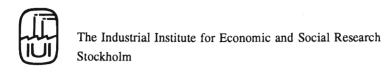
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Foreword

The Swedish economy is beginning to recover from its worst recession since the 1930s. Although the future looks brighter now, many of Sweden's structural problems remain. In order to set the economy on a robust and growth-enhancing path, two questions deserve special attention.

The first concerns the role of human capital in the growth process, and the means to upgrade and retain internationally competitive human capital in Sweden. The second question relates to the globalization of markets and its implications for the distribution of production and welfare across countries. Research within these two areas has been extensive at the Institute over the years and is closely linked to the international research frontier. In view of the Swedish crisis these questions are also highly topical as they address problems which are critical to Sweden in its quest to regain, and maintain its position as a leading industrial nation.

Another line of research at the Institute focuses on the long-run implications of a large welfare state with regard to incentive structures and economic performance. The design of the welfare systems feeds back to the flexibility and functioning of the economy at the micro-level and the decline of the Swedish model has placed it at the center of the international debate on the future of the welfare state. Therefore, besides being at the core of Sweden's domestic economic problems, these issues are of considerable research value.

Shedding light on the structural impediments to growth and industrial dynamics is one of the vital responsibilities facing economic science. I feel confident that within these fields of research IUI is well prepared to make major and insightful contributions to the academic community and to be a valuable source of knowledge for business leaders and economic policy-makers.

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Håkan Mogren Chairman of the Board



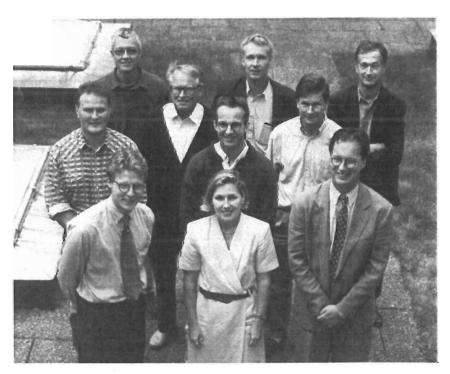
IUI's board gathered at Aspa Herrgård. From left to right: Magnus Lemmel, Göran Tunhammar, Lennart Ahlgren, Håkan Mogren, Ulf Jakobsson, Torbjörn Ek, Gunnar L. Johansson and Gösta Bystedt.



IUI's staff (from left to right): Magnus Henrekson, Patrik Karpaty, Roger Svensson, Ulf Jakobsson, Eva Meyerson, Per Skedinger, Kent Rune Sjöholm, Erik Mellander, Jörgen Nilson and Pavel Pelikan.



Professor John C. Harsanyi with Ulf Jakobsson and Pontus Braunerhjelm at IUI's traditional Lucia meeting with the Nobel laureates in economics.



IUI's staff (from left to right): Harri Kanerva, Mattias Ganslandt, Gunnar Fors, Assar Lindbeck, Sten Nyberg, Eugenia Kazamaki Ottersten, Jonas Häckner, Per Lundborg, Pontus Braunerhjelm and Jörgen Weibull. The following members of the staff were not present: Giovanna Arizcurinaga, Marie-Louise Falk, Maria Hedström, Karl-Markus Modén, Lars Oxelheim, Johan Lindén and David Sundén.



Aspa Bruk's production director, Hans Fastén, demonstrates the plant for Magnus Lemmel and Torbjörn Ek while Jan Herin, Gunnar L. Johansson and Lennart Ahlgren are informed by Bengt Unander-Scharin, executive director at Aspa Bruk.



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Presentation of the Industrial Institute for Economic and Social Research (IUI)

IUI (Industriens Utredningsinstitut) is an independent non-profit research institution founded in 1939 by the Federation of Swedish Industries (Sveriges Industriförbund) and the Swedish Employers' Confederation (Svenska Arbetsgivareföreningen). Located in central Stockholm, the Institute conducts research on economic and social issues of importance for long-term industrial development in Sweden. Both empirical and theoretical research is carried out at the Institute, but the emphasis is on applied economics. Currently the two main research programs at the Institute are: (1) Human Capital, Knowledge Accumulation and Economic Growth and (2) Industrial Organization and International Specialization. At present a third research area of importance is the Economics of the Welfare State.

