

# CURRICULUM VITAE OF ANN-SOFIE ISAKSSON

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## CURRENT POSITION

**Dec 2019-** Researcher, Institutet för Näringslivsforskning (IFN) and University of Gothenburg.

**Research interests** Empirical development economics, aid, institutional development, governance, inequality, gender, and African economic development.

## PREVIOUS RESEARCH POSITIONS

**2019** Researcher, Development Economics Unit, Economics Department, University of Gothenburg.

**2016-2018** Researcher, Örebro University.

**2015-2016** Researcher, Development Economics Unit, Economics Department, University of Gothenburg.

**2013-2014** Researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala.

**2011-2013** Post-doc research fellow, Development Economics Unit, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg.

**2007-2008** Guest researcher at the London School of Economics.

**2004-2010** PhD position, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg; Supervisor: Prof. Arne Bigsten; Co-supervisor: Prof. Måns Söderbom.

## CONSULTANCIES / COMMISSIONED WORK

**2017** "Geospatial impact evaluation: A new approach to aid evaluation", report for EBA (Expertgruppen för biståndsanalys).

**2011** African Development Bank (AfDB): Data analysis of youth employment/unemployment profiles in Rwanda and Botswana as part of the African Economic Outlook report 2012 on "Promoting Youth Employment".

**2007** Country Economic Report evaluating the Rwandan Poverty Reduction Strategy commissioned by SIDA, (joint work with Arne Bigsten).

## EDUCATION

**Jan. 2011** PhD degree "Essays on Institutions, Inequality and Development", University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics; Discussant: Prof. Halvor Mehlum, Oslo University.

**2008** Licentiate degree "Institutions and Inequality", University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics; Discussant: Prof. Karl Ove Moene, Oslo University.

**2000-2004** Master degree (Swedish 'magister') in Economics with European Studies (with distinction), University of Gothenburg. Master thesis in Economics (passed with distinction): "Exporting Tanzanian Manufactures: a study of

	ways to enhance the export performance of the Tanzanian manufacturing sector". Master thesis in European Studies (passed with distinction): "Evaluating the case for increased labour market flexibility – a study of the relationship between labour market flexibility and patterns of employment and unemployment in the EU member states".
<b>2001-2002</b>	"International Relations", (20 credits, summer school 2001-2, passed with distinction), University of Gothenburg.
<b>1999-2000</b>	"Economics, politics and public policy", Goldsmith's College, University of London.

#### **PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS**

- Isaksson, A. and A. Kotsadam (2018) "Chinese aid and local corruption", *Journal of Public Economics*, vol. 159, pp. 146-159.
- Isaksson, A. and A. Kotsadam (2018) "Racing to the bottom? Chinese development projects and trade union involvement in Africa", *World Development*, vol. 106, pp. 284-298.
- Isaksson, A. and A. Bigsten (2017) "Clientelism and ethnic divisions", *African Affairs*, 116(465), pp. 621-647.
- Ahlerup, P. and A. Isaksson (2015) "Ethno-regional favouritism in Sub-Saharan Africa", *Kyklos* 68(2), pp. 143-152.
- Isaksson, A. (2015) "Corruption along ethnic lines: A study of individual corruption experiences in 17 African countries", *Journal of Development Studies*, 51(1), pp. 80-92.
- Isaksson, A. (2015) "Unequal property rights: A study of land right inequalities in Rwanda", *Oxford Development Studies*, 43(1), pp. 60-83
- Isaksson, A. (2014) "Political participation in Africa: The role of individual resources", *Electoral Studies*, vol. 34 (June 2014), pp. 244–260.
- Isaksson, A., Kotsadam, A. and M. Nerman (2014) "The Gender Gap in African Political Participation: Testing Theories of Individual and Contextual Determinants", *Journal of Development Studies*, 50(2), pp. 302-318.
- Isaksson, A. (2013) "Manipulating the rural landscape: Villagisation and income generation in Rwanda", *Journal of African Economies*, 22(3), pp. 394-436.
- Isaksson, A. and A. Bigsten (2012) "Institution building with limited resources: Establishing a supreme audit institution in Rwanda", *World Development*, 40(9), pp. 1870-1881.
- Isaksson, A. (2011) "Social divisions and institutions: assessing institutional parameter variation", *Public Choice*, 147(3), pp. 331-357,
- Isaksson, A. and A. Lindskog (2009) "Preferences for redistribution: A country comparison of fairness judgments", *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 72(3), pp. 884-902.

