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# Current position

Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sverige 2020.08 -

> Department of Statistics Assistant professor

## Areas of interest

Probabilistic Machine Learning • Bayesian Statistics • Text analysis • Text-as-Data • Computational Social Science • Legal AI

# Working Experience

Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden 2020.08 -

> Department of Statistics Assistant Professor

Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland 2018.08

Probabilistic machine learning group

Postdoctoral researcher

Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden 2012.10-

2018.07 Statistics and Machine learning lab,

Department of Computer and Information Science

Ph.D. Student in Statistics

Swedish national public health agency, Stockholm, Sweden 2011.05-2012.09

Statistician

Swedish agency for crime prevention, Stockholm, Sweden 2008.05-

2011.04 Statistician

Swedish national agency for education, Stockholm, Sweden 2007.08-

2008.04 Statistician

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2015.08-2016.07

Parental leave

# **Expert Assignments**

Demoskop Advisory Board, Stockholm 2021.05 -

Board member

The Storytel Academia Council, Stockholm 2019.9 - 2020.9

Board member

The Royal Library Data Lab, Stockholm 2018.09-

2019.03 Member of reference group on The Swedish Royal Library's data lab.

The Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare, Stockholm 2016.04

Methods expert in estimating hidden populations regarding people selling sex.

Swedish agency for crime prevention, Expert group on recidivism statistics, Stockholm 2014.12-2015.03

Methods expert on recidivism statistics and analysis of recidivism.

## Education

2022	DOCENT in Statistics, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
2018	PнD in Statistics, Linköping University, Linköping, Sweden
2012	MSc in Statistics, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden
2011	MSc in Economic History, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden
2009	BACHELOR in Statistics, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden
2000	Upper secondary diploma in Natural Science, Södra Latins Gymnasium, Stockholm, Sweden

#### RESEARCH VISITS

2016.08 - 2016.12, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA 2017.04, Central University of Economics and Finance, Beijing, China.

## Grants

AI4Research, Uppsala university 2023

One year sabbathical

Esseens Foundation, Uppsala Sweden, 2022

> Travel grant Amount: 28kkr

Nuffield Foundation, United Kingdom, 2022

Should I Go to Court? Improving Access to Justice Using Artificial Intelligence

Principal investigator (PI): Felix Steffek, Cambridge University

My Role: part of the research group with focus in the machine learning parts Amount: 0.85 full-

time-equivalents (FTE) for 2 years

### Lars Salviusföreningen, Sweden,

Botten Ada — en ny typ av sammanvägd opinionsmätning baserad på statistisk forskning

Principal investigator (PI): Jens Finnäs, Newsworthy

Amount: o.1m SEK

My Role: co-principal investigator working with the statistical models

#### Vetenskapsrådet (Swedish Research Council), Sweden,

Swedish Interdisciplinary School in Computational Social Science (SISCSS)

Principal investigator (PI): Jacob Habinek

Amount: 3.1m SEK

2022

2022

2018

2018

2016

My Role: co-principal investigator/teacher of graduate courses

#### Vetenskapsrådet (Swedish Research Council), Sweden,

Establishment grant: Data Science Improving Probabilistic Programming generalizability

Principal investigator (PI): Måns Magnusson

Amount: 3.1m SEK

#### Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Sweden,

Swedish Riksdag 1867-2022: An Ecosystem of Linked Open Data

Principal investigator (PI): Dr. Fredrik Norén, Umeå university

Amount: 5.3m SEK

My Role: co-principal investigator

#### Länsförsäkringars Forskningsfond, Sweden,

AI-based language models and active learning with application in crime statistics

Principal investigator (PI): Måns Magnusson

Amount: 1.5m SEK

#### 2020 Academy of Finland, Finland,

Text-as-Data in Statistics:

Theory, Methods and Applications

Main applicant/PI

Amount: Three year fully funded postdoctoral research

Declined the grant due to acceptance of assistant professorship at Uppsala University

### Vetenskapsrådet (Swedish Research Council), Sweden,

Welfare State Analytics. Text Mining and

Modeling Swedish Politics, Media & Culture, 1945-1989

Main applicant: prof. Pelle Snickars, Umeå university

Amount: 22.6m SEK

My Role: 25% funded as for research in Probabilistic models for textual data.

