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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2013–2018 **Ph.D in Economics**, Stockholm School of Economics, Sweden
(expected) Supervisor: Tore Ellingsen. 105 ECTS coursework. Visiting student at Stanford University taking graduate level classes at the Statistics Department (summer 2015).
- 2012 **M.Sc in Economics**, Stockholm School of Economics
Unfinished, early admission to Ph.D program.
- 2008–2012 **B.Sc in Business & Economics**, Stockholm School of Economics
Major: Economics. Exchange studies during fall 2011 at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand. Bachelor's Thesis: "Marginal Physician Visits and the Diagnostic Case Mix".
- 2008 **Art History**, Stockholm University, Sweden
- 2007 **French language and culture**, Cours de Civilisation Francaise, Sorbonne, Paris
Advanced level
- 2004–2007 **Senior High School**, Natural Science, Katedralskolan, Lund, Sweden
Awarded scholarship for excellent performance in math/physics. Top 20 in national physics competition. Science project used as pilot study at Lund University Cognitive Science.

Research

Choosing Money

Valuation of fiat money is universal today. Choosing to hold intrinsically worthless cash is a convention that can be understood as one among many equilibria of some coordination game. Recent macroeconomic frameworks aimed at modelling this behavior do generate monetary economies, but are unable to provide any criteria for equilibrium selection. Hence, while agents can choose money, it is ambiguous if they will.

We seek to provide an explanation to the universality of money by experimentally evaluating how and why fiat money can be valued as an equilibrium selection process. We do this by implementing a version of the Hugget (1993) economy, proposed by Krusell, Mukoyama and Smith (2011) in the lab, and treat subjects in key dimensions. Joint with [Siri Isaksson](#).

Prediction Markets for Science

In several different projects, we study how prediction markets can be used to ameliorate the scientific process. By eliciting private information, prediction markets allow us to study beliefs in replicability and quality of research. Currently working on a market on replicability in behavioral economics. Joint with, [Magnus Johannesson](#) and [Anna Dreber Almenberg](#) among others (a complete list of contributors is available [online](#)).

Evolution of preferences for ambiguity

Recently, theories of games with Knightian uncertainty, or ambiguity have been developed. In a multiple prior setting with smooth ambiguity, we explore evolutionary stability of ambiguity-contingent preferences in different types of games. Could optimistic agents have a persistent advantage in certain settings? Joint work with [Thomas Seiler](#).

Games with unknown unknowns

Inspired by Grant and Quiggin (2013) as well as Karni and Vierø (2014), I study the effect of knowledge of one's own unawareness of possible states in strategic environments. I merge their models and allow for conscious unawareness also in a one-shot game.

Teaching Experience

Fall 2014, 2015 Mathematics I, PhD

Teaching Assistant for Professor Jörgen Weibull in an introductory Mathematics for PhD. students in Economics and Finance. Real analysis, topology, optimization and set theory.

Fall 2012 Microeconomics, Undergraduate

Teaching Assistant for Professor Richard Friberg in introductory undergraduate Microeconomics.

Awards

2014 Hedelius Research Fellowship

Awarded SEK 642 000 financing for a visiting scholar position at Harvard University (to be attended in fall 2016).

2013 SASSE Scholarship

Awarded SEK 85 000 from the Student Association at SSE for graduate studies at Stanford University.

References

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Professor Magnus Johannesson

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Work Experience

2013 Summer Associate, JKL

Summer internship as a consultant in Public Affairs, working with communication strategy for customers such as the Swedish Riksbank. JKL is one of the most esteemed Swedish consultancies in strategic communication.

2012–2013 Business Development Intern, Spotify

Summer internship as an analyst in business development, 1 of 15 admitted from over 1500 applicants. Created tools for analysis of partnership performance, to evaluate current results and to create projections for future deals. Greatly improved infrastructure and process for partnership KPI analysis. Employed as *part-time Analyst* during 2012–2013.

2011–2012 Intern, Prime

Summer internship as public affairs consultant during 2011. Also part-time work during spring 2011, and spring 2012 within different divisions, working with media analysis, research, events, etc.

2010–2011 Vice President, Student Association at SSE

Elected by the students at SSE for a full-time position with a one year mandate as Vice President of SASSE, the most active Student Association in Scandinavia, with 2000 members, and a yearly turnover of about 15MSEK.

Responsible for all running operations in the Student Association, with about 300 active students in 30–50 different projects and associations. Also responsible for the association's premises and restaurant/bar and the the Senior Society with many well-known SSE alumni as members. Main results include renovated premises, implementation of english as working language, installment of new web portal, and development of a communication strategy.

Other Qualifications

2014–2015 Member of the board, [SSE Alumni Association](#)

The alumni association has over 3 000 members, maintains a mentorship program and organizes activities such as inspirational lectures and homecoming parties.

2009–2015 Member of the Council and Board of Directors of the SSE Student Association

Elected to the Student Council for three periods, 2009–2010, 2011–2012, and 2014–2015. Elected member of the Board of Directors of the Student Association during 2012–2013 and 2013–2014.

2008–2013 Various voluntary projects within the Student Association at SSE

Head of Communication for Handelsdagarna 2011, a career fair and the largest project at SSE with a turnover of approximately 2 MSEK. Head of Marketing for M2:2009, a career fair focused on the communication business. Also various other extracurricular engagements, such as president of the Art Club (2009) and the Film Club (2011).

2011 Stureakademin

Course arranged by [Timbro](#) in writing, ideology, public opinion and policy-making. Awarded scholarship for best final essay, to participate in a course arranged by the Institute for Humane Studies in Washington DC.

Skills and Interests

Spoken Languages

Swedish (native), English (fluent), French (good), Polish (good)

Computer Skills

Advanced user of PC, Mac, MS-Office, STATA, R, Matlab, Adobe-suite. Programming in Python, SQL, LaTeX. Web Design with HTML5, CSS, SASS, Twitter Bootstrap.

Interests

Playing the piano, music, cinema (especially asian and russian), contemporary art and politics