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Curriculum Vitae

The Swedish Institute of International Affairs
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Academic Appointments

Swedish Institute of International Affairs

Research Fellow

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Institute of Asian Studies

Associate Research Fellow

Education

Kiel University

Doctoral Student, Institute of Social Sciences, Research Group on International Political Sociology, March 2011-July 2015

GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

Doctoral Student and Research Fellow, Institute of Asian Studies, March 2011-July 2015

Dissertation: From 'Japan Problem' to 'China Threat'? Dissecting the Economic Discourses on Japan (1980-1995) and China (1995-2008) in the United States Congress

Supervisors: Dirk Nabers (Kiel University), Patrick Köllner (GIGA Institute of Asian Studies and University of Hamburg)

Fields: Political Science, International Relations

University of Virginia

Visiting Ph.D.-scholar, Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, January-March 2014

American University

Visiting Ph.D.-scholar, School of International Service (SIS), October-December 2013

Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy (IFSH) at the University of Hamburg

Master of Peace and Security Studies (M.P.S), October 2010

Thesis: The China-Discourse in the U.S.-Congress: Debates on the Chinese Currency (2003-2010)

Supervisors: Dirk Nabers, Patrick Köllner

Humboldt University Berlin and Free University Berlin

Magistra Artium (M.A.), October 2008

Fields: Contemporary history (major), European law (minor), Chinese studies (minor)

Thesis: The Festival 'Klaus Störtebeker' – Popular Culture and Cultural Policies in the German Democratic Republic in the 1950s and 1960s

Supervisor: Gerd Dietrich

Research

Peer-reviewed academic publications

(under review) with Felix Berenskoetter: Recovering the concept of ‘the Stranger’ in IR, submitted to *Review of International Studies*

(under review) with Viking Bohman: Chinese Investment in Sweden: From fame to fear?, submitted to *Internasjonal Politikk*

(accepted for publication): The US and its historical ‘others’: Revisiting the ‘Japan problem’ in light of the (re)current ‘China threat’, forthcoming in *East Asia Forum*

(2019) with Oliver Turner: Morality and Progress: IR narratives on international revisionism and the status quo, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 32 (4), 407-428

(2019) with Johannes Plagemann: Comparative Exceptionalism: universality and particularity in foreign policy discourses, in: *International Studies Review*, 21(1), 12-32 (online first March 2018)

(2017) The Economics of Identity: is China the new ‘Japan Problem’ for the United States?, in: *Journal of International Relations and Development*, online first, <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41268-017-0126-9>

(2013) The End of the ‘Liberal Theory of History’? Dissecting the U.S. Congress’ Discourse on China’s Currency Policy, in: *International Political Sociology*, 7, 4, 388–405, <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ips.12030/abstract>

Other academic publications

(2016) Book Review: Lee, Eun-Jeung (2014) *Ostasien denken. Diskurse zur Selbstwahrnehmung Ostasiens in Korea, Japan und China (Thinking East Asia – Discourses on Self-Perceptions in Korea, Japan and China)*, Baden-Baden: Nomos, for *Politische Vierteljahresschrift (Journal of the German Association for Political Science)* 57/1, 149-151

(2014) Special Issue: with Godehardt, Nadine, The Impact of Post-2014 Afghanistan on Asian Regional Security, Introduction to Special Issue, in: Godehardt, Nadine and Nicola Nymalm (eds.), *The Impact of Post-2014 Afghanistan on Asian Regional Security*, *Asian Perspective* Vol. 38 No. 4 Oct.–Dec. 2014, 493-495, <http://journals.riener.com/doi/abs/10.5555/0258-9184-38.4.493>

(2011) Working paper: The End of the ‘Liberal Theory of History’? Dissecting the U.S. Congress’ Discourse on China’s Currency Policy, GIGA Working Paper, No. 170, June 2011, Hamburg: GIGA

Reports

(2017) with Forslund, Martin, Chinese Investment in Sweden: Encountering Open Doors, in: Seaman John, Mikko Huotari and Miguel Otero-Iglesias (eds.), *Chinese Investment in Europe – A Country-Level Approach, A Report by the European Think-tank Network on China (ETNC)*, December 2017: https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/news/2017/etnc-reports-2017_final_20dec2017.pdf

(2013) Conference Report: Regional Order and Regionalism in Asia, Peking, 16.–17. März 2013, in: *ASIEN: The German Journal on Contemporary Asia*, 128, 99-101

