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Professional experience:

2025-2027 Researcher, Södertörn University, School of Social Sciences, Stockholm
2006- Senior lecturer in Demography, Dept. of Sociology, Stockholm University
2003-2008 Post-doctoral research fellow in Demography, financed by the Swedish Council
for Working Life and Social Research (FAS) at the Dept. of Sociology,
Stockholm University
2002-2003 Researcher, Dept. of Sociology, Stockholm University
2001-2003 Researcher, Swedish Institute for Futures Studies, Stockholm
1994-2001 Ph.D. Candidate in Demography, Dept. of Sociology, Stockholm University

Education:

2001 Ph.D. in Demography, Stockholm University
1993 Diploma, International Graduate School (IGS), Stockholm University
1987 LL.M. ("Master in Political Science and Jurisprudence",
summa cum laude), University of Miskolc, Hungary

Main fields of research:

Family demography (partnership formation/ dissolution, fertility); public policies and family
patterns; gender relations in industrialized countries (at societal level and within the family)

Grants:

2025-2027 **Principal Investigator** of "Vulnerability and partnership dynamics in the
Baltic Sea region: Similarities and differences within and between Eastern
European and Nordic countries", *Foundation for Baltic and East European
Studies* (5.997 M SEK)
2013-2017 **Project Coordinator** (PI) of "FamiliesAndSocieties - Changing families and
sustainable societies: Policies and diversity over the life course and across
generations", large-scale integrating (research) project in the *Seventh
Framework Programme, European Commission* (6.5 M EUR)
2012-2015 **Principal Investigator** "Explaining very low fertility in postindustrial
societies: an unconventional approach", *Riksbankens Jubileumsfond*
(4.35 M SEK)
2012 **Principal Investigator** "Planning grant for SSH.2012.3.2-1. Changing
families and sustainable societies: Policies and diversity over the life course and
across generations", *Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research*
(150 000 SEK)

2006-2011 **Principal Investigator** “Gendering European Family Dynamics”
(network support), *Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research*
(270 000 SEK)

2003-2008 **Post-Doctoral Fellowship**, *Swedish Council for Working Life and
Social Research* (3.253 M SEK)

Co-investigator / co-applicant (selected):

2021-2024 *Co-Investigator* (Principal Investigator: Associate Prof. Gerda Neyer, SU)
“Fertility intentions, fertility considerations and Swedish fertility decline”
Swedish Research Council

2017-2022 *Co-Investigator* (Principal Investigator: Prof. Gunnar Andersson, SU)
Program support “Ageing Well – individuals, families and households under
changing demographic regimes in Sweden”, *Swedish Research Council for
Health, Working Life and Welfare*

2008-2018 *Co-Investigator* (Principal Investigator: Prof. Elizabeth Thomson, SU)
Program support “Linneaus Center on Social Policy and Family Dynamics in
Europe, SPaDE”, *Swedish Research Council*

International research collaborations (latest, selected):

2025-2027 Project leader of “Vulnerability and partnership dynamics in the Baltic Sea
Region”, *Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies*, collaboration with
Tallinn University, Estonia

2013-2017 Project coordinator of FamiliesAndSocieties, *Seventh Framework Programme*.
25 universities/ research institutes (15 European countries) and 3 transnational
civil society organizations, www.familiesandsocieties.eu

2012-2015 Project leader for the Swedish part of the international comparative project
“Explaining very low fertility in postindustrial societies” - collaboration with
Professors Mary Brinton, Harvard Univ. USA (PI); Emiko Ochiai, Kyoto Univ,
Japan; Anna Cabré, Autonomous Univ. of Barcelona, Spain

2008-2011 Task leader on fertility, female employment and reconciliation policies in the
Network of Excellence of the Sixth Framework Programme on Reconciling
Work and Welfare in Europe’ (RECOWWE), collaboration with J. Huinink, K.
Lutz (Univ. of Bremen & Univ. of Frankfurt, Germany); E. Fraczak, I. Kotowska
(Warsaw School of Economics, Poland); A. Pailhe, A. Solaz (INED, France); M.
Ibanez (Univ. of Oviedo, Spain), J. Takács (Inst. of Sociology, Hungarian
Academy of Sciences)

2007-2010 Participant in the international book project on the impact of time policies of
early childhood education, eds.: Prof:s C.Allemann-Ghionda (Univ. of Cologne,
Germany), K. Hagemann and K.H. Jarausch (Univ. of North Carolina, USA)

