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CURRENT AFFILIATIONS AND POSITIONS

- 2018 – Wallander Postdoctoral Fellow **Research Institute of Industrial Economics**, Stockholm
- 2020 – Research Affiliate Centre for Economic Policy Research (**CEPR**)
- 2020 Academic Visitor of the Sociology Group, Nuffield College, **University of Oxford**
- 2018 – Affiliated Researcher, Department of Economic History, **Lund University**
- 2017 – Affiliated Researcher Centre for Economic Demography, **Lund University**

PAST AFFILIATIONS AND POSITIONS

- 2015 – 2019 **Associate Fellow** Oxford Martin School, **University of Oxford**
- 2019 Academic Visitor of the Sociology Group, Nuffield College, **University of Oxford**
- 2018 – 2019 Wallander Postdoctoral Research Fellow **IIES**, **Stockholm University**
- 2018 **British Academy** International Visiting Fellow, **University of Oxford**
- 2018 Visiting Researcher, **Research Institute of Industrial Economics**, Stockholm
- 2017 – 2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economic History, **Lund University**

EDUCATION

- 2012 – 2017 **Ph.D.** in Economic History, **Lund University**
Thesis title: *Engines of Growth: Essays in Swedish Economic History*
Supervisors: Kerstin Enflo, Martin Henning, Lennart Schön
Faculty opponent: Nikolaus Wolf (Humboldt University)
- 2011 – 2012 **M.Sc.** in Economic Growth, Innovation & Spatial Dynamics, Lund University
- 2008 – 2011 **B.Sc.** in Business Administration & Economics, Lund University

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Andersson, D., Berger, T., and Prawitz D. (2020) Making a Market: Infrastructure, Integration and the Rise of Innovation. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, accepted.
1. Berger, T., & Engzell, P. (2020). Trends and disparities in subjective upward mobility since 1940. *Socius*, forthcoming.
2. Berger, T., & Engzell, P. (2019). American geography of opportunity reveals European origins. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 116(13), 6045-6050.
3. Berger, T. (2019). Railroads and rural industrialization: Evidence from a historical policy experiment. *Explorations in Economic History*, 74, 101-277.
4. Berger, T. (2019). Adopting a new technology: potatoes and population growth in the periphery. *The Economic History Review*, 72(3), 869-896.
5. Andersson, J., & Berger, T. (2019). Elites and the expansion of education in nineteenth-century Sweden. *The Economic History Review*, 72(3), 897-924.
6. Berger, T. (2018). Places of persistence: Slavery and the geography of intergenerational mobility in the United States. *Demography*, 55(4), 1547-1565.
7. Berger, T., Frey, C. B., Levin, G., & Danda, S. R. (2018). Uber happy? Work and well-being in the “gig economy”. *Economic Policy*, forthcoming.
8. Berger, T., Chen, C., & Frey, C. B. (2018). Drivers of disruption? Estimating the Uber effect. *European Economic Review*, 110, 197-210.
9. Berger, T., & Enflo, K. (2017). Locomotives of local growth: The short-and long-term impact of railroads in Sweden. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 98, 124-138.
10. Frey, C. B., Berger, T., & Chen, C. (2018). Political machinery: did robots swing the 2016 US presidential election?. *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 34(3), 418-442.
11. Berger, T., & Frey, C. B. (2017). Industrial renewal in the 21st century: evidence from US cities. *Regional Studies*, 51(3), 404-413.
12. Berger, T., & Frey, C. B. (2016). Regional technological dynamism and noncompete clauses: Evidence from a natural experiment. *Journal of Regional Science*, forthcoming.
13. Berger, T., & Frey, C. B. (2016). Did the Computer Revolution shift the fortunes of US cities? Technology shocks and the geography of new jobs. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 57, 38-45.
14. Berger, T., Enflo, K., & Henning, M. (2012). Geographical location and urbanisation of the Swedish manufacturing industry, 1900–1960: evidence from a new database. *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 60(3), 290-308.

SUBMITTED WORKING PAPERS

2. Berger, T., Engzell, P., Eriksson B., and Molinder J. (2020) Social mobility in Sweden before the welfare state. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Economic History*.
3. Berger, T. and Engzell, P. (2020) Intergenerational mobility during the fourth industrial revolution. Under review at *American Journal of Sociology*.

