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Curriculum Vitae

The Swedish Institute of International Affairs
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Current academic appointments

Swedish Defence University

Associate Senior Lecturer/Assistant Professor

The Swedish Institute of International Affairs

Associate Research Fellow (non-resident)

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 articles

(2020) with Felix Berenskoetter: Recovering the concept of ‘the Stranger’ in IR, *Review of International Studies* (first view), DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210520000376>

(2020) with Viking Bohman: Chinese Investment in Sweden: From fame to fear?, *Internasjonal Politikk* 78 (1) 93-105.

(2019) Washington’s old ‘Japan problem’ and the current ‘China threat’, *East Asia Forum*, <https://www.eastasiaforum.org/2019/09/11/washingtons-old-japan-problem-and-the-current-china-threat/>

(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)

(2019) The Economics of Identity: is China the new ‘Japan Problem’ for the United States?, in: *Journal of International Relations and Development* 22(4), 909-933 (online first December 2017)

(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

Books

(2020) *From ‘Japan problem’ to ‘China threat’? Rising powers in US economic discourse*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan

(under contract) with Turner, Oliver and Aslam, Wali (eds.): *The Routledge Handbook of US Policy in the Indo-Pacific*, London: Routledge

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>

Presentations (selection)

Are we practicing what we are preaching? Reflections on teaching ‘critical thinking’ in International Relations, 13th Pan-European Conference International Relations, 11-14 September 2019, Sofia

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

Research Council of Norway, participating researcher (led by the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, NUPI), 3-year research project on 'Asia in a time of change: the political effects of infrastructure projects in Asia' (total NOK 6 900 000)

2016: Riksbankens Jubiläumsfond, participating researcher (principal investigator Prof. Linus Hagström, Swedish Defence University), research initiation grant: 'A New Theory of International Power Shifts' (total 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

Instructor: Internationell politik A (first year, selected seminars); Theories of International Relations (third year, selected seminars), Södertörn University, Department of Political Science, September 2019-January 2020

Instructor: International Politics A (first year, selected seminars) Uppsala University, Department of Political Science, September 2019-January 2020

Co-convener/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

Co-convener/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 – September 2019 (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)

Associate Research Fellow, September 2015-October 2020 (non-resident)

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; International Studies Quarterly; Foreign Policy Analysis; Politische Vierteljahresschrift (Journal of the German Association for Political Science); Asien (The German Journal of Contemporary Asia); Global Affairs; East Asia Forum

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

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)

Language Skills

Finnish and German (mother tongue)

English, French, Spanish and Swedish (fluent)

Chinese (intermediate-advanced)