Organization

During the last 40 years the research staff has comprised about 15–20 persons, with a majority today holding a doctorate in economics.

The Board of Directors of IUI consists of leading industrialists. The Board appoints the director of the Institute and approves the budget and research projects. The organization of the research projects follows academic principles and the researchers publish their results in academic journals. The researchers at the Institute have full academic freedom in their choice of methodology and, of course, in the conclusions they draw. The Board neither approves, nor do they have responsibility for any results published.

The Institute conducts open academic seminars and maintains many formal and informal relations with leading universities and other research institutions around the world. International contacts are extensive and foreign scholars regularly visit the Institute. Generous contributions from the Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation make many of these activities possible.

The Institute also offers doctoral students the opportunity to work on their dissertations while staying at IUI. Through the years, 50 dissertations have been concluded at the Institute.

Financial Sources

The principals of the Institute, the Federation of Swedish Industries (Sveriges Industriförbund) and the Swedish Employers' Confederation (Svenska Arbets-givareföreningen), account for most of the budget. The remaining financial support primarily comes from various research funds. Generous financial support is gratefully acknowledged from: The Working Life Fund, the Economic Council, the Nordic Economic Research Council, the Swedish Transport and Communication Board, the Swedish Competition Authority, Telia AB, the Bank of Sweden Tercentenary Foundation, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, the Swedish Council for Building Research, the Swedish National Board for Industrial and Technical Development, and the Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation.

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The Board of Directors is appointed by the principals and comprises leading industrialists and the directors of the two principals.

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Message from the Director

Research at the IUI: Focus for the Future

IUI has been an independent private research institute for almost 60 years, and as such has enjoyed a unique position in Swedish scientific society. Throughout the years, the research program has covered numerous aspects of economic science, yet the focus has always been on applied research in industrial economics. This is also the task explicitly allotted to IUI in its statutes, according to which research should emphasize "economic and social conditions of importance for industrial development". The statutes also stress that all research conducted by IUI should comply with scientific standards.

The academic profile at IUI has always been high. A considerable number of Swedish dissertations in economics originate from IUI and a significant part of the Institute's work has been published in international scientific journals and books. Many Swedish professors in economics have also spent part of their research careers at IUI.

The demands for stringency in economic theory and methodology have increased significantly during the last few decades. It is sometimes claimed that this implies an increase in formalization at the expense of relevance. There is naturally a risk that certain fields of economics may start to live a life of their own, far away from the issues that are facing decision-makers in business and government. In general, however, this alleged trade-off between formalization and reality does not exist. In fact, rigorous formalization is often required in order to take into account some of the complexities of the real world that confront decision-makers.

Still, there is a definite need for intuitive reasoning and moral argumentation in public debate. Many of the daily decisions which are taken lack a clear-cut or ready-made scientific base. This is simply because it is not possible to delay a decision for the five or ten years it might take to give it a solid scientific underpinning. Furthermore, even if such a delay were possible, structural and institutional changes might affect the initial circumstances to such an extent that new scientific theories and methods could have to be applied. This is, however,

the essence of scientific work, i.e. there are rarely any eternal truths, and new findings continuously replace or add to existing knowledge. Therefore, political decisions as well as business decisions have to be made on the basis of a broad and thorough discussion where the present state of relevant scientific knowledge constitutes one significant part of the input.

IUI has a long tradition of participating in public debate. This tradition will certainly be continued. IUI's objective is, however, to contribute to the present state of relevant scientific knowledge. And that is not achieved by intuitive reasoning or by moral argumentation. Therefore, IUI will continue to meet the challenges posed by the quality requirements of the international academic community.