Organiser of international scientific meetings/conferences

2016 Scientific coordinator and organiser of the FamiliesAndsocieties Final
Conference, Brussels, Belgium, October 17-18, 2016 (130 participants);
Scientific coordinator of the FamiliesAndSocieties Third Annual Meeting,
Vienna, Austria, January 13-15, 2016 (115 participants)

2015 Scientific coordinator of the FamiliesAndSocieties Second Annual Meeting,
Madrid, Spain, January 14-16, 2015 (110 participants)

2014 Scientific coordinator of the FamiliesAndSocieties First Annual Meeting, Tallinn,
Estonia, January 8-10, 2014 (110 participants)

- 2013 Scientific coordinator and organiser of the FamiliesAndsocieties Kick-off Meeting, Stockholm, Sweden, March 8-9, 2013 (69 participants)
- 2009 Scientific coordinator and organiser of the symposium “The Gender Story of European Family Change”, Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 24, 2009 (50 participants)
- 2005 Scientific coordinator and organiser of the workshop “The Family in the Future, the Future of the Family”, Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 7-9, 2005 (25 participants)

Commissions of trust

- 2025 Grant evaluator (Czech Science Foundation – Czech Republic (GACR))
- 2015-2020, Remote referee (grant evaluator) for the European Research Council (ERC) and 2024
- 2023-2024 Grant evaluator (Swiss National Science Foundation – Switzerland (SNSF); In Population Europe’s list of leading populaiton experts
- 2012-2011 Grant evaluator for The Leverhulme Trust, UK
- 2010 Evaluator (publication support), Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (FAS); Member of the international advisory panel to the Fatherhood Institute, a UK think-tank
- 2009-2012 Academic observer for Sweden in the European Alliance for Families – Network on family policies, organized by the European Commission
- 2003- 2010 Member of reference groups for diverse Swedish government reports, reports prepared by the Swedish National Insurance Board, and by Statistics Sweden

Reviewer / editorial board member (selected)

- 2026- Member of the Editorial Board for the Szociologiai Szemle (Review of Sociology), Hungarian Sociological Association (HSA) <https://szociologia.hu/szociologiai-szemle>
- 2023- Member of the Editorial Board for Frontiers in Sociology <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/sociology>
- 2022- Member of the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Population Studies <https://accscience.com/journal/IJPS>
- 2016-2019 Member of the Editorial Board for *Cogent Social Sciences*, Cogent OA, Taylor & Francis Group, UK www.CogentOA.com
- 2014-2026 Member of the Editorial Board for *Socio.hu Társadalomtudományi Szemle* (Socio.hu Social Science Review), Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary, <http://socio.hu/>
- 2008-2014 Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *The Open Demography Journal* Bentham Science Publishers, USA <https://benthamopen.com/TODEMOJ/home/>
- 2002- Referee for journals (selected): American Journal of Sociology, Journal of Marriage and Family, Population and Development Review, Social Forces, Social Politics, Population Studies, Demographic Research

Invited international lectures (selected):

- 2026 Invited keynote address (on Europe’s demographic challenges) at the online hearing organized by the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, April 23, 2026

- 2023 Presentation (“Parenting and same sex families in Sweden”) for a Delegation from Sookmyung Women's University South Korea; Stockholm University, Febr. 7, 2023
- 2022 Invited participant of the online Focus Group on Families and Demographic Shifts, organized by the International Federation of Family Development, January 20, 2022;
invited presentation at the Webinar on Experiences of Responding to Low fertility from Gender Equality Perspectives, organized by UNFPA, the Asia and the Pacific Regional Office (APRO) and the Government of China, November 3, 2022
- 2020 Invited lecture (“Brief introduction to demography”) online at A feminist exploration: demography, organized by the Heinrich Böll Foundation European Union and the Gunda Werner Institute, Brussels, August 13, 2020
- 2019 Invited keynote address (Sharing parenting and family life in the 21st century) at the New Role Models for Societies in Europe, EESC conference, Brussels, Belgium, November 12, 2019;
Invited speaker (“Changing roles of fathers and mothers in the EU work-life balance landscape”) at the International Seminar on Work-Life Balance and Family Wellbeing in the EU: Implications for Japan [organized by Prof. Akiko S. Oishi, Chiba University], Tokyo, Japan, June 21, 2019
- 2018 Invited speaker (“The work-life balance landscape in the EU”) at the Seminar on the European Pillar of Social Rights and European Semester as tools for delivering Social Europe - a reflection with civil society, Brussels, Belgium, October 2, 2018
- 2016 Invited keynote address (Gendering everyday realities in Europe: can both women and men “have it all”?) at the 1st International Conference on “Women and Men Facing Everyday Challenges. Work and Life Demands in the Context of Gender”, Łódź, Poland, May 19 – 21, 2016
- 2009 Invited keynote speaker (“The evaluation and challenges of European countries’ countermeasures against the declining birthrates: Changes of the lifestyle and the social security system”), the 36th H.C.R. 2009 Symposium, Tokyo, Japan, September 30, 2009
- 2007 Invited speaker (“The demographic challenge”), seminar at the European Parliament on “1957-2007: the European Union and the advancement of women. Women building the Future of Europe”, Brussels, Belgium, March 8, 2007

