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Date of birth: 5 Oct. 1968.

Married, two children.

Work experience

Research Institute of Industrial Economics (2015/10/21-), book “Digitalization and challenges for the welfare state.”

Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, consultant working on report “Digitalization and the economy – challenges and opportunities.” 2015/04/20-10/20)

Ministry of Finance, Director in the budget department (Jan 2006-, incl. some secondment & paternity leave)

- Director in the Structural Policies Division. Current responsibilities include structural policies and financial stability (Jan 2010-present). Work on financial framework and the role for stabilisation policy in the Economics Department (Oct 2007-March 2008). Director for division of total government expenditure with a staff of about 14 persons and responsible for multiyear forecast. Also responsible for the coordination of the government budget process. (Jan 2006-May 2007).

Prime Minister's Office, Sweden. Secretary for the demographic challenge in the Commission for the Future Challenges in Sweden. Wrote the report “Future welfare and the ageing population” and presented it at a press-conference with comments from the Swedish Prime Minister. Also published several debate-articles and magazine articles. 2012-04-02-2013-01-15.

European Central Bank

- Senior economist in the Fiscal Policies Division. Commented on fiscal issues related to financial stability and fiscal sustainability in the euro area, organised workshop and monitored fiscal developments in some EU countries (Denmark, Sweden, UK) (April 2008-Feb 2009).

Ministry of Industry, Communications and Employment (March 2004-Dec 2005)

- Director of Secretariat for Research and Analysis with a staff of about 14 persons. Responsible for covering wide ranging issues for growth and the labour market, such as outsourcing, productivity growth and effects from trade.

Monetary Policy Department, Sveriges Riksbank (Aug. 1997-February 2004)

- Adviser to the chief economist on monetary policy communication (Aug 2003-Feb 2004).
- Head of the model division from June 2000. The division's main responsibility was using a macroeconomic simulation model in the policy process to support the forecasting round for the *Inflation Reports*.
- Head of the division for international macro analysis from Aug 1999. The division's main responsibility was to forecast conjunctural developments in the OECD area as an input to the Riksbank's inflation report. Another responsibility was to contribute with briefings for the Governor and Deputy Governor before their trips to international organisations.
- Economist in the division for Price Analysis, until July 1999. Responsibility for forecasting Swedish wages as well as assessing indirect taxes and underlying inflation. Developed (with Peter Sellin) a method to show the uncertainty and risk in the inflation forecast based on assessments in important macro variables, used to publish the “fan-charts” in the Swedish inflation reports since 1998:Q2.

Education

Stockholm University (1993-97)

Ph.D. in economics on 17 September 1997; title of dissertation: "Rational expectations and regime shifts in macroeconometrics" with Professor Helmut Lütkepohl as the faculty opponent. Provides new analytical results about models with stochastic shifts in regime.

London School of Economics (1989-93)

- M.Sc. in Econometrics & Mathematical Economics.
- B.Sc. in Economics. Primarily Econometrics and Industrial Organisation.

American International School, Vienna, Austria (1982-87)

International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma. Award for best mathematics student 1987.

Publications:

"Digitilization and the economy – challenges and opportunities," manuscript.

"Produktivitetstillväxt – hot och möjligheter" (Productivity growth – threats and challenges), (Swedish) in *Ekonomisk Debatt*, 2015/5.

"Future welfare and the ageing population", Commission on Future Challenges for Sweden, published 2013-03-05, 216 pages. In Swedish: "Framtidens välfärd och den åldrande befolkningen," *Delutredning från Framtidskommissionen*, Ds 2013:8, Stockholm:Fritzes.

"Are the automatic stabilisers immune from asymmetries and extreme events?" mimeo, 2010.

"On central bank efficiency" (with Sonja Daltung and Governor Lars Heikensten), *Sveriges Riksbank Economic Review*, 2003:3.

"An evaluation of forecasts for the Swedish economy" (with Kent Friberg and Fredrik Åkerlind), *Sveriges Riksbank Economic Review*, 2002:3.