In order to achieve this end, IUI has adopted a number of policy changes:

- As a rule IUI will abandon in-house publications. Thus, all scientific work emanating from the Institute will have to find its way into international scientific journals or other scientific publications. Articles or books intended for Swedish public debate will be published in different domestic fora. The working-paper series and the reprint series will continue.
- IUI's research programs will concentrate on a limited number of just a few areas. This will increase the probability of attaining a critical mass, where close interaction between the researchers tends to sharpen and stimulate the work of the entire group.

The main research areas will be:

- International Trade and Specialization, with emphasis on the effects of foreign direct investment and location of multinational corporations.
- Education, Human Capital and Economic Growth.

In addition to these core areas, the Institute is at present conducting an extensive research program on the problems of the modern welfare state.

The quality standards of scientific economics are set internationally, which is positive and stimulating. To some extent, this also means that the selection and

definition of interesting research questions are made internationally or, more precisely, by the US. Given those terms, IUI has to position itself in the international scientific community. However, this does not mean that IUI will neglect problems or research areas of special relevance from a Swedish perspective, rather they will constitute an integrated part of IUI's research program.

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Ulf Jakobsson Director

News at the Institute

The staff has undergone some changes during the year. Pontus Braunerhjelm was appointed deputy director of the Institute in 1994. Assar Lindbeck has been repatriated to the Institute on a part-time basis, while Jörgen Weibull increased his time commitment at IUI to 50 percent in 1994/95. Associate Professor Magnus Henrekson joined the Institute in April 1995. The Institute has also recruited Mattias Ganslandt, doctorate student at Lund University. He will continue to work on his dissertation. Johan Lindén, attached to Uppsala University, will share his time between the Institute and Uppsala.

Two new research assistants have been employed, David Sundén and Patrik Karpaty. David Sundén will work in the welfare state group, while Patrik Karpaty will be involved in a project on foreign direct investment by Swedish multinational corporations. Camilla Hultgren and Björn Segendorff, both involved in a former project on information technology and telecommunications, left the Institute in spring 1995.

Among the administrative staff, Gudrun Dahlberg, a highly appreciated colleague and a "veteran" at the Institute, has retired. The Institute has enjoyed her knowledgeable, loyal, and kind support for 21 years (1973—94), whereof the last eight as executive secretary, and likes to express its gratitude for her efforts during the years. Her position has been filled by Maria Hedström.

Jeannette Runold, former administrative secretary, and Torsten Dahlquist, former data assistant, whose skillful contributions have been highly valued by the Institute, also left the IUI in 1995.

Other Activities

Pontus Braunerhjelm successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, in December 1994. Together with Bo Carlsson he coauthored a report for the Long-Term Survey: Technological Systems and Economic Growth. During 1994 Pontus was also engaged in an external project funded by SwedeCorp to evaluate policy reforms in the Zimbabwean economy. He also supervised the Institute's research on foreign direct investments.

Gunnar Fors continued work on his Ph.D. dissertation dealing with R&D and technology transfers in multinational corporations. He participated in a World Bank research project on public enterprise reform and prepared a study on technology transfers for the United Nations. During the year he participated in the conference "The Changing Role of the State Strategies for Reforming Public Enterprises" in Washington, D.C. Together with Pontus Braunerhjelm he conducted an evaluation of the effects of the structural adjustment program adopted in Zimbabwe resulting in the paper "The Zimbabwe Manufacturing Sector. Current Status and Future Potential".

Stefan Fölster was engaged in the SNS-NBER project. Together with Sam Peltzman he analyzed the costs of regulation and lack of competition in the Swedish economy. In a related ESO-study, Catharina Barkman and Stefan analyzed the extent and effects of firm subsidies. He has presented papers at several conferences, e.g. at the EARIE (European Association for Research in Industrial Economics) meeting in Crete, and at the CEPR (Centre for Economic Policy Research) conference in Vienna on "Reforming the Welfare Society".