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

- Isaksson, A. (2019) "Chinese aid and local ethnic identification", Working Papers in Economics no. 761, University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics (Revise and resubmit *International Organization*)
- Isaksson, A. (2017) "Geospatial analysis of aid: A new approach to aid evaluation", EBA (Expertgruppen för biståndsanalys) report 2017:09.
- Bigsten, A., Isaksson, A. and S. Tengstam (2016) "The Changing Structure of Swedish Foreign Aid", Working Papers in Economics, no. 651, University of Gothenburg.
- Isaksson, A. (2011) "Essays on Institutions, Inequality and Development", Doctoral thesis, University of Gothenburg.
- Isaksson, A. (2008) "Institutions and inequality", Licentiate thesis, University of Gothenburg, 2008-05-20.
- Bigsten, A. and Isaksson, A. (2008) "Growth and Poverty Reduction in Rwanda: Evaluating the EDPRS 2008-2012", Sida Country Economic Report 2008:3.
- Isaksson, A. (2007) "Fredspriset till finansiell institution", *Ekonomisk Debatt*, 35(2), pp. 79-83.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“Kill your darlings? Do new aid flows help achieve a poverty minimizing allocation of aid?”, (working title, joint work with Sven Tengstam)

“Why do harmful norms persist? The case of female genital cutting in Africa” (working title, joint work with Heather Congdon-Fors and Annika Lindskog)

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

<b>2018</b>	Ragnar Söderbergs Stiftelse: “Women's health and welfare - inequality of opportunity, norms and possibilities for change” (principal investigator Annika Lindskog).
<b>2017</b>	VR: “Aid in the SDG-era: Understanding aid effectiveness using a disaggregated approach “ (principal investigator Dick Durevall).
<b>2014</b>	VR Uforsk: “Impacts of new forms of aid: Governance challenges and distributional consequences” (principal investigator Arne Bigsten)
<b>2010</b>	Sida/Sarec research grant for the project “Political participation and governance in Africa” (principal investigator Arne Bigsten)
<b>2010</b>	Travelling scholarship (‘Donationsstipendium – Behovs-FoU’) from ‘Adlerbertska stipendiestiftelsen’.
<b>2009</b>	Travelling scholarship (‘Donationsstipendium – Behovs-FoU’) from ‘Adlerbertska stipendiestiftelsen’.
<b>2009</b>	Travelling scholarship from ‘Stiftelsen Paul och Marie Berghaus donationsfond’.
<b>2007</b>	Sida/Sarec research grant for the project “Determinants and Impacts of Institutional Reform: The Case of Rwanda” (principal investigator Arne Bigsten)
<b>2007</b>	Travelling scholarship from ‘Stiftelsen Paul och Marie Berghaus donationsfond’.
<b>2006</b>	Hedelius scholarship to visit the London School of Economics during the academic year 07/08.
<b>2006</b>	Sida/Sarec planning grant for data collection in Rwanda.
<b>2006</b>	Sida/Sarec research grant for the project “When will Africa take off?”.
<b>2006</b>	Travelling scholarship from ‘Stiftelsen Paul och Marie Berghaus donationsfond’.
<b>2005</b>	Graduate scholarship from ‘Adlerbertska stipendiestiftelsen’.
<b>2004</b>	Undergraduate scholarship from ‘Adlerbertska stipendiestiftelsen’.
<b>2003</b>	Minor Field Study (MFS) Sida grant for data collection in Tanzania.
<b>2003</b>	Undergraduate scholarship from ‘Adlerbertska stipendiestiftelsen’.
<b>2002</b>	Undergraduate scholarship from ‘Adlerbertska stipendiestiftelsen’.

## FIELD RESEARCH

<b>Spring 2013</b>	Data collection in Kenya for the project “Political participation and governance in Africa”
<b>Autumn 2008</b>	Data collection in Rwanda for the project “Determinants and Impacts of Institutional Reform: The Case of Rwanda”
<b>Spring 2007</b>	Data collection in Rwanda for writing a Country Report on Rwanda for SIDA
<b>Spring 2003</b>	Data collection in Tanzania for the master thesis “Exporting Tanzanian Manufactures: a study of ways to enhance the export performance of the Tanzanian manufacturing sector”

