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## EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. Political Science. Department of Political Science, Stockholm University.  
*Dissertation: "Waiting for the rising power: China's rise in East Asia and the evolution of great power politics", <http://www.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:925335/FULLTEXT02>.*
- 2011 M.A. International Relations. Department of Global Political Studies, Malmö University.
- 2009 B.A. International Relations with a minor in Peace and Conflict Studies.  
Department of Global Political Studies, Malmö University.
- 2007 – 2008 Exchange studies in International Relations, Kyoto Ritsumeikan University.
- 2004 – 2005 Japanese studies at Osaka International School of Culture and Language.
- 2003 – 2004 Mandarin studies at Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

## POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2016 – Head of Asia Program, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs.
- 2016 – Research Fellow, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs.
- 2018 – Member of the steering group, Stockholm Observatory for Global China
- 2019 Taiwan Fellow, National Chengkung University.
- 2015 – 2016 Visiting Fellow, Harvard University Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies.

- 2015 – 2016 Predoctorate Affiliate, Princeton-Harvard China and the World Program.
- 2013 Taiwan Fellow, National Taiwan University.
- 2012 Visiting Doctoral Student, National Chengchi University.
- 2011 – 2016 Associate Research Fellow, The Swedish Institute of International Affairs.
- 2011 Intern at the office of MP Akihisa Nagashima, Japan’s Diet.
- 2008 Intern at the Embassy of Sweden, Tokyo.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2019 Fägersten, Björn och Björn Jerdén, “En moralisk stormakt i post-neutral tappning: Svensk utrikespolitik 2011–2018 [A moral great power in a post-neutral version: Swedish foreign policy 2011–2018, *Internasjonal Politikk*, 76(4): 343–354.
- 2017 Jerdén, Björn, “Security Expertise and International Hierarchy: The Case of ‘The Asia-Pacific Epistemic Community’”, *Review of International Studies*, 43(4): 494–515.
- 2014 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, “East Asia’s Power Shift: The Flaws and Hazards of the Debate and How to Avoid Them”, *Asian Perspective*, 38(3): 337–362.
- 2014 Jerdén, Björn, “The Assertive China Narrative: Why It Is Wrong and How So Many Still Bought into It”, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, 7(1): 47–88.
- 2012 Jerdén, Björn and Hagström, Linus, “Rethinking Sino-Japanese Relations: Japan as an Accommodator in the Rise of China”, *Journal of East Asian Studies*, 12(2): 215–250.
- 2010 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, “Understanding Fluctuations in Sino-Japanese Relations: To Politicize or to De-politicize the China Issue in the Japanese Diet”, *Pacific Affairs*, 83(4): 719–739.

### **Edited Refereed Special Issues**

- 2014 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, “The East Asian Power Shift: A Critical Appraisal”, *Asian Perspective*, 38(3).

## Edited Reports

- 2019 Mario Esteban and Miguel Otero-Iglesias along with Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova, Alice Ekman, Lucrezia Poggetti, Björn Jerdén, John Seaman, Tim Summers and Justyna Szczudlik, eds., *Europe in the Face of US-China Rivalry*, European Think-tank Network on China, [https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/etnc\\_report\\_2020\\_us-china-europe.pdf](https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/etnc_report_2020_us-china-europe.pdf)
- 2018 Rühlig, Tim Nicholas, Björn Jerdén, Frans-Paul van der Putten, John Seaman, Miguel Otero-Iglesias and Alice Ekman, eds., *Political values in Europe-China relations*, European Think-tank Network on China, [https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/full-report-web-version\\_updated.pdf](https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/full-report-web-version_updated.pdf).

