

# Zeth Isaksson

PhD Candidate

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## ABOUT

PhD candidate at Stockholm University, specializing in Historical Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Political Sociology, and Quantitative Methods. Experience from University of Linköping, Ludwig Maximilian University, and Barcelona Center for European Studies (BACES). Currently analyzing legacies of historical institutions' on contemporary political behavior in Germany and Sweden.

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## EDUCATION

<b>PhD - Sociology</b> <i>Stockholm University - Stockholm</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervision by Jens Rydgren, Jan Teorell and Sirus H Dehdari</li></ul>	Sep. 2021 - Current
<b>Master of Political Science</b> <i>Ludwig Maximilian Universität - Munich</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Average grade 1.35</li><li>Supervision by Martin Gross</li></ul>	Sep. 2019 - Sep. 2020
<b>Master of Current Democracies</b> <i>Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Average grade 9.11/10</li><li>Double degree with Ludwig Maximilian Universität - Munich</li></ul>	Sep. 2018 – Jul. 2020
<b>Bachelor of Political Science</b> <i>Uppsala University - Uppsala</i>	Sep. 2014 – Jun. 2018
<b>Bachelor of History</b> <i>Uppsala University - Uppsala</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rewarded the Best Bachelor Thesis Award</li></ul>	Sep. 2014 – Feb. 2018

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Visiting doctoral researcher</b> <i>European University Institute, Florence, Italy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supervision by Hanspeter Kriesi</li></ul>	Jan 2023 - June 2023
<b>Visiting doctoral researcher</b> <i>Stockholm University - Department of Political Science, Stockholm Sweden</i>	April 2022 - Jun 2022
<b>Research assistant</b> <i>University of Linköping, Linköping, Sweden</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analysed local level polarization and inter-municipal cooperation at the Centre for Local Government Studies.</li></ul>	March 2021 - Sep 2021
<b>Research assistant</b> <i>Barcelona Center for European Studies (BACES), Barcelona, Spain</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Co-authoring (with Prof.Dr Javier Arregui) one academic article about position taking in the council of the European Union.</li></ul>	Feb. 2021 - Sep 2021
<b>Research and Data Trainee</b> <i>European Union Agency for the Fundamental Rights, Vienna, Austria</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Contributed to the development of EU-wide surveys.</li></ul>	Oct. 2020 – Feb. 2021
<b>Student Research Assistant</b> <i>Ludwig-Maximilian Universität, Munich, Germany</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Conducted, researched, and drafted memos and summaries on a broad range of topics within the field of political science.</li><li>Prepared materials for submission to peer-reviewed journal publications.</li></ul>	May 2020 – Sep. 2020

Worked in conference and event planning for organizations such as the Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU) and the Swedish Association of International Affairs, before entering academia.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Political Expectations and Electoral Responses to Wind Farm Development in Sweden [w/ Simon Gren] *Energy Policy*, 2024  
[Covered in: Extrakt]
- Political Effects of Rural School Closures – Evidence from Sweden, *Journal of Rural Studies*, 2023  
[Covered in: Altinget, Dagens Arena, Dagens Samhälle]

### Under Review

- Candidate Shortages and the Electoral Consequences for Radical Right-Wing Parties: Insights from Sweden [R&R]
- Behind the Wall - Did the Lack of Interaction Between East and West Contribute to the Rise of the Radical Right? [R&R]
- How Car Culture Drives Political Preferences in Rural Regions: Evidence from Sweden [R&R]
- Spirited Away: The Role of Alcohol in Radical Right-Wing Support [R&R]
- Gun Violence and Political Behavior: Evidence from Sweden [w/ Jens Rydgren]
- Democratic Protests as a Catalyst for Long-term Electoral Participation
- Between Altars and Elections: Exploring How Faith Shapes Political Participation Among Immigrants in Europe
- Diminished Trust and Alternative Avenues: Understanding the Influence of Discrimination on Political Participation

