone: confiscation reduced landed wealth for generations, but left other markers of elite status largely unchanged.

Work in Progress

Governing the Hajj: Colonial Mobility and Islamic Organization in the Dutch East Indies

Other Writing

Lärarinnorna som banade väg för kvinnors frigörelse (with Mattias Folkestad), *Ekonomisk Debatt* 53 (3): 22–28, 2025

De utmanade den manliga statsmaktens legitimitet, *Liberal Debatt* 2023 (6), 2023

Weather and Conflicts in Afghanistan, *Expert Group for Aid Studies, Sweden*, EBA Working Paper, June, 2018

Bör mainstreamekonomin reformeras?, *Ekonomisk Debatt* 45 (3): 70–74, 2017

Grants and Scholarships

2025	Research grant, Lars Hierta Memorial Foundation, 30,000 SEK ($\approx$ €2,700)
2021–24	Research grants, Carl Mannerfelt Foundation, 153,400 SEK ($\approx$ €14,000)
2021	PhD exchange scholarship, Tom Hedelius Foundation, 499,000 SEK ($\approx$ €45,000)
2021	Research grant, Karl Staaff Foundation, 75,000 SEK ($\approx$ €7,000)
2019	PhD scholarship, Erik Johan Ljungberg Foundation, 125,000 SEK ($\approx$ €11,000)

Presentations

2026	EAYE Annual Meeting, University of the Basque Country; Economic Inequality and Political Institutions in the Nordic and Baltic Regions, c. 1400–1900, Uppsala University (co-author, scheduled); IIES, Stockholm University; RIDGE Forum, University of the West Indies (co-author); SIOE Conference, INSEAD Fontainebleau; TSE; Uppsala Workshop in Economic History; Workshop on Growth, History and Development, University of Southern Denmark; Yale-UB HPE Workshop, University of Barcelona; Zurich Workshop in AI & Applied Economics (co-author, scheduled)
2025	Danish HPE Workshop, University of Southern Denmark (co-author); IIES, Stockholm University; SUDSWEC, Stockholm School of Economics; University of Gothenburg (co-author)
2024	Arthur Lewis Lab, University of Manchester (co-author); New Perspectives on Swedish Political History, Stockholm University; SUDSWEC, Stockholm University (co-author); Summer 2024 IOG-BFI Conference; Swedish Conference in Economics, Lund University (co-author); University of Oxford
2023	ASWEDE Conference; Harvard University PE Tea (co-author); Institute of Urban History, Stockholm University; SUDSWEC, Uppsala University; Swedish Register-Based Research Summit
2021	Stockholm University
2018	Expert Group for Aid Studies, Sweden

Research Assistantships

2018–19	Research Assistant for David Seim, Stockholm University
2018–19	Research Assistant for David Strömberg, Stockholm University
2018	Research Assistant at the Expert Group for Aid Studies, Sweden
2017	Research Assistant for Nils Karlsson, Ratio Institute, Stockholm

Teaching Assistantships

2022	Econometrics II (PhD), Stockholm Doctoral Program in Economics
2019–22	Mathematics II (PhD), Stockholm Doctoral Program in Economics
2019	Empirical Methods in Economics 3 (BSc), Stockholm University
2018/19	Econometrics 3b: Time Series Analysis (MSc), Stockholm University
2017–19	Econometrics I (MSc), Stockholm University
2015–19	10+ BSc Mathematics & Statistics courses, Stockholm University, KTH, & MHS Karlberg

Academic Service

2021–23	Organiser, Applied Econometrics Reading Group, IIES, Stockholm University
2015/16	Vice President, Council of the Faculty of Arts, Stockholm University
2015/16	Student Representative, Board of the Faculty of Arts, Stockholm University

Software

Stata, R, Python, ArcGIS, QGIS, MATLAB, Mathematica, SPARQL, Git, $\LaTeX$

Personal Information

Citizenship: Swedish

Languages: Swedish (first language), English (fluent), Moroccan Arabic (basic)

Career Breaks

2025–26	Parental leave (7 months)
2022–23	Parental leave (8 months)