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS IN EDITED WORKS

1. Berger, T. (2016) *Engines of Growth: Essays in Swedish Economic History*. Lund Studies in Economic History No. 78. (ISBN: 978-91-87793-28-8)
 - a. Awarded the Gino Luzzatto Dissertation Prize by the European Historical Economics Society and the Dissertation Prize awarded by the Swedish Economic History Society

2. Berger, T. and Frey, C.B. (2015) Digital Disruption at Work in Om Sverige i framtiden – en antologi om digitaliseringens möjligheter, **Digitaliseringskommissionen, Statens Offentliga Utredningar (SOU) 2015:65.**
 - a. Selected for publication and reprinted in Digital Opportunities (2015) Digitalisation Commission, Swedish Government Inquiries, Stockholm.
3. Berger, T. and Frey, C.B. (2015) Bridging the Skills Gap in Dolphin, T. (ed.) “*Technology, globalisation and the future of work in Europe: Essays on employment in a digitised economy.*” **The Institute for Public Policy Research**, 2015.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

1. Berger, T. and Frey, C.B. (2017) *Robots and the return of the “machinery question”*. **United Nations Industrial Development Organization**.
2. Berger, T. and Frey, C.B. (2016) *Structural Transformation in the OECD: Digitalization, Deindustrialization, and the Future of Work*. **OECD Social, Employment and Migration Working Papers No. 193**.
3. Berger, T. and Frey, C.B. (2016) *Digitalization, jobs, and convergence in Europe: Strategies for closing the skills gap*. **European Commission DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs**.
4. Berger, T. and Frey, C.B. (2015) Future Shocks and Shifts: Challenges for the Global Workforce and Skills Development. **OECD Directorate for Education and Skills Working Paper**.
5. Berger, T. (2015) Creative Destruction and the Changing Geography of European Jobs. **Policy Network**.
6. Berger, T. (2014) *The Future of Work*. **Lund Business Review**.
 - a. Awarded the LUSEM Blog Prize 2014/2015.
7. Berger, T. and Enflo, K. (2014) *Infrastruktursatsningar och lokal ekonomisk tillväxt – vad kan vi lära av historien?*. **Ekonomisk Debatt**, 5, 20-32.
8. Berger, T. and Frey, C.B. (2014) *Work in the Digital Age*. **The RSA Journal**, Issue 3.
 - a. Reprinted in **Philantropy Impact Magazine**, Issue 8: Spring 2015.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- **2020:** LSE Historical Economic Demography Workshop; Stockholm Economic History Lab (IFN); HEDG Workshop (Southern University of Denmark)
- **2019:** 12th European Historical Economics Society Conference (Paris School of Economics); IIES Brown Bag Seminar (Stockholm University); 13th Ekonomisk-Historiska Mötet (Uppsala University).
- **2018:** 68th Economic Policy Panel Meeting (Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna); GEP Workshop: Economic Integration in Historical Perspective (University of Nottingham); 18th World Economic History Congress (MIT); SOUND Economic History Workshop (keynote) (Helsinki University); Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Montreal); IIES Brown Bag (Stockholm University); INET (University of Oxford); Workshop on Independent Work (Uber, London); IFN Entrepreneurship and Innovation: Past, Present and Future (discussant).
- **2017:** Economic History Society Annual Conference (University of London), Agriculometrics III (Magdalene College, Cambridge University), 8th World Congress of Cliometrics (Strasbourg), 11th European Historical Economics Society Conference (University of Tübingen), CAGE, EHES & IAS Summer School (Warwick University), 12th Ekonomisk-Historiska Mötet (Stockholm University); Humboldt University.
- **2016:** CAGE/HEDG Workshop on Economic Geography and History (SDU), 7th Annual Workshop on Growth, History and Development (SDU), Economic History Seminar (Lund University), 11th SOUND Economic History Workshop (University of Helsinki), London School of Economics, 2nd Meeting of Danish Historical Economics Society (Copenhagen University), Frontier Research in Economic and Social History Meeting (WU Vienna).
- **2015:** Digitalisation Commission (Swedish Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Stockholm), 10th European Historical Economics Society Conference (Pisa), 10th SOUND Economic History Workshop (Lund University).
- **2014:** 9th SOUND Economic History Workshop (Copenhagen Business School), Economic History Seminar (Lund University).
- **2013:** Economic History Association 73rd Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.), European Historical Economics Society 9th Meeting (London School of Economics), Lund University, 10th Swedish Economic-Historical Meeting (Lund).
- **2012:** Frontier Research in Economic and Social History Meeting (Warwick in Venice).