## Book and Report Chapters

- 2020 Jerdén, Björn, “Sweden: Not quite friends in need with China amid the Covid-19 crisis”, in John Seaman ed., *Covid-19 and Europe-China relations: A country-level analysis*, European Think-tank Network on China, [https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/etnc-special-report\\_covid-19\\_2020.pdf](https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/etnc-special-report_covid-19_2020.pdf).
- 2020 Jerdén, Björn, “Little to cheer about: Sweden in the face of US-Chinese rivalry”, in Tim Rühlig et al. eds., *Political values in Europe-China relations*, European Think-tank Network on China, [https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/full-report-web-version\\_updated.pdf](https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/full-report-web-version_updated.pdf).
- 2020 Jerdén, Björn, “Sweden-South Korea relations: Stretching beyond economic interests”, in Ramon Pacheco Pardo ed., *Mapping out EU-South Korea relations: Key member states’ perspectives*, KF-VUB Korea Chair, <https://www.korea-chair.eu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/EU-MS-SK-Relations-report-2020.pdf>.
- 2018 Rühlig, Tim Nicholas, Björn Jerdén, John Seaman, Frans-Paul van der Putten, Miguel Otero-Iglesias and Alice Ekman, “The role of political values in Europe-China relations” in *Political values in Europe-China relations*, European Think-tank Network On China, [https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/full-report-web-version\\_updated.pdf](https://www.ui.se/globalassets/ui.se-eng/research/asia/full-report-web-version_updated.pdf).
- 2018 Jerdén, Björn, “Misperceptions Of Abandonment In The U.S.–Japan Alliance” in *Assessing the U.S. Commitment to Allies in Asia and Beyond*, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, 11: 14–18, <http://www.gmfus.org/publications/assessing-us-commitment-allies-asia-and-beyond>.
- 2016 Jerdén, Björn, Nordström, Andreas and Svantesson, Monica, “Avhandlingen” in Hagström, Linus, Bremberg, Niklas and Holmberg, Arita (eds.) *Att Forska: Pratikern och Roller*, Stockholm: Carlsson Bokförlag, 2016.

**Book Reviews**

- 2015 Jerdén, Björn, "Erik Ringmar's Liberal Barbarism: The European Destruction of the Palace of the Emperor of China", in *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 15(2): 397-399, 2015.
- 2014 Jerdén, Björn, "Randall L. Schweller's Maxwell's Demon and the Golden Apple: Global Discord in the New Millennium and Simon Reich and Richard Ned Lebow's Good-bye Hegemony! Power and Influence in the Global System", *Internationella studier*, (4): 62.

**Web-Based Publications**

- 2018 Jerdén, Björn, "Frågorna står på kö efter toppmötet mellan Trump och Kim", [Questions abound after the summit meeting between Trump and Kim] *Svenska Dagbladet*, June 13, <https://www.svd.se/fragorna-star-pa-ko-efter-toppmotet-mellan-trump-och-kim>.
- 2017 Jerdén, Björn and Söderström, Jonas, "Makten är på väg att förskjutas mot Kina", *Svenska Dagbladet*, 1 April, <https://www.svd.se/makten-ar-pa-vag-att-forskjutas-mot-kina>.
- 2017 Jerdén, Björn et al, "Don't Call it the New Chinese Global Order (Yet)", *Foreign Policy, ChinaFile*, 7 March, <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/03/07/dont-call-it-the-chinese-global-order-yet-xi-jinping-donald-trump-values/>.
- 2017 Jerdén, Björn, "How does China convince international experts it can lead in East-Asia?", *Fairbank Center Blog*, <https://medium.com/fairbank-center/how-does-china-convince-international-experts-it-can-lead-in-east-asia-6e4c98286469>.
- 2016 Jerdén, Björn, "Did Oslo Kowtow to Beijing?", *ChinaFile*, 21 December, <http://www.chinafile.com/conversation/did-oslo-kowtow-beijing>.
- 2014 Jerdén, Björn, "The Myth of Chinese Assertiveness", *The Diplomat*, 22 April.
- 2012 Jerdén, Björn and Hagström, Linus, "Senkakus a harbinger for Japanese shift on China policy?", *East Asia Forum* 10 October.

**Other Publications**

- 2018 Jerdén, Björn and Viking Bohman, "Kinesiska investeringar ger inte mindre kritik" [Chinese investments do not lead to less criticism], *Dagens industri*, 13 december, <https://www.di.se/debatt/kinesiska-investeringar-ger-inte-mindre-kritik/>.
- 2018 Jerdén, Björn and Viking Bohman, "What Chinese tourist row in Sweden says about the future of Europe-China relations", *South China Morning Post*, 21 September, <https://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/united-states/article/2164981/what-chinese-tourist-row-sweden-says-about>.

