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Academic Position

2021– **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Department of Political Science at Aarhus University

Education

2016–2022 **Ph.D. in Political Science**
Department of Political Science
University of Gothenburg

2013–2015 **M.A. Political Science with Distinction**
University of Mannheim

2014 **Visiting Graduate Student**
The Wilf Family Department of Politics
New York University

2013 **Bachelor Thesis, Economics**
Gothenburg School of Business, Economics and Law

2007–2011 **B.Sc. Political Science with Minor in Economics**
University of Gothenburg

2010 **Erasmus Exchange Student**
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Professional Experience

2015–2016 **Graduate Student Research Assistant**
[MZES](#) at the University of Mannheim

2013–2016 **Graduate Student Research Assistant**
Chair of Political Science II
University of Mannheim

2012–2013 **Research Assistant**
Department of Political Science
University of Gothenburg

2012–2013 **Research Assistant**
[The SOM Institute](#) at the University of Gothenburg

Research & Publications

- Journal Articles
- Christensen, Love. Optimal Persuasion under Confirmation Bias: Theory and Evidence from a Registered Report. *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 10(1), 4-20, 2023.
- Christensen, Love. How Does Uncertainty Affect Voters' Preferences? *British Journal of Political Science* 52 (3), 1186-1204, 2022.
- Däubler, Thomas, Love Christensen and Lukas Linek. Parliamentary Activity, Re-Selection and the Personal Vote. Evidence from Flexible-List Systems. *Parliamentary Affairs*, 71(4), 930-949, 2018.
- Christensen, Love, Stefan Dahlberg and Johan Martinsson. Changes and Fluctuations in Issue Ownership: The Case of Sweden, 1979-2010. *Scandinavian Political Studies*, 38(2), 137-157, 2015.
- Working Papers
- Christensen, Love and Pablo Fernandez-Vazquez. When Can Political Parties Credibly Change Their Policies? *Under review*.
- Christensen, Love, Rasmus Skytte and Rune Slothuus. How Party Reputations Help Citizens Grasp What Is at Stake in Policy Debates. *Paper presented at the 2023 APSA Annual Meeting*.
- Christensen, Love and Jakob Enlund. Echoes of Violent Conflict: The Effect of the Israel-Palestine Conflict on Hate Crimes in the U.S. *Working paper*.
- Christensen, Love, Thomas Leeper and Rune Slothuus. If Citizens Only Have a Cue: How Political Parties Enlighten Public Opinion Formation. *Working paper*.
- Book Chapters
- Love Christensen and Sandra Engelbrecht. *Vägskäl*, chapter Egenintresset i Arbetsmarknadsopinionen [Self-Interest in Labour Market Opinion], pages 133-153. University of Gothenburg, 2013
- Johan Martinsson, Stefan Dahlberg, and Love Christensen. *Stepping Stones: Research on Political Representation, Voting Behavior and Quality of Government.*, chapter Issue Ownership in Sweden 1979-2010. University of Gothenburg, 2013
- Love Christensen and Sandra Engelbrecht. *I Framtidens skugga*, chapter Insiders och Outsiders i Arbetsmarknadsopinionen [Insiders and Outsiders in Labour Market Opinion], pages 227-246. University of Gothenburg, 2012
- Love Christensen and Richard Svensson. *Medborgarna om Välfärden*, chapter Fotbollssupportrar i Göteborg Redux [Football supporters in Gothenburg Redux], pages 151-160. University of Gothenburg, 2012

Awards

- 2023 **APSA Experimental Research Section**
Best Dissertation Award

Larger Research Grants

- 2021 **Swedish Research Council**
Co-applicant. With Mattias Agerberg. Research grant (4.5 million SEK) for the project The Myth of the (Ir)Rational Voter.
- 2020 **Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy**
Co-applicant. With Mikael Persson. Research grant (1 million SEK) for the project Public Opinion and the Economy.