Magnus Henrekson, formerly affiliated with the Trade Union Institute for Economic Research (FIEF), joined the Institute in April 1995. Some of the findings of his research on technological progress, economic growth and the demand for human capital will be available in late 1995. "Economic Growth and the Swedish Model" will appear in Growth in Post 1995 Europe (Cambridge University Press) and "Catching Up, Social Capability, Government Size and Economic Growth" will appear in Government and Growth (Clarendon Press). Magnus also participated in the SNS-NBER project. Together with Steven Davis he undertook an analysis of the effects of industrial policy on firm size and growth. Magnus Henrekson is also a member of CEPR's network on "Institutions and Growth: Issues in Post War Europe".

Jonas Häckner accepted a position as acting professor in economics at Stockholm University during autumn 1995. The focus of his research is modern microeconomic theory with emphasis on applied game theory and industrial organization. In the fall of 1995 he will give a course in microeconomics at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga. Together with Sten Nyberg, Jonas Häckner serves as co-editor of Ekonomisk Debatt.

Ulf Jakobsson is since one year director of the IUI. He is an active participant in the public debate. During the last year he has been a regular columnist at the op.ed. page of Dagens Nyheter, Sweden's largest morning paper. He is now working as an expert in the Government Energy Commission that studies the consequences of a phasing out of the Swedish nuclear power plants.

Harri Kanerva enrolled in the doctoral program in economics at Stockholm University while holding a research assistanceship at IUI in the human capital research project. In addition to his contribution to the project, he wrote two essays on the obstacles to reorganizing workplaces, which he intends to use in his dissertation.

Eugenia Kazamaki Ottersten coauthored Extended School Attendance (1994, IUI) with Gunnar Eliasson. She has been participating in an Erasmus project on the role of institutions and regional economic performance, embracing a large number of countries.

Assar Lindbeck joined the Institute on a part-time basis after retiring as Director of the Institute for International Economic Studies in Januari 1995. He will head the research project Economics of the Welfare State together with Jörgen Weibull. His own research in this project is focused on the economic implications of the interaction between social norms and incentive structures.

Per Lundborg took part in the SNS-NBER project which was concluded in early 1995. Together with Edward Leamer he carried out a study of the sources of Swedish competitiveness, "Sweden Competing in the Global Marketplace", by applying a Heckscher—Ohlin model. Per was also involved in a project with Paul Segerström dealing with effects of trade and migration on growth and welfare. The effect of the Swedish tax reform is another subject on his research agenda, and some of his results were presented at the Tax Evaluation Conference in Uppsala.

Erik Mellander was engaged in two projects, one on productivity measurement in the service sector and one concerning the return to investments in education. The results from the latter project were presented in a paper "Pitfalls in the Measurement of the Returns to Education: An Assessment Using Swedish Data"

(coauthors Kamazaki Ottersten, Meyerson and Nilson) at a European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE) conference in Crete.

Eva Meyerson presented a paper on "Ownership Structure and Executive Compensation" at the International Conference on Executive Pay held at the Humboldt University in Berlin. Another paper, "Ownership Structure and CEO Risk Behavior", was given at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Los Angeles. She also taught a course at Stockholm University and supervised graduate students.

Karl-Markus Modén taught courses in industrial organization and microeconomics at Gothenburg University. He also presented a paper at the Tax Evaluation Conference in Uppsala. During 1995/96 he will head a project on the effects of inward foreign direct investments to Sweden on productivity and competition.

Sten Nyberg continued work in his main research area, industrial organization, and was also involved in the welfare state research project. During the fall of 1995 Sten will hold a position as acting professor of economics at Stockholm University. Since January 1995 Sten Nyberg serves as co-editor of Ekonomisk Debatt with Jonas Häckner.

