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DEGREES

Associated Professor, University of Gothenburg 1997; PhD in history 1991, Uppsala University; Graduated high-school teacher, Stockholm Institute of Education 1975; BA in sociology, history, social studies, Uppsala University 1973.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests lie in the areas of industrial relations, employment relations, occupational safety and health (OSH), and labour migration, in a contemporary historical and international perspective. The studies focus on current trends and developments in Sweden and in the EU, in the light of structural changes in the organization of production and work, and the increasing internationalization of the labour market. My recent projects have concerned (1) precarious work with a focus on false (bogus) self-employment and ambiguous forms of employment, especially in the road freight transport and construction industries; (2) east-west labour migration, industrial relations and labour standards in the EU (3); EU supported labour market projects for social inclusion and cohesion; (4) structural and intersectional perspectives on employment and working conditions in municipal elder care exposed to private competition, and in cleaning; (5) recent trends in public sector industrial relations in a Swedish and European perspective.

RESEARCH PROJECT, selected

- Fraudulent Contracting of Work in the European Road Freight Transport Industry. With financial support from the Elin and Charles Lindley Foundation.
- Krise, Staat und Arbeitsbeziehungen: Austerity-Politik und Arbeitsbeziehungen des öffentlichen Dienstes. Forschungsinstitut für Arbeit, Technik und Kultur (F.A.T.K.) Tübingen, 2014-2016. Funded by Hans-Böckler-Stiftung.
- East-West Labour Migration, Industrial Relations and Labour Standards in a Swedish-Baltic Context. Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society REMESO, Linköping University, 2011-2015. Funded by FAS/Forte. (Sweden).
- Scared at Work: An intersectional perspective on gender, threats and violence in working life, Department of Economic History, Stockholm University, 2011-2014. Funded by AFA Insurance (Sweden).
- The impact on employment and working conditions of the Swedish freedom of choice reform (LOV) in home-based elder care: a structural and intersectional perspective. Department of Economic History, Uppsala University 2008-2009; 2011-2013. Funded by AFA Insurance (Sweden).
- Precarious Employment in Perspective: old and new challenges to working conditions in Sweden, Department of Work Science, University of Gothenburg, 2007-2010.

Funded by the National Institute for Working Life/Arbetslivsinstitutet and FAS/Forte (Sweden).

- Employees becoming Self-employed: studies on self-employment in a structural transformation and labour market perspective, National Institute for Working Life, 2003-2006. Funded by the National Institute for Working Life/Arbetslivsinstitutet and FAS/Forte (Sweden).
- Work, Culture and Politics in an Industrial Society: Finspång during the 20th Century (Arbete, kultur och politik industrisamhället Finspång under 1900-talet), National Institute for Working Life/Arbetslivsinstitutet, 2003-2006.
- Employee Rights, Collective Agreement and Globalization (Nordfram III). The Future of the Nordic Model, Department of History, University of Gothenburg, 1997-2000. Funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers.
- Work Life, Work Environment and Work Safety in Transition. Historical and Sociological Perspectives on the Development in Sweden during the 20th Century, National Institute for Working Life/Arbetslivsinstitutet, 1999-2001.

EMPLOYMENT (1995-2015)

- Forschungsinstitut für Arbeit, Technik und Kultur (F.A.T.K.) Tübingen, 2014–2015, as a senior researcher.
- Stockholm University, Department of Economic History, 2012—2013, as a senior a researcher.
- Linköping University, the Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO), 2010—2013 as a senior researcher and expert.
- Uppsala University, Department of Economic-History, 2008-2009 and 2011– 2012 as a senior researcher and lecturer.
- University of Gothenburg, Department for Labour Studies, 2008 – 2009 as a senior researcher.
- The National Institute for Working Life/Arbetslivsinstitutet (NIWL), 1999 – 2007, as an Associate Professor and Senior Researcher.
- University of Gothenburg, Department of History, 1996 09 01 – 1999 06 30, postdoctoral position.
- Uppsala University, Department of History, 1995 – 1996, researcher and senior lecturer.

