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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science , <i>Uppsala University, Sweden</i>	since 2021
Supervisors: Alexandra Segerberg, Pär Zetterberg, Carl Öhman	
PhD Visiting Research Fellowship , <i>European University Institute, Italy</i>	2025
PhD Visiting Research Fellowship , <i>Columbia University, New York, US</i>	2025
Pre-doc in Political Science , <i>Graz University, Austria</i>	2020-2021
Supervisor: Bilgin Ayata	
MSc Political Science , <i>Uppsala University, Sweden</i>	2018-2020
GPA: VG (pass with distinction)	
BA European Studies , <i>Maastricht University, Netherlands</i>	2013-2017

WORKING PAPERS

Mainz, S. Inclusion to Exclude: How Femonationalism Impacts Policy Preferences

Mainz, S. Trading Principles? How Linking Immigration to Liberal Values Shifts Public Preferences

Mainz, S. Public support for social media regulation

Grahn, M.; Lawall, K. Mainz, S. and Turnbull-Dugarte, S. "Not in Her Name": Strategic Rebuttals to the Gendered Defence of Illiberal Exclusion

Grahn, M.; Lawall, K. Mainz, S. and Turnbull-Dugarte, S. Liberal nationalism and far-right accommodation

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Uppsala University , <i>Uppsala, Sweden</i>	since 2022
Science communication on visual climate communication with Alexandra Segerberg	
Graz University , <i>Graz, Austria</i>	2020-2021
Research on migration and digital data with Bilgin Ayata	
Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS) , <i>Mannheim, Germany</i>	2019
Research on survey methods and sampling of vulnerable migrant with Dorothée Behr and Steffen Pötzschke	
Uppsala University , <i>Uppsala, Sweden</i>	2019
Research on resentment and populism on social media with Johanna Söderström	

TEACHING

Uppsala University

Bachelor Thesis Course, Department of Government	2023, 2024, 2025
The Problem of Democracy, Department of Government	2022, 2023, 2024
Methods consultation, Department of Government	2023, 2024
Computational Social Sciences, IT Department	2023, 2024
Introduction to R, Department of Government	2023
Supervisor for Bachelor Thesis, Department of Government	2023

Graz University

Postcolonial Studies	2021
Race, Racism and Racialization	2021
Migration Studies	2020

AWARDS

John Sullivan Award

2025

American Political Science Association, Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section. Recognizes the best paper by a graduate student for my paper "Inclusion to Exclude: How Femotionalism Impacts Policy Preferences."

SCHOLARSHIPS

Wallenberg Foundation

2021-2026

Full doctoral scholarship by the Wallenberg AI Autonomous Systems and Software Program - Humanities and Social Sciences (WASP-HS)

Karl Staaffs Fond

2023, 2024, 2025

Scholarships for data collection and research visit abroad

Anna Maria Lundins Stipendiefond

2023, 2024, 2025

Scholarships for conference attendance and travel

Borbos Hanssons Stipendiefond

2023, 2024

Scholarships for conference attendance, travel and research visit abroad

Siamon Stiftelse

2024

Scholarship for conference attendance and travel

Stiftelsen Lars Hiertas Minne

2023

Scholarship for data collection

Women in Political Methodology (WPM)

2023

Fellowship and travel stipend

Swedish Interdisciplinary Research School in Computational Social Science (SIRCSS)

2023

Fellowship and several travel stipends

ORGANIZATION OF ACADEMIC EVENTS

Conference Panel on Gender and Conservative Backlash EPSA, University Carlos III of Madrid Organisation of conference panel with Katharina Lawall	2025
Conference Panel on Femonationalism EPSA, University Carlos III of Madrid Organisation of conference panel with Katharina Lawall	2025
Seminar Series on Methods in Political Science Founder and organiser of the PolMethods Seminar Series Department of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden	since 2023
Workshop on AI and Political Communication WASP-HS Winter Conference, Umeå University, Sweden	2024
Workshop on Generative AI in Political Science Marholmen Conference, Uppsala University, Sweden	2023
Workshop on R for Political Scientists Department of Government, Uppsala University, Sweden	2023
The German-Canadian Conference on Migration and Integration Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences (GESIS), University of Osnabrück, Germany	2019

FELLOWSHIPS

Women in Political Methodology (WPM) Group	since 2023
Swedish Interdisciplinary Research School in Computational Social Science (SIRCSS) Alumni	since 2023
Wallenberg AI Autonomous Systems and Software Program - Humanities and Social Sciences	since 2021
Digital Politics Network (DigPol), Uppsala	since 2021

PRESENTATIONS

Workshops

Bridging Boundaries: Advancing Gender and Politics through Quantitative Methods	2025 (invited)
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Consequences of Identity Politics Workshop	2024
Southampton University	

Conferences

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2024, 2025 (accepted)
European Political Science Association (EPSA) Annual Conference	2024, 2025
NYU Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science	2025
European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG)	2024
Nordic Political Science Association (NoPSA) Congress	2024
European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference	2024

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Doctoral representative to the Board for Research Infrastructure, Uppsala	2024, 2025
Doctoral representative to the Center for Digital Humanities, Uppsala	2024, 2025
Doctoral representative to the department board, Uppsala	2024
Vice-chair of PhD association, Department of Government, Uppsala	2024
Doctoral representative at WASP-HS Program	2022, 2023, 2024

GRADUATE COURSES

Political Psychology with Don Green, Columbia University	2025
Computational Social Science Research School , Linköping University	2022-2024
Feminist Technoscience , Linköping University	2024
Causal Inference and Experiments , Essex Summer School, University of Essex	2023
Quantitative Text Analysis Essex Summer School, University of Essex	2023
Academic Teacher Training , Uppsala University	2023
Summer School for Women* in Political Methodology , Basel University	2023
Social Network Analysis , ECPR Winter School, KU Leuven	2023
Introduction to Network Science , Uppsala University	2022
Python Programming , Uppsala University	2022
Ethical, Legal, and Social Impacts of AI and Autonomous Systems , Umeå University	2022
Foundations, Achievements, Conclusions of Social Science , Uppsala University	2022
Reviewing Prior Research , Uppsala University	2022
Applied Methods in Political Science Uppsala University	2022
What is (artificial) intelligence? An Introduction to Cognitive Science , Lund University	2021
Central Analytical Perspectives Uppsala University	2021
Methods in Political Science Uppsala University	2021

SKILLS

Software and Programming: R, Python, Git, Stata

Markup: LaTeX, R Markdown, HTML

Languages: English (fluent), German (native), Swedish (fluent), French (good proficiency), Spanish (basic)