"How good is the forecasting performance of major institutions? – An evaluation of GDP and inflation forecasts for selected OECD countries" (with Joachim Wadefjord, Ulrika Wienecke and Martin Ådahl), *Sveriges Riksbank Economic Review*, 2001:3.

Comment on Tomas Cargill: "Monetary policy, deflation and economic history: lessons for the Bank of Japan" in *Monetary and Economic Studies*, Institute for Monetary and Economic Studies, Bank of Japan, 2001, pp.135-137.

"A bivariate distribution for inflation and output forecasts" (with Peter Sellin), Working Paper, Nr 102, 2000, *Sveriges Riksbank*.

"The Uncertainty in the inflation forecast" (with Peter Sellin), *Quarterly Review*, 1999:2, *Sveriges Riksbank*.

"Forecasting Swedish Inflation with a Markov Switching VAR", *Sveriges Riksbank Working Paper*, Nr 76, 1999.

"Uncertainty bands for inflation forecasts" (with Peter Sellin), *Sveriges Riksbank Working Paper*, Nr 65, 1998.

Rational Expectations and Regime Shifts in Macroeconometrics, PhD dissertation, Institute for International Economic Studies, Akedemityck: Edsbruk, 1997.

"Rational Expectations in a VAR with Markov Switching", *Sveriges Riksbank Working Paper*, Nr 42, Oct 1997.

"Term Premia Under Switching Regimes", *Sveriges Riksbank WP*, Nr 27, Jan 1996.

“Underlying Inflation - A Common Trends Approach”, *Sveriges Riksbank* Working Paper, No 23, March 1995.

Workshops, technical assistance and selected presentations:

“Arbetsmarknaden och delningsekonomin,” seminarium vid Riksdagen, 2015-10-21.

“Vad innebär digitaliseringen?” konferens vid Svenskt Näringsliv i Landskrona, 2015-10-15.

“The Great Recession – Moving Ahead,” principal organiser of Minister of Finance Anders Borg’s conference on 11 August 2014 drawing lessons from the Great Recession, with speakers including Vice-Chairman Stanley Fischer from the Federal Reserve and Carmen Reinhart from Harvard University.

OECD Working Party 1 on Structural policies, principal Swedish delegate 2013-

OECD workshop on Inclusive Growth, Paris, 2013-04-03.

Government Summit Dubai, Presentation of Swedish budgetary framework and experience, 11/02/2012.

Co-Chairman of Senior Budget Officials, Middle East and North Africa region for the following meetings: Doha, Qatar on 4-5/11/2009, Dubai, UAE on 31/10-1/11/2010, Beirut, Lebanon on 21-22/9/2011, Tunis, Tunisia on 14-15/11/2012, and Doha, Qatar on 25-26/11/2013.

Regional Workshop on Public Policy Evaluation, Rabat, Morocco 23-24 March 2010, Opening remarks on experience from the crisis in Sweden and presentation in a later session on “The Swedish Fiscal Framework”

European Central Bank, organised workshop on “Challenges for Government Revenues in the EU,” 12 Dec 2008.

OECD Senior Budget Officials Meeting in Sydney, Australia, May 2007.

OECD, principal Swedish delegate to CIBE-committee, 2004-06

Expert in the Swedish Parliamentary Commission for Sustainable Government Organisation, 2004-2006, which made recommendations on how to organize and coordinate the central government’s responsibilities in the regional level.

Sveriges Riksbank, organised workshop on “Central Bank Efficiency”, 23-24 May 2003.

Reserve Bank of South Africa, technical assistance on inflation targeting, May 2000.

Bank of Japan, discussant in workshop on “The Role of Monetary Policy under Low Inflation: deflationary shocks and policy responses,” July 2000.

Attendance in academic workshops in the Federal Reserve System: San Francisco and Philadelphia.

Attendance in academic workshops at the Bank of Canada.