Smaller Grants, Scholarships & Fellowships

- 2020 **Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Stiftelser**
with Mattias Agerberg. Funds for experimental study (50 000 SEK)
- 2020 **Kungliga Vetenskapsakademien**
with Mattias Agerberg. Funds for experimental study (40 000 SEK)
- 2020 **Kungl. och Hvitfeldtska Stiftelsen**
Funds for experimental study (35 000 SEK)
- 2019 **Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse**
Funds for experimental study (35 000 SEK)
- 2019 **Kungl. och Hvitfeldtska Stiftelsen**
Funds for experimental study (30 000 SEK)
- 2019 **Lars Hiertas Minnesfond**
Funds for experimental study (30 000 SEK)
- 2018 **Anniversary Foundation of the School of Business, Economics and Law**
with Jakob Enlund. Funds for data collection (67 500 SEK)
- 2018 **Kungliga Vetenskaps- och Vitterhets-Samhället**
with Jakob Enlund. Funds for data collection (50 000 SEK)
- 2018 **Kungl. och Hvitfeldtska Stiftelsen**
Funds for experimental study (25 000 SEK)
- 2018 **Lars Hiertas Minnesfond**
Funds for experimental study (30 000 SEK)
- 2017 **Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse**
Travel grant (35 000 SEK)

Smaller Grants, Scholarships & Fellowships (continued)

- 2017 **SND ICPSR Scholarship**
Funding for participation in ICPSR Summer School (38 000 SEK)
- 2017 **Filosofiska Fakultetens Donationsstipendium**
Travel grant (20 000 SEK)
- 2016 **Graduate School Funding**
Harvard Kennedy School
Harvard University
Full funding for PhD program in Political Economy and Government. (*Declined*)
- 2016 **Graduate School Funding**
Department of Political Science
Washington University in St. Louis
Full funding for PhD program in Political Science. (*Declined*)
- 2015 **GESS Graduate Student Scholarship**
Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences
University of Mannheim
Scholarship to fund first year of graduate studies at the GESS (approximately € 15 000).
- 2014 **Associate Fellow CDSS**
Graduate School of Economic and Social Sciences
University of Mannheim
Fellowship awarded to outstanding graduate students to promote future PhD studies (approximately € 10 000).
- 2013 **Partial Fellowship**
Department of Political Science
Central European University
Full funding of MA program awarded to outstanding students (approximately € 60 000). (*Declined*)
- 2010 **Erasmus Scholarship**
Scholarship awarded for exchange semester at Humboldt Universität Zu Berlin (approximately € 2 000).

Additional Training

Fall 2018	PhD Courses Microeconomics Department of Economics University of Gothenburg
Spring 2018	PhD Course Behavioral Economics Department of Economics University of Gothenburg
Summer 2017	Advanced Bayesian Statistics ICPSR University of Michigan
Summer 2017	Game Theory II ICPSR University of Michigan
2016-2018	Mathematics I and II (60 ECTS) Department of Mathematics Stockholm University
Fall 2017	Course on Survey Experiments University of Bergen
Fall 2016	Advanced Econometrics The Center for Doctoral Studies in Business University of Mannheim
Spring 2015	Bayesian Statistics for Social Scientists II CDSS at the University of Mannheim
June 2014	Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) University of Mannheim
June 2012	Statistics Sweden Summer School in Statistics Statistics Sweden
March 2012	Advances in Population Based Survey Experiments University of Gothenburg
Sep 2009 – Feb 2010	German Language Course BSI private Sprachenschule, Berlin

IT & Language Proficiency

Programming & Software	R, Stata, Python, JAGS, Stan, \LaTeX , Mathematica, VB, HTML
Language Proficiency	Swedish (native), English (fluent), Norwegian, Danish, German (very good)

Comissions of Trust & Public Service

2020–	Co-Organizer of Nordic Workshop on Political Behavior University of Gothenburg
2018–2022	PhD Student Representative Board of the Heads of the Departments Faculty of Social Science University of Gothenburg
2016–2022	PhD Student Representative Board of Department Department of Political Science University of Gothenburg
2016–2022	Treasurer PhD Club at the Department of Political Science University of Gothenburg
2008–2009	Student Representative Board of Department Department of History of Ideas and Philosophy of Science University of Gothenburg
2012–2013	Assisting trainer Redberglid Boxing Club

References

Main Supervisor	Mikael Persson Professor Department of Political Science University of Gothenburg mikael.persson.3[at]gu.se
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