- 2018 Jerdén, Björn, Christer Ljungwall, Mikael Weissmann, and Viking Bohman, "Sverige bör få EU att ställa tydliga krav på Kina" [Should should make the EU make clear demands on China, *Svenska Dagbladet*, 4 August, <https://www.svd.se/sverige-bor-fa-eu-att-stalla-tydliga-krav-pa-kina>.
- 2017 Jerdén, Björn and Niklas Bremberg, "Effekten av rysk propaganda och desinformation överdrivs" [The effect of Russian propaganda and desinformation is exaggerated], *Dagens Nyheter*, 28 June.
- 2013 Jerdén, Björn, "Taiwan? Republiken Kina?" [Taiwan? Republic of China?], *Världspolitikens dagsfrågor*, (11-12): 10–15.
- 2013 Jerdén, Björn, "För stor för sin hatt: Så har Shintaro Ishihara retat gallfeber på Japans regering" [How Shintaro Ishihara has infuriated Japan's Government], *Internationella studier*, (4): 44.
- 2009 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, "En ond cirkel: Ingenting talar för en lösning i ö-konflikten mellan Kina och Japan" [A vicious circle: Nothing speaks for a solution in the islands conflict between China and Japan], *Internationella studier*, (1): 40-42.
- 2009 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, "Maktskifte i Japan: är en förändring möjlig?", *Världspolitikens dagsfrågor*, (11).
- 2012 Jerdén, Björn, "Vad hände efter Wikileaks?" [What happened after Wikileaks?], *Internationella studier*, (3): 52.
- 2012 Jerdén, Björn, "Dold diplomati" [Hidden diplomacy], *Internationella studier*, (3): 54–55.
- 2012 Jerdén, Björn, "Japansk speed-dating: 15 premiärministrar på 18 år. Orsak-brist på konflikter" [Japanese speed-dating: 15 Prime Ministers in 18 years. The reason—a lack of conflicts], *Internationella studier*, (1): 18–19.
- 2011 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, "Osäker framtid för Nordkorea" [North Korea facing a precarious future], *Aftonbladet*, December 19.
- 2011 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, "Kim Jong Un kommer få svårt att behålla makten efter sin far" [Kim Jong Un will have a hard time holding on to power after his father], *SVT Debatt*, December 19.
- 2011 Jerdén, Björn, "Politisk kris i spåren av trippelkatastrofen" [Political crisis in the wake of the triple disaster], *Metro*, October 5: 16.
- 2009 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, "Japans nya regering vill förändra" [Japan's new government seeks change"], *Östgöta Correspondenten*, September 8: A4.
- 2009 Hagström, Linus and Jerdén, Björn, "Ett historiskt val i Japan" [A historical election in Japan ], *Dala-demokraten*, September 5.

**GRANTS****For research**

- 2017 Three years research grant from the Special Research Program at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs.
- 2015 One year research grant funded by the Sweden-America Foundation, Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University, 2015-2016.
- 2015 Dissertation grant, Helge Ax:son Johnson Foundation.
- 2012 Research grant funded by the Taiwan Fellowship, National Taiwan University, for spring 2013.
- 2010 Nordic Institute for Asian Studies (NIAS) SUPRA Scholarship for Master Students.
- 2009 The Swedish Institute of International Affairs Northeast Asia Scholarship.
- 2009 Full funding for three years PhD studies, Torsten and Ragnar Söderberg Foundation.
- 2007 The Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), Scholarship for Outstanding Students in the Chinese Language

**For travel**

- 2011 Sweden-Japan Foundation Contact Scholarship.
- 2009 Sweden International Development Agency's (SIDA) Scholarship Program for Field Studies in Developing Countries.
- Stockholm University Forum for Asian Studies Travel Scholarship, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015.

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY****Panels organized**

- 2017 "Identity and soft power in the international relations of China and Japan", Chair L.H.M. Ling, *World International Studies Committee Fifth Global International Studies Conference*, Taipei, Taiwan, 1–3 April.
- 2017 "The international relations of rising and established powers: Insights from China, Japan and the United States" Chair Linus Hagström, *World International Studies Committee Fifth Global International Studies Conference*, Taipei, Taiwan, 1–3 April.

- 2014 “Enduring Dependencies: The US Influence on Japan’s Foreign Policy”, Chair Hugo Dobson, University of Sheffield, *European Association of Japanese Studies International Conference*, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 27–30 August.