Assignments for the European Commission, Mutual Learning Programme, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (2017-2020)

- External expert in the area of road transport at the European Labour Authority (ELA) Working Group of Information since 2021.
- Independent expert, author of the Peer Country Comments Paper (Sweden) *Making use of everyone's competence: the Swedish Public Employment Agency and jobseekers with disabilities* at Peer Review conference on “Employer service delivery”, online 26-28 October 2020.

- Independent expert, author of the Peer Country Comments Paper (Sweden) *Cross-agency Cooperation against Undeclared Work and the Protection of Whistleblowers in Sweden* at the Peer Review conference on “Enhancing whistleblower protection through better collaboration between responsible authorities – a tool to prevent and tackle work-related crime”, in Oslo (Norway), 14-15 February 2019.
- Independent expert, author of the Peer Country Comments Paper (Sweden) *Non-standard Employment and Precarious Work in Sweden: A Structural perspective on trends, causes and policy measures*. Peer Review on “The rise of precarious work (including some forms of solo self-employment) - causes, challenges and policy options”. Conference in Haag (The Netherlands), 19-20 April 2018.
- Independent expert, author of the Peer Country Comments Paper (Sweden) *Inter-agency cooperation for “Orderliness in the Labour Market”* at the Peer Review conference on ‘Joint operation groups between public agencies – an effective tool to prevent and tackle undeclared work’. Oslo, September, 2017.
- Independent expert, Good Practice Fiche, “The Nacka Project against undeclared work and economic criminality in public procurement (Sweden)”, (2018).
- Independent expert, Good Practice Fiche “The ‘Dutch Model’ against false self-employment in the road haulage industry”, (2017).
- Independent expert, Good Practice Fiche, “The Swedish Tax Agency controlling undeclared work in the road haulage industry, including e. g. false self-employment and illicit and incorrect use of staffing agencies”, (2017).
- Independent expert, Good Practice Fiche, “The Swedish Work Environment Authority’s (SWEA’s) awareness raising campaigns on undeclared and unhealthy work” (2017).
- National expert, contribution to the study “Practices of Enforcement Bodies in Detecting and Preventing Bogus Self-Employment” (Hayes, J. and Hastings, T., 2017).

TEACHING EXPERIENCES, selected

- Department of Economic History, Uppsala University. Senior lecturer (single courses) 2008-2012.
- Department of History, University of Gothenburg 1996-1999 (postdoctoral position), including Director of PhD studies together with a colleague, supervision of PhD students and lecturing and supervising of B-D students.
- Department for Labour Market and Personal Administration, (AKPA) at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University; Department of History, Uppsala University; Department of History, Örebro University. Senior lecturer, teaching and supervising of A-C students, part-time 1989-1996.
- Uppsala Municipality, graduated high-school teacher (adult education, part time 1984-1989).
- Örebro Municipality, graduated high-school teacher 1975-1981 (full-time).

Assistant supervisor of PhD students

Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO), Linköping University, 2016-2018; National Institute for Working Life, 2000-2004; Department of History, University of Gothenburg, 1996-1999.

POSITIONS OF TRUST, selected

- External expert in the area of road transport at the European Labour Authority (ELA) Working Group of Information since 2021.
- Reviewer of 5 articles for international journals 2018-2020.
- Faculty opponent of Ph.D. thesis in History thesis, Oslo University, 2018.
- Opponent at final seminar for Ph.D. thesis. REMESO, Linköping University, 2017.
- Member of the examination board, Ph.D. thesis in sociology, Mid-Sweden University, 2016.
- Member of reference group for the project, 'Precarious employment and its effects on health', Institute on Environmental Medicine (Karolinska Institutet), Stockholm, 2016.
- Scientific expert for appointment of Assistant Professor at REMESO, Linköping University, 2008.
- Member of reference group for application regarding the establishment and funding of the REMESO Centre of Excellence, Linköping University, 2006.
- Member of editorial board, *Work Life in Transition/Arbetsliv i Omvandling*, National Institute for Working Life/Arbetslivsinstitutet, 2006-2007.
- Member of examination board, Ph.D. thesis, History, Växjö University, 2005.
- Faculty opponent of PhD thesis in history, Växjö University, 2004.

Awards

- The Rudolf Meidner Award, Stockholm, 1995.
- The Kjersti Bosdotter Award, 2013.
- Research Scholarship, the Elin and Charles Lindley Foundation, 2013.