Briefing papers

(2012) with Schaltuganow, Elmira, *Die Außenhandelskooperation der USA mit Asien (U.S. Foreign Trade Policy towards Asia)*, GIGA Focus Global, 11/2012, Hamburg: GIGA, https://giga.hamburg/de/system/files/publications/gf_global_1211.pdf

(2011) Zwischen Liberalisierung und Protektionismus: Wohin steuert die US-Außenhandelspolitik? (Between Liberalism and Protectionism: The Future Course of US Foreign Trade Policy?) GIGA Focus Global, 06/2011, Hamburg: GIGA, <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:0168-ssoar-311291>

(2011) Die USA und der Aufstieg Chinas: Eine Wiederkehr des „Japan-Problems“? (The U.S. and the Rise of China: Déjà-Vu of the “Japan-Problem”?), GIGA Focus Asien, 02/2011, Hamburg: GIGA, <http://nbn-resolving.de/urn:nbn:de:0168-ssoar-288935>

Work in Progress

(Research monograph) From ‘Japan problem’ to ‘China threat’? US discourses on ‘rising powers’, submission to *Palgrave Macmillan/Global Political Sociology* in October 2019

(Article) Are we practicing what we are preaching? Reflections on teaching ‘critical thinking’ in International Relations, accepted for conference presentation at EISA 2019

(Article) Constituting causality: Beyond the ‘ideational/material’ divide (with Medha, GIGA Hamburg), submission to *International Theory* by the end of 2019

Presentations (selection)

The Stranger in/and the politics of identity, 12th Pan-European Conference International Relations, 12-15 September 2018 | University of Economics, Prague

Narratives on revisionism and status quo in great power relations, Changing Asia 2017: Perspectives on Regional and Global Cooperation 14-18 September 2017 | Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, India

Converting the stranger: Identity/difference, and the expectations of change, British International Studies Association (BISA) working group ‘Interpretivism in International Relations’ workshop on “Identity in International Relations: Methods of Interpretation and Critique”, June 18, 2017 | SOAS, University of London

Revisionism and status quo in great power relations: The US and China in the era of Trump (with Oliver Turner, University of Edinburgh), World International Studies Committee (WISC) 5th Global International Studies Conference, March 2, 2017 | Taipei, Taiwan

Comparative exceptionalism: a research agenda, with Johannes Plagemann (GIGA Hamburg), International Studies Association (ISA), 57th Annual Convention, March 16, 2016 | Atlanta, Georgia

Constituting Causality: a conciliatory reply to the critics of ‘causal rejection’, with Medha (GIGA Hamburg), International Studies Association (ISA), 57th Annual Convention, March 16, 2016 | Atlanta, Georgia

The “Rise of China” and the Economics of Identity: New Approaches to the Study of Foreign Economic Policy, American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 5, 2015 | San Francisco, California

U.S.-China Economic Relations – Towards Competition or Confrontation?, Changing Asia: Perspectives on Regional and Global Cooperation, April 18, 2015 | GIGA, Hamburg

Theory and Practice Regarding the “Rise of China” – Inquiring into the ‘History of (the) Present’ U.S. Foreign Economic Policy, International Studies Association (ISA), 56th Annual Convention, February 20, 2015 | New Orleans, Louisiana

Hegemonic Discourses and Identities – A Close-up on 'Global Powershifts', International Studies Association (ISA), 55th Annual Convention, March 27, 2014 | Toronto, Canada

Theorizing the 'Rise of China' vs. the 'Decline of the West' – Unprecedented Historical Event or just a Déjà-Vu?, 13th East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference, February 14, 2014 | Honolulu, Hawai'i

The U.S. 'Rebalancing' towards Asia – The Economic Dimension and Implications for Regional Economic Cooperation in East Asia, International Workshop Regional Order and Regionalism in Asia, March 17, 2013 | China Foreign Affairs University (CFAU), Beijing, China

Discourses on Japan and China as Identity Constructions in U.S. Foreign Economic Policy, International Studies Association (ISA), 52nd Annual Convention, April 4, 2012 | San Diego, California

From 'Japan Problem' to 'China Threat?', 6th European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference, August 25, 2011 | Reykjavik, Iceland

Grants and Scholarships

applied for and pending in 2019:

European Research Council (ERC), participating researcher (collaborative), 5 year research project on 'Rethinking Power Shifts: How Narrative Power shapes World Politics' (EUR 2 500 000)

Swedish Research Council (VR), principal investigator (collaborative), 3 year research project on 'Comparative Exceptionalism: universality and particularity in global politics' (SEK 4 469 669)

Marcus and Marianne Wallenberg Foundation (MMW), principal investigator (collaborative), 3- year research project on 'Comparative Exceptionalism: universality and particularity in global politics' (SEK 5 107 245)