### Papers Presented

- 2018 “Abandonment in Alliance Politics: Lessons from Japan-US Relations”, *European Japan Advanced Research Network Conference 2018*, Stockholm, Sweden, 8–9 June.
- 2017 “Rethinking Balancing: Implications for China’s Rise and Japan-China Relations”, *The Thirteenth Conference of the Nordic Association for the Study of Contemporary Japanese Society*, Stockholm, Sweden, 18–19 June.
- 2017 “The Limits of Chinese Influence in East Asia: Status-seeking and Rising Power Stagnation”, *World International Studies Committee Fifth Global International Studies Conference*, Taipei, Taiwan, 1–3 April.
- 2017 “Balancing as a Variable: China’s Rise in the Asia-Pacific”, *World International Studies Committee Fifth Global International Studies Conference*, Taipei, Taiwan, 1–3 April.
- 2014 “Was the Democratic Party of Japan a ‘Bunch of Amateurs?’ A Comparison of Foreign Policy Incompetence between DPJ and LDP Administrations, 2009-2014”, *European Association of Japanese Studies International Conference*, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 27-30 August.
- 2014 “Trying Too Hard? How China’s Quest for Great Power Status Spoils its Foreign Policy”, *Sino-Japanese Relations Research Network Conference*, Leeds, UK, 8-9 July.
- 2014 “The Asia-Pacific Epistemic Community: Legitimizing US Security Hierarchy in East Asia”, *European Workshops in International Studies*, Izmir, Turkey, 21-24 May.
- 2014 “Power Shift in East Asia”, *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Toronto, Canada, 26-29 March.
- 2014 “The Asia-Pacific Epistemic Community: Institutionalization of Security Knowledge and the US Staying Power in East Asia”, *Swedish Network for Foreign Policy Analysis Annual Workshop*, Stockholm, Sweden, 23-24 January.
- 2013 “The Asia-Pacific Epistemic Community: decoding US Staying Power in East Asia”, *Swedish Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Stockholm, 2-4 October.
- 2013 “The Asia-Pacific Epistemic Community: decoding US Staying Power in East Asia”, *Hebrew University PhD Workshop on Transnational Dimensions of Global Governance*, Jerusalem, Israel, 30-31 October.

- 2013 “The Asia-Pacific Epistemic Community: decoding US Staying Power in East Asia”, *European International Studies Association Annual Conference*, Warsaw, Poland, 18-21 September.
- 2013 “The Asia-Pacific Epistemic Community: decoding US Staying Power in East Asia”, *Swedish Institute of International Affairs 75 Years’ Anniversary Conference*, Stockholm, Sweden, 28-30 August.
- 2013 “The Asia-Pacific Epistemic Community: decoding US Staying Power in East Asia”, *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, USA, 3-6 April.
- 2012 “Did China’s Foreign Policy Turn More ‘Assertive’ in 2009-2010?”, *Swedish Network for Foreign Policy Analysis Annual Workshop*, Stockholm, Sweden, 19 December.
- 2012 “Did China’s Foreign Policy Turn More ‘Assertive’ in 2009-2010?”, *Swedish Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Växjö, Sweden, 26-28 September.
- 2012 “Did China’s Foreign Policy Become More ‘Assertive’ in 2009-2010?”, *Sino-Japanese Relations Postgraduate Network Conference*, Leeds, UK, 12-14 September.
- 2012 “The American Discourse on the PRC’s Foreign Policy: Did China Turn More ‘Assertive’ in Recent Years?”, *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, USA, 1-4 April.
- 2011 “Would American Retrenchment Destabilize East Asia?”, *Nordic Institute for Asian Studies Council Annual Conference*, Stockholm, Sweden, 21-25 November.
- 2011 “Rethinking Japan’s China Policy: Japan as an Accommodator in the Rise of China 1978-2010”, *Sino-Japanese Relations Postgraduate Network Conference*, Leeds, UK, 2-3 June.
- 2011 “Re-evaluating Japanese China Policy: Japan as an Accommodator in the Rise of China 1978-2010” (presented with Linus Hagström), *International Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, 16-19 March.
- 2010 “To Politicize or to De-politicize: Understanding Fluctuations in Sino-Japanese Relations”, *European Consortium for Political Research Standing Group on International Relations Annual Conference*, Stockholm, Sweden, 9-11 September.

## TEACHING

### Stockholm University

Political science, introductory level undergraduate seminars on international politics, spring 2012, fall 2012, fall 2013, and spring 2014.



Japan studies, BA thesis opponent, 2009, 2012, 2014, and 2017.

China studies, BA thesis opponent, 2016.

International relations, supervision of MA thesis, 2017.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2015 ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, The Philosophy and Methodology of the Social Sciences.

2012 Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies, Case Study Research Methods.

## **SERVICE TO ACADEMIC PROFESSION**

### **Review activities**

2013– Peer reviewer for *Asian Security*, *Contemporary Security Policy*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*, *The Pacific Review*, *Asia In Focus*.

### **Other activities**

2011–2015 Library Council Member, Anna Lindh Library, Sweden Defence University.

## **LANGUAGES\***

Swedish: native.

English: proficient (C2).

Chinese (Mandarin): advanced (C1).

Japanese: advanced (C1).

German: intermediate (B1).

\*Levels estimated according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.