Debate articles and interviews (Swedish):

DI Dimension 2015 “Det är rätt att vara orolig,” intervju i Dagens Industri, 2015-11-04, p44-46. <http://www.di.se/di/artiklar/2015/11/4/det-ar-ratt-att-vara-orolig/>

DN Debatt 2015. “Så klarar vi jobben när automatiseringen kommer,” 2015-12-10. <http://www.dn.se/debatt/sa-klarar-vi-jobben-nar-automatiseringen-kommer/#article-readers>

SvD Brännpunkt 2015, “Den låga räntan kan skada svensk ekonomi,” 2015-10-10. <http://www.svd.se/den-laga-rantan-kan-skada-svensk-ekonomi>

SvD Brännpunkt 2015. “Digitaliseringens effekter underskattas,” 2015-09-13, <http://www.svd.se/digitaliseringens-effekter-underskattas>.

Dagens Industri Debatt 2015, "Delningsekonomin är sund," 2015-07-27
<http://www.di.se/di/artiklar/2015/7/30/debatt-delningsekonomin-ar-sund/?qr=i-dag>

Dagens Nyheter 2015, "Martinson och Lööf är på villovägar om jobbskatteavdraget," replik DN Debatt, 20150529, <http://www.dn.se/debatt/repliker/martinson-och-loof-ar-pa-villovagar-om-jobbskatteavdraget/>

Dagens Industri 2013 "Jobba tidigare och längre," [work earlier and longer], 2013-03-05.
<http://mobil.di.se/c.jsp;jsessionid=FF568FFEEBE4B44564488B28B9BEB050.rocco4?cid=25400741&articleId=321976>

Moderna Läkare 2013/1, "Utmaningar från den åldrande befolkningen," [challenges from the ageing population], pp.10-11,
http://www.slf.se/Pages/59861/E_magasin_MOLA1301_150dpi_ny.pdf

Sveriges radio 2013, panel debate [Swedish public radio, panel debate], 2013-03-05,
<http://sverigesradio.se/sida/default.aspx?programid=1637>

Svenskt Näringsliv 2013, interview Swedish Confederation of Business Enterprise,
http://www.svensktnaringsliv.se/fragor/sjukfranvaro/nya-attityder-till-arbete-ska-radda-valfarden_186275.html?service=Print

Östersundsposten, 2012-11-14, interview on regional challenge for demography
<http://op.se/lanet/ostersund/1.5289946-farre-yngre-ska-forsorja-fler-aldre-en-utmaning-for-framtiden>

Dagens Industri, 2012-11-15, interview on regional challenge for demography,
<http://mobil.di.se/c.jsp;jsessionid=6573E20398FBE7A20F47D2013FAE787C.aldo4?cid=25400741&articleId=310525>

Metropol (2013), "Tufft klara växande regional skillnader," Metropol 2012/1,
<http://www.malardalsradet.se/getfile.aspx?id=6345>.

DN (2012) "Företag bör anpassa sig till en åldrande befolkning, [Firms should adjust to the ageing population]" DN Debatt 2012-12-12 (med Ingemar Eriksson),
<http://www.dn.se/debatt/foretag-bor-anpassa-sig-till-en-aldrande-befolkning/>

Dagens Samhälle (2012), "Framtidens välfärd klarar vi genom att jobba längre," [Future welfare achieved by working longer], <http://www.dagensamhalle.se/debatt/framtidens-vaelfaerd-klarar-vi-genom-att-jobba-laengre-3786>, 2012-10-22.

Interviews (English):

Short interview government summit in Dubai on the importance of budgetary frameworks and institutions, 2013-02-11.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpb29iFfjgw>

and the whole presentation of Swedish budgetary experience, Government summit in Dubai, after 35 minutes:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=hV-rrmtSvK4&feature=endscreen>

Miscellaneous:

Executive summer school in financial regulation, London School of Economics, 2012-06-18:22.

Certificate for board membership, the Swedish Acedemy of Board Members, *Styrelseakademin*, Aug 2011.

Stockholm University: Chairman in the council for PhD students in economics (1994-95).

Black belt in Shotokan Karate (JKA). Scuba diving: PADI Divemaster and IANTD trimix for deep diving.