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- Association of Swedish Development Economists (ASWEDE), Conference on Development Economics, Uppsala, April 2019. Presenting "Chinese aid and local ethnic identification".
- SITE, Stockholm School of Economics, March 2019. Presenting "Chinese aid and local ethnic identification".
- Development Economics Unit (DEU) Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, 2018. Presenting "Chinese aid and local ethnic sentiments"
- Development Research Conference, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, 2018. Presenting "Chinese aid and local ethnic sentiments".
- Sida, launch of the EBA (Expertgruppen för biståndsanalys) report "Geospatial analysis of aid: A new approach to aid evaluation", 2017.
- Svenska Utvärderarföreningens (SVUF) konferens "Att utvärdera i en komplex värld", Stockholm 2017. Presenting the EBA-report on geospatial analysis of aid.
- Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE), Gotheburg, 2017. Presenting "Racing to the bottom? Chinese development projects and trade union involvement in Africa".
- Association of Swedish Development Economists (ASWEDE), Conference on Development Economics, Örebro 2017. Presenting "Racing to the bottom? Chinese development projects and trade union involvement in Africa".
- Development Economics Unit (DEU) Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, 2017. Presenting "Racing to the bottom? Chinese development projects and trade union involvement in Africa".
- Delhi School of Economics, Workshop on Development in a Comparative Perspective, 2017. Presenting "Chinese aid and local corruption".
- Quality of Government Institute (QoG, GU) seminar series 2016. Presenting "Chinese aid and local corruption".
- University of Örebro, seminar series in economics 2016. Presenting "Chinese aid and local corruption".
- Nationell Konferens i Nationalekonomi, Göteborg, 2016. Presenting "Chinese aid and local corruption".
- Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE), Oslo, 2016. Presenting "Chinese aid and local corruption".
- Sida, Avdelningen för Afrika, 2014, Invited speaker on "Ethno-regional favouritism in Africa".
- CSAE Conference 2014: Economic Development in Africa, Oxford University, Presenting "Clientelism and ethnic divisions".
- European Economic Association (EEA) conference in Gothenburg 2013. Presenting "Corruption along ethnic lines: A study of individual corruption experiences in 17 African countries"
- Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE) in Bergen 2013. Presenting "Corruption along ethnic lines: A study of individual corruption experiences in 17 African countries"
- CSAE Conference 2013: Economic Development in Africa, Oxford University, Presenting "Corruption along ethnic lines: A study of individual corruption experiences in 17 African countries"
- Quality of Government Institute (QoG, GU) seminar series 2012, invited speaker on "Corruption along ethnic lines: A study of individual corruption experiences in 17 African countries".
- Executive Faculty Meeting, GU 2012, invited speaker on "Essays on institutions, inequality and development: Författandet av en doktorsavhandling i utvecklingsekonomi".
- DEU-QoG workshop, Tjörn, 2011. Presenting "Unequal property rights: A study of land right inequalities in Rwanda".
- Defence of the doctoral thesis "Essays on Institutions, Inequality and Development", University of Gothenburg, 2011.
- Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Helsinki 2010, Presenting "Political participation in Africa: Participatory inequalities and the role of resources".
- DEU-QoG workshop, Tjörn 2010. Presenting "Institution building with limited resources: Establishing a Supreme Audit Institution in Rwanda".
- Development Economics Unit (DEU) Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, 2010. Presenting "Political participation in Africa: Participatory inequalities and the role of resources".
- Development Economics Unit (DEU), Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg, 2009. Presenting "Preferences for redistribution: A country comparison of fairness judgments".

The London School of Economics, STICERD Work in Progress Seminar series, 2008, Presenting "Villagisation in Rwanda: assets, access and activities".

Nordic Conference in Development Economics 2008, Stockholm, Presenting "Villagisation in Rwanda: assets, access and activities".

Defence of the Licentiate thesis "Institutions and inequality", University of Gothenburg, 2008.

European Economic Association (EEA) conference, Budapest 2007, Presenting "Social divisions and institutions: assessing institutional parameter variation".

'CSAE Conference 2007 – Economic Development in Africa', at the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), Oxford University. Presenting "Social divisions and institutions: assessing institutional parameter variation".

The First Nordic Workshop in Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Oslo 2006, Presenting "Preferences for redistribution: a cross country study on fairness".

Development Economics Unit (DEU) Seminar, Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg 2006. Presenting "Social divisions and institutions: assessing institutional parameter variation".

### TEACHER TRAINING

*HPE101: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 1: Basic course, 5 hec (2016)*

*HPE102: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 2: Subject Field Pedagogy, 5 hec (2017)*

*HPE103: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 3: Applied analysis (2017)*

*HPE201 Supervision in postgraduate programmes (2018)*

### TEACHING / THESIS SUPERVISION / COURSE ADMINISTRATION

**2019** Lecturer, *Development economics* (PhD level)

**2019** Lecturer, *The Quality of Government in Comparative Perspective* (Advanced level).

**2019** Thesis supervision, bachelor and master level

**2018** Lecturer, *Economic growth and income distribution* (Advanced level), Örebro University

**2018** Guest lecture on development economics, *Macroeconomics* (introductory level), Örebro University

**2017** Thesis supervision, *Bachelor thesis*, Örebro University

**2016** Lecturer, *Development Economics*, University of Gothenburg

**2015-2016** Lab teacher, *Basic econometrics*, University of Gothenburg

**2015-2016** Thesis supervision, *Bachelor thesis* and *Master thesis*, University of Gothenburg

**2012-2013** Thesis supervision *Bachelor thesis*, University of Gothenburg

**2011-2013** Grader *Master thesis, International Admin. and Global Governance*

**2012** Lecturer *Poverty and Support*, Department of social work, University of Gothenburg

**2012** Course coordinator *Introductory Microeconomics*, University of Gothenburg

**2009-2012** Lecturer *Advanced Development Economics (Master level)*, University of Gothenburg

**2007** Teaching assistant (lab teacher) *Introductory Microeconomics*, University of Gothenburg

### REFEREEING

*American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science, Development and Change; The European Journal of Development Research; Journal of Economics; The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension; The Nordic Journal of African Studies; Southern Economic Journal; World Development.*

**REFERENCES**

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Parental leave, first child June 2014-June 2015

Parental leave, second child July 2017-May 2018