Lars Oxelheim divided his time between his post at the University of Lund and the Institute and continued work on the implications of macroeconomic disturbances on firm performance. He played an active role in several research networks, one of which has resulted in a book to be published shortly by Routledge entitled The Small Outsider Countries' Response to the New Europe.

Pavel Pelikan presented two papers at international conferences. "Competition of the Socio-Economic Institutions: In Search of Winners" was given at the F.H. Hayek Symposium in Freiburg, and "Evolutionary Analysis of Economic Policy" was presented at the 1994 Meeting of the International J.A. Schumpeter Society in Münster. He was also involved in the Nordic Economic Research Council project on the transition of the Baltic Economies, and lectured as a visiting professor at the University of Paris I, Sorbonne.

Kent Rune Sjöholm holds a part-time position as a researcher at IUI. He presented a paper on telecommunications at the European Association for Research in Industrial Economics (EARIE) conference in Crete.

Per Skedinger continued work in his primary research area, labor economics, and was appointed to the editorial board of Arbetsmarknad och arbetsliv (a new journal published by the National Labor Market Board). He also participated in a

conference evaluating the effects of the Swedish tax reform in Uppsala. In 1995 he concluded a joint study with Lars Calmfors on the employment effects of labor market programs and wrote a paper analyzing the displacement of employment regulation and job creation programs for young people, "Does Active Labour-Market Policy Increase Employment? Theoretical Considerations and Some Empirical Evidence From Sweden".

Roger Svensson completed Multinational Restructuring, Internationalization, and Small Economies: The Swedish Case (with Thomas Andersson and Torbjörn Fredriksson). The book will be available from Routledge during 1995. Roger presented a joint paper (with Gunnar Fors) at the (EARIE) conference in Crete. He expects to finish his Ph.D. dissertation on foreign direct investments within a year.

Jörgen Weibull will continue to head up the welfare state research project with Assar Lindbeck. In addition to articles published in the Scandinavian Journal of Economics and in Games and Economic Behaviors, he completed his monograph Evolutionary Game Theory (MIT Press, forthcoming). He visited the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna and CEPREMAP in Paris during 1995. He also presented his research at the Tinbergen Institute in the Netherlands.

Conferences, Workshops and Courses

The Institute organized two workshops during 1994. In co-operation with the Centre for Economic Policy Research a workshop "International Specialization and MNFs" was arranged in October focusing on multinationals, location and trade. Papers were presented by Richard Baldwin, Jim Markusen, Anthony Venables and Hideki Yamawaki.

The objective of the second workshop, was to identify potential areas for future comparative studies among the Nordic countries. This workshop was a follow-up of earlier joint projects with IUI's sister organizations in Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway. A two-day "Nordic Perspective Group Conference" was arranged in late October. One decision that came out of the meeting was to initiate a comparative study on the Nordic welfare systems, a project which is now running at IUI. Furthermore, a continuation of the Firm Dynamic Group's study of large Nordic firms was proposed, provided that funding could be obtained.

IUI also organized a course in industrial organization during spring 1995. The first series of lectures was given by Jörgen Weibull and Tore Ellingsen of the Stockholm School of Economics. The last part of the course, which was attended by doctoral students from Stockholm and Uppsala, was taught by Anthony Venables of the London School of Economics who introduced the "new" trade theory and its relation to location and agglomeration economics.

Current Research Programs

Program 1 Knowledge Accumulation, Human Capital and Economic Growth

- 1.1 Migration, Trade and Growth
- 1.2 Economic and Industrial Structure in Europe International Specialization and Adjustment
- 1.3 Empirical Analyses of the Relations between Education, Productivity and Wages
- 1.4 The Organizational Structure of Ownership, Board Representation and Executives: Implications for Competition and Growth
- 1.5 The Information Technology (IT) Sector

Program 2 Industrial Organization and International Specialization

- 2.1 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Production Specialization and Trade Patterns
- 2.2 A Heckscher-Ohlin View of Sweden Competing in the Global Marketplace
- 2.3 Effects of Inward Foreign Direct Investment on Competition and Productivity in the Swedish Manufacturing Sector
- 2.4 Entry, Competition and Productivity