### Work in progress

- Beyond Borders: Landed Elites, Rural Conflict, and Diverging Political Behavior in Transferred Regions
- Persistent Breeze from the Winds of Change: Authoritarian Legacies and Political Behaviour
- From Repression to Participation: When Historical Political Repression Foster Long-term Electoral Participation

### Chapters & Reports

[transl.] Intermunicipal Cooperation: What are the Known Effects? A Literature Review. (2021), Kommuninvest.  
[w/ Gissur Erlingsson & Bo Persson]

### Other Publications

- Isaksson, Zeth. (2019). "Hjärnan bakom Podemos" [The brain behind Podemos], *Ordfront Magazine*
- Isaksson, Zeth. (2017). "Åkesson hos Heimdal" [Åkesson at Heimdal], *Ordfront Magazine*
- Isaksson, Zeth. (2016). "100 nya frivilliga" [100 new volunteers], *Ordfront Magazine*

## SUPERVISION

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### Master

- Lyon Portolani - Sociology Expected graduation: Spring 2024
- Zubaida Karim - Sociology Expected graduation: Spring 2024

## TEACHING

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### Globalization

*Stockholm University, Sweden*

- Seminar leader. Grading of papers.

Spring 2024

### Basic methods

*Stockholm University, Sweden*

- Supervision of undergraduate students and seminar leader. Grading of exams.

Spring & Fall 2022

### External censor

*University of Oslo, Norway*

- Assessed and graded one master thesis as an external censor

Fall 2022

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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### Upcoming presentations:

Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe - EUI, June 2024, Florence.  
European Political Science Association (EPSA), July 2024, Cologne.  
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) - General Conference, Aug. 2024, Dublin.  
Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, Fall 2024, Stockholm.  
Lunch seminars in comparative politics, Department of Political Science, Fall 2024, Lund.

### Past presentations:

#### Invited:

Centre for Local Government Studies (CKS), Nov 2021, Norrköping.  
Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Oct 2022, Stockholm.  
The Anti-Racism Working Group Seminar Series - Panel on the Swedish election, Oct 2022, Stockholm  
Centre for Collective Action Research (CeCAR), Oct 2022, Gothenburg  
European University Institute, May 2023, Florence  
Higher Seminar in Political Science - Linnaeus University, Sep 2023, Växjö  
Stockholm Sessions on Migration, Oct 2023, Stockholm

#### Workshops:

The Swedish Network for European Studies in Political Science (SNES) - PhD Workshop, Nov 2022, Malmö  
Political Periodisations workshop, Nov 2022, Uppsala

#### Conferences:

SWEPSA (2021, 2022, 2023)  
ECPR - General (2023, 2024)  
EPSA (2024)  
NESS - (2022)  
ESSHC - (2023)  
Sociologidagarna (2024): the biannual conference of the Swedish Sociological Association

## REFEREE SERVICE

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Social Sciences Research

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

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Recognized expert in Swedish politics prior to the 2022 election, featured prominently in hundreds of news articles, radio and TV shows, and podcasts. Acknowledged as one of the most referenced researchers from Stockholm University in a single day, with over 500 worldwide article mentions. Regularly sought after for commentary on Swedish politics in both national and international media.

### Selected media appearances:

#### International

- Swedish conservatives close to election win amid crime fears - AP (2022-09-12)
- Parties in Sweden election 'completely even' as far right surges - Al-Jazeera (2022-09-11)
- Sweden's right-wing opposition slightly ahead in election still too close to call - NBC News (2022-09-12)

#### Swedish

- Högervind bland unga ökar stödet för kärnkraft - Dagens Nyheter (2022-08-06)
- "Jag skäms inte att säga att jag röstar på SD" - Aftonbladet (2022-09-17)
- Kritiserad klimataktion kan påverka stödet för Miljöpartiet - Sveriges Radio (2022-08-30)

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- Awarded for the best bachelor thesis in History - Uppsala University
- Henrik Gahns scholarship - Uppsala University

## LANGUAGES

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- Swedish - Native
- English - C1
- German - B1

## AFFILIATIONS

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Barcelona Centre of European Studies - BACES UPF