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WORK EXPERIENCE

2024–	Postdoctoral Researcher <i>Department of Clinical Neuroscience, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm</i>
2021–2024	Researcher <i>Prison and Probation Service, Norrköping</i>
2019–2020	Research and Development Leader <i>Blekinge Center of Competence, Region Blekinge, Karlskrona</i>
2018	Lecturer in Cognitive Neuroscience <i>Department of Cognitive Neuroscience and Philosophy, School of Bioscience, University of Skövde</i>
2016–2017	Lecturer in User Experience Design <i>School of Informatics, University of Skövde</i>
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2014–2016	Lecturer in Cognitive Neuroscience <i>Department of Cognitive Neuroscience and Philosophy, School of Bioscience, University of Skövde</i>
2014	Lecturer in Cognitive Science <i>School of Informatics, University of Skövde</i>
2013	Lecturer in Cognitive Neuroscience <i>Department of Cognitive Neuroscience and Philosophy, School of Bioscience, University of Skövde</i>

EDUCATION

2017–2019	Doctor of Philosophy, PhD in Psychology from the University of Turku, Finland. Grade: <i>Laudatur</i> . Thesis title: " <i>The Latent Structure of the Dark Triad: Unifying Machiavellianism and Psychopathy</i> ", defended on November 29th, 2019. Opponent and Preliminary Examiners: Vincent Egan, PhD., & Minna Lyons, PhD. Supervisors: Petri Kajonius, PhD, Sakari Kallio, PhD, & Antti Revonsuo, PhD.
2013–2014	Master of Science, M.Sc. in Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Skövde.
2010–2013	Bachelor of Science, B.Sc. in Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Skövde.
2010–2013	Bachelor of Arts, B.A. in Philosophy, University of Skövde.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Kajonius, P. J., **Persson, B. N.**, & Jonason, P. K. (2015). Hedonism, Achievement, and Power: Universal values that characterize the Dark Triad. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 77, 173–178. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2014.12.055> Impact Factor [2014]: 1.951.
2. **Persson, B. N.** & Kajonius, P.J. (2016). Empathy and Universal Values Explicated by the Empathy-Altruism Hypothesis. *The Journal of Social Psychology*, 156, 610–619. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00224545.2016.1152212> Impact Factor [2016]: 0.844.
3. Kajonius, P. J., **Persson, B. N.**, Rosenberg, P., & Garcia, D. (2016). The (Mis)measurement of the Dark Triad Dirty Dozen: Exploitation at the Core of the Scale. *PeerJ*, 4:e1748. <https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.1748> Impact Factor [2016]: 2.177.
4. Grankvist, G., Kajonius, P. J., & **Persson, B. N.** (2016). The Relationship between Mind-Body Dualism and Personal Values. *International Journal of Psychological Studies*, 8, 126–132. <https://doi.org/10.5539/ijps.v8n2p126>
5. **Persson, B. N.**, Kajonius, P. J., & Garcia, D. (2019). Revisiting the Structure of the Short Dark Triad. *Assessment*, 26, 3–16. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1073191117701192> Impact Factor [2017]: 3.197.
6. **Persson, B. N.**, Kajonius, P. J., & Garcia, D. (2017). Testing Construct Independence in the Short Dark Triad using Item Response Theory. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 117, 74–80. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2017.05.025> Impact Factor [2017]: 1.967.
7. **Persson, B. N.** (2019a). Current Directions in Psychiatric Classification: From the DSM to RDoC. In D. Garcia, T. Archer, & R. M. Kostrzewska (Eds.), *Personality and Brain Disorders: Associations and Interventions* (pp. 253–268). Springer.
8. Garcia, D., **Persson, B. N.**, Al Nima, A., Gruneau Brulin, J., Rapp-Ricciardi, M., & Kajonius, P. J. (2018). IRT Analyses of the Swedish Dark Triad Dirty Dozen. *Heliyon*, 4, e00569. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2018.e00569>
9. **Persson, B. N.** (2019b). Searching for Machiavelli but Finding Psychopathy and Narcissism. *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*, 10, 235–245. <https://doi.org/10.1037/per0000323> Impact Factor [2018]: 4.687.
10. **Persson, B. N.** & Lilienfeld, S. O. (2019). Social Status as One Key Indicator of Successful Psychopathy: An Initial Empirical Investigation. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 141, 209–217. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2019.01.020> Impact Factor [2018]: 1.997.
11. Nima, A. A., Cloninger, K. M., **Persson, B. N.**, Sikström, S., & Garcia, D. (2020). Validation of subjective well-being measures using item response theory. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 10. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2019.03036> Impact Factor [2019]: 2.390.
12. Sutton, L. C. S., **Persson, B. N.**, & Danielsson, M. (2023). Predicting Intimate Partner Violence Recidivism using the Swedish Prison and Probation Service's Risk-Need-Responsivity Assessment (RNR-A). *Nordic Journal of Criminology*, 24, 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.18261/njc.24.1.4> Impact Factor [2021]: 1.536.
13. Dåderman, A. M., **Persson, B. N.**, Ahlstrand, I., Hallgren, J., Larsson, I., Larsson, M., Sundler, A. J., Hedén, L., Nunstedt, H., Ekman, A., Lood, Q., Andersson Hammar, I., & Pennbrant, S. (2025). Item response theory modelling of the trait emotional intelligence questionnaire-short form: Item streamlining, differential item functioning, and validity in a Swedish multicenter cross-sectional study. *BMC Psychology*, 13. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40359-025-03271-1> Impact Factor [2024]: 3.0.
14. Sorjonen, K., Melin, B., Melin, M., & **Persson, B. N.** (2026). Multiverse analyses can be used to evaluate cross-lagged panel network models: An example with psychological flexibility. *Acta Psychologica*, 264, 106468. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actpsy.2026.106468> Impact Factor [2025]: 2.7.

AD-HOC REVIEWS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Assessment
Connection Science
Current Issues in Personality Psychology
Current Psychology
European Journal of Personality
European Journal of Psychological Assessment
Journal of Individual Differences
Journal of Personality Assessment
Personality and Individual Differences
Psychological Test Adaptation and Development
Psychology, Crime & Law
Scientific Reports

AWARDS

European Association of Psychological Assessment PhD Award 2019. Honorable Mention.

LANGUAGES

SWEDISH: Mother tongue
ENGLISH: Fluent

COMPUTER SKILLS

BASIC: Linux, Amos, Markdown
INTERMEDIATE: L^AT_EX, Office, R, SPSS
ADVANCED: Microsoft Windows

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