Program 3 Economics of the Welfare State

- 3.1 Welfare State Dynamics
- 3.2 The Design of the Welfare State and Capital Formation
- 3.3 Effects of Taxation on Mobility and Pricing
- 3.4 Institutions and Economic Performance

1 Knowledge Accumulation, Human Capital and Economic Growth

Contemporary economic research identifies knowledge accumulation as the prime engine of growth. Growth is endogenized through investment in knowledge which — in contrast to other factors of production — is not subject to decreasing rates of return. Differences in the rate of knowledge investments have been forwarded as the main explanation to differences in growth performance on the macro as well as on the micro level. The Institute's research in this area has been oriented towards microeconomic issues, particularly the role of education and the functioning of the labor market. To secure sustainable growth it is necessary that the return to investments in education compensates its costs. Similarly, without the right incentive structure within the economy, labor may not be optimally allocated from a social point of view. International differences in incentive structures may also induce labor to move between countries. Thus, a proper microeconomic setting is necessary for growth to materialize on the macro level.

1.1 Migration, Trade and Growth

Utilizing the findings in the new growth theory, the effects of migration and trade on welfare and growth rates are examined in this project.

Responsible for the project: Assoc. Prof. Per Lundborg and Prof. Paul Segerström

1.2 Economic and Industrial Structure in Europe — International Specialization and Adjustment

This project also involves researchers from the Trade Union Institute for Economic Research (FIEF) as well as the University of Lund. Within this project, the research undertaken at IUI will focus on questions regarding technological progress, growth, structural adjustment and the demand for human capital.

Responsible for the project: Assoc. Prof. Magnus Henrekson

1.3 Empirical Analyses of the Relations between Education, Productivity and Wages

Several studies during the last years indicate that the return to investment in education is quite low in Sweden as compared to a number of other countries. This project investigates the relation between education and wages on the one hand, together with the relation between wages and productivity on the other. The purpose is to examine to what extent the observed low rates of return are attributable to the Swedish educational system or to conditions in the labor market.

Responsible for the project: Eugenia Kazamaki Ottersten and Erik Mellander Participating researchers: Harri Kanerva, Thomas Lindh and Per Skedinger

1.4 The Organizational Structure of Ownership, Board Representation and Executives: Implications for Competition and Growth

If individuals alternate as owners, board representatives and executives in a small cluster of firms, how does such interaction effect productivity? Are close relationships between individuals an obstacle to obtaining economic efficiency within firms? These questions, together with the implications of such networks for entry and competition, are analyzed in this project.

Responsible for the project: Stefan Fölster

Participating researchers: Eva Meyerson and Karl-Markus Modén

1.5 The Information Technology (IT) Sector

The information technology sector is often regarded as a key industry since it is supposed to be a spearhead of technological production, generating substantial knowledge spillovers to other industries. The theoretical part of this project provides a survey of the literature on the IT sector, particularly with regard to market structures and pricing behavior. The empirical part of the project contains a description of the Swedish IT sector in addition to analyzing the rate of innovation, R&D and entry within the sector. This project will be concluded during 1995.

Responsible for the project: Karl-Markus Modén

Participating researchers: Jonas Häckner, Sten Nyberg, Björn Segendorff and

Kent Rune Sjöholm

2 Industrial Organization and International Specialization

Throughout the Institute's history, this research program has been of central importance. Since the 1960s the Institute has undertaken comprehensive studies of Swedish multinational corporations (MNCs) and their influence on the Swedish economy. Emphasis has been on the location of firms' production across countries and its implication for the pattern of specialization and trade in the Swedish manufacturing sector.

Research in this area emanates from a detailed questionnaire sent out approximately every four years to all Swedish MNCs. This database will be updated during 1995. One part of this research program concerns the organization of manufacturing production (the entry and exit of foreign and domestic firms).