# Vetenskapsrådet (Swedish Research Council), Sweden,

Mining for meaning: The dynamic of the public migration discourse

Main applicant: assoc. prof. Marc Keuchnigg, Linköping university

Amount: 17.6m SEK

My Role: 40% funded as for research in Probabilistic models for textual data.

## Vinnova, Sweden, VINN verifikation 2016-02141 Marple: The Story Sniffer, together with Jens

Finnäs, J++ Stockholm

Funding on work with digital watchdogging using statistical methods

Amount: Up to € 200 000, but only used a small part

My Role: Co-PI, Responsible for the automated data analysis

# Diskrimineringsombudsmannen, Sweden,

together with Karim Jebari, Institute for Future studies, Stockholm

Study possibilities of equality statistics

€ 80 000

2016

2023

2023

2020

2019

2018

My Role: Co-PI, Statistician in the project

### Google digital news initiative

Marple: The Story Sniffer, together with Jens Finnäs, J++ Stockholm Funding on work with digital watchdogging using statistical methods

Amount: € 50 000

My Role: Co-PI, Responsible for the automated data analysis

## Honors

### Member of the Swedish Young Academy

**Statistician of the year 2022**, Statistikfrämjandet, joint with Jens Finnäs and Jonas Wallin *Motivation*: This year's statistics promoters are a group of statisticians and data journalists whose advanced statistical model has shown accurate forecasts ahead of the 2022 parliamentary election. The model is based on a weighting of the last 20 years' opinion polls and election results, and uses a Bayesian model in combination with computer-intensive methods to answer the question "Who would win the parliamentary election if there were an election today?"

Their method has attracted a lot of attention and is a good example of how advanced statistics can contribute to the benefit of society.

#### Best News site of the year 2020

Newsworthy was awarded top 5 best news agencies in Sweden by IDG.se

#### Best Journalistic Take 2020

Newsworthy was shortlisted for the work with Sveriges Natur – Klimatprognosen by Sveriges Tidsskrifter

#### The Cramér Prize for best thesis in Statistics, defended in Sweden 2018

The most prestigious PhD prize in Statistics in Sweden

### Top 10% of NIPS reviewers

## Data Journalism Awards

Newsworthy was shortlisted for The JSK Fellowships award for innovation in data journalism

# Service to the profession

REVIEWING

Law, Probability & Risk
Annals of Applied Statistics

Computational Statistics

Workshop: Digital Parliamentary Data in Action

2021 ICML 2021 NeurIPS 2021 EMNLP 2021 AISTATS 2022

## Journal of Digital Social Research

2020 ICML 2020

NeurIPS 2020 EMNLP 2020

Mathematical Psychology

2019 NeurIPS 2019

AISTATS 2020 ICML 2019 Sage Open

IEEE Signal Processing Letters

NeurIPS 2018 (Awarded top 10% best reviewer)

Econometrics and Statistics Law, Probability & Risk

**ORGANIZATIONS** 

2021 - Stan

Developer

Conferences and events

2022 Program committee member

Workshop: Digital Parliamentary Data in Action

2019 Workshop on Computational text analysis in the Social Sciences

Linköping University Organization committe

2018 StanCon Helsinki

Aalto University

Organization committe

First Topic Model Symposium in Sweden

The Royal Library of Sweden

Main organizer 40 attendees

2012-2016 Stockholm R useR group

Main organizer, founder

1000 members 20 meetups

**EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES** 

Department of Statistics, Uppsala University

Supplementary board member

2019 - Board for Masters Program in Computational Social Science, Linköping University

Board member with focus on Statistics

Development group for the Masters Program in Statistics, Uppsala University

2019,2020