Invited expert meeting participations (latest):

- 2024 Invited expert participant of the FutuRES foresight workshop “Scenarios for Resilient European Societies in Demographic Change”, online, Sept. 17, 2024
- 2017 Expert Round Table Meeting “New start to support work-life balance for working parents and carers”, European Commission, Brussels, Febr. 23, 2017
- 2016 Expert Round Table Meeting “New start for working parents”, European Commission, Brussels, Febr. 18, 2016;
- 2015 United Nations Expert Group Meeting, “Family Policy Development: Achievements and Challenges”, New York, May 14-15, 2015;
Third Child Well-being Expert Consultation, organized by OECD, European Commission, UNICEF, Children’s Worlds, Paris, France, Nov. 24-25, 2015
- 2011 Invited expert at the European Commission Expert Seminar on Paternity Leave Measures, Brussels, May 17, 2011;

Media appearances

Press interviews (selected):

Sweden

- *Dagens Nyheter* (by: I. Nevéus November 10, 2019; B. Sirén 25 Oct. 2019; E. Jones June 18, 2018; J. Olevik & A. Udovic Oct. 2, 2011; DN Debatt June 26, 2002),
- *Fokus* (by: E. Blume Oct. 10, 2019)
- *Sydsvenskan* (blog, by: E. Fagerström, March 21, 2024)
- *SVT Nyheter* (by: C. Gimling Shaftoe May 23, 2021; D. Thomsen July 19, 2020)

Brazil

- *Veja* (by: F.C. Allegretti September 17, 2014)

China

- *South China Morning Post* (by M. Siow June 12, 2021)

Germany

- *Deutsche Welle* (DW) (by: D. Martin March 29, 2018) <http://p.dw.com/p/2vDQ9>

Japan

- *Nikkei* (by: R. Imahashi Aug. 1, 2022) <https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXZQOCB147RD0U2A210C2000000/>
- *Yomiuri Shimbun* (by T. Kudo, Oct. 30, 2025)

Singapore

- *The Straits Times* (by A Jayaram, May 29, 2024)

Spain

- *Mediterraneo – El periodico* (by M. Jesus Ibáñez, Oct. 13, 2017)

South-Korea

- *The Hankyoreh* (by S. Jimin, October 2024)

US

- *New York Times* (by: M. Goldberg May 25, 2018)

Television interviews (selected):

Sweden: *SVT2* (Utrikesbyrå Feb. 13, 2024; Aktuellt, March 6, 2013)

Canada: Global News (Couples living-apart-together, March 12, 2022)

France: French TV France 2 ("C'est un monde", January 16, 2016)

South-Korea: KBS (S-y Kim, March 2024)

USA: Jeremy Coon Productions, Inc "The Family Documentary" (January 10, 2017)

Radio interviews (selected):

Sweden: *Radio Sweden* (P1 "Radiokorrespondenterna (Demografispecial)", Aug. 4, 2016;

P1 "Konflikt", May 2, 2015; P4 "Capuccino", August 17, 2010;

P1 "Studio Ett", Jan. 2, 2019; P4 "Karlavagnen", Febr. 3, 2017

Estonia: *Estonian Public Broadcasting* November 12, 2013;

Hungary: *Hungarian Radio, MRI*, "Evening talk", Budapest, March 21, 2010

BBC World Service ("The Inquiry" June 14, 2018; "Europe Today" July 24, 2009)