2.1 Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Production Specialization and Trade Patterns

The Institute's unique database on MNCs will be pooled with country data to analyze the factors that attract FDI and the implications of FDI on small open economies' specialization in manufacturing and trade. Can changes over time be related to shifts in FDI flows? Furthermore, to what extent are basic versus knowledge-intensive industries involved in FDI, and are shifts in the composition of FDI related to the growth performance of the Swedish economy? How is the process of transferring technology within MNCs organized, and can the impact of such transfer on productivity be measured? Recent theoretical contributions in trade, location and growth will, together with the theory of the firm, be used in the analyses.

Responsible for the project: Pontus Braunerhjelm

Participating researchers: Gunnar Fors, Patrik Karpaty and Roger Svensson

2.2 A Heckscher-Ohlin View of Sweden Competing in the Global Market-

place

The long-run development of Sweden's specialization as compared to other countries' is considered in this project. This project will be completed during

1995.

Responsible for the project: Prof. Edward Leamer and Assoc. Prof. Per Lundborg

2.3 Effects of Inward Foreign Direct Investment on Competition and

Productivity in the Swedish Manufacturing Sector

While home country effects of foreign direct investment by Swedish MNCs have been the objective of numerous studies at the IUI, less attention has been directed towards the effects of foreign investment in Sweden. This project aims at bridging this gap, emphasizing the role of foreign investments in Sweden on competition

and productivity.

Responsible for the project: Karl-Markus Modén

2.4 Entry, Competition and Productivity

The analysis focuses on whether productivity growth hinges on endogenously determined structural change (entry or exit) or on exogenous variables affecting already existing firms. This makes it possible to identify whether e.g. regulations, lack of competition, scarce supply of certain skills (engineers, etc.) influence firm

performance and growth.

Responsible for the project: Stefan Fölster

Participating researchers: Jonas Häckner, Sten Nyberg, Prof. Sam Peltzman, and

Georgi Trofimov

3 **Economics of the Welfare State**

The analysis of the welfare state has mainly been preoccupied with problems of a static nature. The overall purpose of this new research program at the Institute

is to study the welfare state from an evolutionary point of view. How does the

design of welfare systems influence the incentives structure and thereby the

behaviors of economic agents? In addition to this overall question, issues like

capital accumulation in the welfare state, taxation, and a comparison of the Nordic

welfare systems will be considered.

3.1 Welfare State Dynamics

This project aims at developing a theoretical model of the long-run dynamic

effects of welfare state policy on individual behavior. Particular attention is

directed towards the interactions between social norms and incentives and their

economic implications. The model will be related to empirical data for Sweden and the other Nordic countries. Another part of the project aims at analyzing the

links between income distribution, employment and growth in the welfare state.

Responsible for the project: Prof. Assar Lindbeck and Prof. Jörgen Weibull

Participating researchers: Stefan Fölster, Sten Nyberg and David Sundén

3.2 The Design of the Welfare State and Capital Formation

The focus of this project is the influence of the welfare systems on investments

in human and real capital. The overall hypothesis is that generous welfare systems have a negative impact on savings which leads to decreasing investments. The

project encompasses theoretical as well as empirical aspects of this problem.

Responsible for the project: Stefan Fölster

Participating researcher: Prof. Sam Peltzman

3.3 Effects of Taxation on Mobility and Pricing

Two separate problems are addressed in this project: the way in which the level of marginal income taxes influences job mobility in the Swedish labor market, and the effects of capital gain taxation on prices, search times, and supplies of housing. These research projects are oriented towards empirical issues.

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Institutions and Economic Performance 3.4

The implications of different institutional frameworks on economic performance have been a high-priority issue on the international research agenda for several years. This project tries to answer how economic efficiency and the allocation of knowledge are determined by the institutional setting. Positive as well as normative aspects are covered in this project.

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