Research Council of Norway, participating researcher (collaborative), 3-year research project on 'Asia in a time of change: the political effects of infrastructure projects in Asia' (NOK 6 900 000)

received:

2016: Riksbankens Jubiläumsfond, research initiation grant, collaboration at UI: 'A New Theory of International Power Shifts' (principal investigator Prof. Linus Hagström, Swedish Defence University) (SEK 250,000)

2015: Finnish Cultural Foundation, dissertation completion grant (€12,000)

2013: Finnish Cultural Foundation, scholarship for dissertation project (€22,000)

2011: Finnish Cultural Foundation, scholarship for dissertation project (€21,000)

2010: GIGA, stipend for dissertation research proposal (€1,800)

Teaching

Co-convenor/Instructor: Qualitative Data Analysis: How to find meaning in your texts (GIGA Doctoral Program), GIGA Hamburg, May 6-7 2019

Instructor: The "rise of China", US-China relations and their global implications. From (IR-) theory to practice? Lecture at the Center for Societal Security at the Swedish Defence University, April 2019

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Co-convenor/Instructor/Supervisor: Security in International Relations (Political Science III), Stockholm University, Department of Political Science, February 2017 - 2019

Lecturer: Discourse Analysis, MA methods course module, Swedish Defence University, fall semester 2018

Convener/Instructor: Introduction to Critical Security Studies, MA course module, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, Master of Peace and Security Studies, January 2018

Instructor: B-uppsatskurs i krigsvetenskap, Swedish Defence University, fall semester 2017/2018

Instructor: Introduction to Data Analysis, MA methods course module, Swedish Defence University, fall semester 2017

Convener/Instructor: Introduction to Discourse Analysis, MA course module, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, winter/spring semester 2016 and 2017

Instructor: Comparative Politics (Political Science I), Stockholm University, Department of Political Science, fall semester 2016

Instructor: East Asia, the United States, and the 'Rise of China', guest-seminar as part of master's course on Cultural Flows and Political Relations in East Asia, Stockholm University, Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies, 20 September, 2016

Lecturer: From 'Japan Problem' to 'China Threat' – just another power shift debate? 'Monday Lecture', Stockholm University, Department of Asian, Middle Eastern and Turkish Studies, 23 November, 2015.

Convener/Instructor: The Role of the United States in East Asia/the Asia-Pacific: a Regional Power? Masters' seminar, Kiel University, Department of Social Sciences, spring semester 2015

Lecturer: U.S. Economic Policy towards Japan and China, Department of International Relations, Guest lecture, Tsinghua University, Beijing, 21 March, 2013.

Teaching Assistant: Workshop on Discourse Theory, Faculty of Social Sciences/Department of Political and Economic Studies, University of Helsinki, 28 February-1 March, 2013

Convener/Instructor: Workshop on "China and the West: What do we want from China?" at the Heidelberger Dialogue for International Security 2011: The Global Powershift: Towards a Chinese Century?, Forum for International Security, Heidelberg, 21-23 October, 2011.

Previous employment and academic appointments

The Swedish Institute of International Affairs

Research Fellow, October 2015 – ongoing (until 2016 80%, since then 50%)

Stockholm University

University lecturer (adjunct), December 2016 – February 2019 (35%)

GIGA Institute of Asian Studies

Doctoral Research Fellow, March 2011-July 2015 (externally funded)

University of the Federal Armed Forces/ Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg

Research Assistant, Chair of International Relations (Michael Staack), February-July 2013

Kiel University Research Group on International Political Sociology (KUIPS)

Research Assistant, April-September 2012

Humboldt University Berlin

Research Assistant for editorial project on the historian Jacob Burckhardt (Wolfgang Hardtwig), March 2002-April 2003

Service

Reviewer: *International Political Sociology*; *Politische Vierteljahresschrift (Journal of the German Association for Political Science)*; *Asien (The German Journal of Contemporary Asia)*

Board member: Sweden Alumni Club, Helsinki University (since foundation in 2017)

Chairperson: *M.P.S. Hamburg e.V.*, alumni association *Master of Peace and Security Studies* October 2010-2011

Memberships

European Think Tank Network on China (ETNC)

Stockholm Observatory for Global China

Korea-Europe Next Generation Policy Expert Network (Chatham House/Korea Foundation)

International Studies Association (ISA)

European International Studies Association (EISA)

German Political Science Association (DVPW)

Language Skills

Finnish and German (mother tongue)

English, French, Spanish and Swedish (fluent)

Chinese (intermediate-advanced)