MEDIA MENTIONS (SELECTED)

- Aftonbladet (2017); BBC News (2017, 2018); Bloomberg (2018); CNBC (2017, 2018); City AM (2018); CNN (2019); Daily Mail (2018); Expressen (2018); Financial Times (2014, 2015, 2016); Forbes (2015, 2016, 2017); Fortune Magazine (2015, 2017); HuffPost (2017); Metro (2018); New Scientist (2017); New York Times (2016, 2018); The Atlantic (2015); The Economist (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019); The Guardian (2015, 2018); The Telegraph (2018); The Times (2018); Scientific American (2014, 2014); SR Ekonomiekot (2014); Svenska Dagbladet (2015, 2017); SVT (2019); Wall Street Journal (2018); Weekendavisen (2020).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Advanced Time Series Analysis* (EKHM44), Masters Level, Lund University. (2013, 2014, 2015); *Applied Time Series Analysis* (EKHM85), Masters Level, Lund University (2017); *Economic History: Theory and Methods* (EKHK30), Bachelor Level, Lund University. (2014, 2016, 2018, 2019); *Technological and social development - Historical experiences and future challenges* (EKHA73), Bachelor Level (2017, 2018, 2019); *Economic History: Bachelor Thesis* (EKHK31) (2018, 2019); *Development Studies: Bachelor Thesis* (EKHK18) (2019).
- Teaching development: Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LATHE): A web-based introduction (autumn 2017).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Administrative and editorial services:
 - Board member, Dept. of Economic History, Lund University (2012-2014)
 - Ph.D. recruiting committee, Dept. of Economic History, Lund University (2013-2014)
 - Editorial board member at *Historisk Tidskrift* (2016-2020)
 - Editorial board member at *European Review of Economic History* (2021-)
- Refereeing:
 - Grants/prizes: **2019:** Prize committee for the Gino Luzzatto Dissertation Prize. **2018:** Horizon 2020 (the Research Executive Agency of the European Commission).
 - Journals: **2021:** Scandinavian Economic History Review **2020:** American Economic Review, Explorations in Economic History (x2), Journal of Economic History (x2), European Review of Economic History, Scandinavian Economic History Review. **2019:** Journal of Economic History, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Historisk Tidskrift. **2018:** Economic History Review, European Review of Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Regional Science. **2017:** European Review of Economic History, Journal of Regional Science. **2016:** European Review of Economic History, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Transport Geography.
- Conference organizer: 1) 10th SOUND Economic History Workshop (Nov, 2015); 2) Monthly Ph.D. seminar series, Lund University (2013 - 2014).
- Discussant: 1) Final Dissertation Seminar, Fredrik Bergenfeldt, Lund (Topic: Preindustrial transport) Oct, 2013; 2) Final Dissertation Seminar, Björn Eriksson, Lund (Topic: Migration and social mobility) May, 2015.
- Supervision:
 - PhD Students: Vinzent Ostermeyer (co-supervisor, 2018-).
 - Master thesis students: 8 (2017-2019).
 - Bachelor thesis students: 2 (2019).

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Awards:

2017 Gino Luzzatto Dissertation Prize for the best dissertation in economic history (2015-2017) awarded by the European Historical Economics Society (EHES) €1,000.

2017 Dissertation prize for the best dissertation in economic history (2015-2017) from the Swedish Economic History Society SEK 3,000.

2015 Lund School of Economics and Management "blog prize" SEK10,000.

2012 Selected paper for 60th anniversary issue of Scandinavian Economic History Review €500.

Research grants:

2019 Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (co-applicant) SEK4,967,000.

2019 Handelsbankens forskningsstiftelser (co-applicant) SEK1,631,000.

2019 Lars Erik Lundbergs Stiftelse (co-applicant) SEK2,200,000.

2018 British Academy International Visiting Fellowship £13,050.

2017 Handelsbankens forskningsstiftelser (Wallander grant) SEK1,600,000.

2017 Research grant Vetenskapsrådet (co-applicant) SEK7,200,000.

2017 Research grant Länsförsäkringar (co-applicant) SEK5,500,000.

2013 The Crafoord Foundation (co-applicant) SEK1,380,000.

Conference organization grants:

2015 Handelsbankens forskningsstiftelser: SOUND Economic History Workshop (co-applicant) SEK45,000.

2015 The Crafoord Foundation: SOUND Economic History Workshop (co-applicant) SEK35,000.