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Citizenship

Sweden

Research Interests

Comparative politics, political behavior and attitudes, research methodology

Degrees and Qualifications

Uppsala University, Sweden

Docent (Associate Professor), Political Science, 2012

Ph.D., Department of Government, 2006

B.A., Political Science, Statistics, Psychology and Law, 2000

Academic Appointments and Positions

Professor of Political Science 2023 to present
Department of Political Science, Stockholm University

Senior Lecturer 2015 to 2023
Department of Political Science, Stockholm University

Associate Senior Lecturer 2011 to 2015
Department of Government, Uppsala University

Postdoctoral Researcher 2006 to 2011
Department of Government, Uppsala University

Visiting Scholar 2007 to 2008
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, USA

Ph.D. Candidate 2000 to 2006
Department of Government, Uppsala University

Awards

2026 AJPS Best Article Award, for "Emigration and Radical Right Populism" (*American Journal of Political Science*, 2025)

2016 Lawrence Longley Award for the best article on representation and electoral systems published in the previous year, for "Why Are Immigrants Underrepresented in Politics?" (*American Political Science Review*, 2015)

2015 SAGE Best Paper Award, Comparative Politics Section, APSA, for the same article

Research Grants (as PI)

Opportunity on the Move: Geographic Mobility and Democratic Participation across Generations. Swedish Research Council (VR), project grant for research into segregation and exclusion, dnr 2025-04370, granted 2025, 6.6 million SEK. Participating researchers: Rafaela Dancygier (Princeton), Sirus Dehdari (Stockholm), David Laitin (Stanford), Moritz Marbach (UCL).

Do Your Own Research: Testing a Model of Why (Some) People Defy Scientific Consensus. Magnus Bergvalls Stiftelse, dnr 2025-598, granted 2025, 145,000 SEK.

The Local Roots of the Nationalization of Politics. Swedish Research Council (VR), project grant, dnr 2021-00828, granted 2021, 4.9 million SEK. Participating researcher: Jan Teorell (Stockholm).

Minority and Female Politicians as Role Models: Using Experiments to Study Symbolic Effects of Descriptive Representation in the United States and Sweden. Swedish Research Council (VR), project grant, dnr 2018-01887, granted 2018, 5.2 million SEK.

The Underrepresentation of Immigrants in Politics. Swedish Research Council (VR), project grant, dnr 2015-01333, granted 2015, 5.4 million SEK.

Are Noncitizens Discriminated Against in the Hiring Process? Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU), dnr 169/2014, granted 2014, 0.7 million SEK.

Fellowships

Wallander–Hedelius postdoctoral fellowship, Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation, granted 2007, 1.1 million SEK. A three-year fellowship awarded in competition and normally given to economists.

Research Grants (co-investigator)

An "Indigenous Futurity"? Perceptions of Self-Determination under Increasing Geopolitical Pressure and Climate Change in Greenland and New Caledonia. Swedish Research Council (VR), PI Ulf Mörkenstam, dnr 2026-00715, granted 2026, 4.9 million SEK.

Shifting the Calculus of Candidacy? Assessing the Impact of Hostile Political Climates on the Political Ambitions of Marginalized Groups. Swedish Research Council (VR), PI Moa Mårtensson, dnr 2023-00827, granted 2023, 4.9 million SEK.

Living as a Survivor: A Study of the Political, Social and Economic Integration of Tsunami Survivors. Swedish Research Council (VR), PI Lina M. Eriksson, dnr 2021-06355, granted 2021, 5.0 million SEK.

Doctoral Supervision

Main supervisor, to the defense

Johan Wejryd, Uppsala University, 2018
Lina Eriksson, Stockholm University, 2017
Kalle Ekholm, Stockholm University, 2022
Ognjen Zugic, Stockholm University, 2024
Cornelia Leander, Stockholm University, 2025

Co-supervisor, to the defense

Pär Nyman, Uppsala University, 2016
Rafael Ahlskog, Uppsala University, 2017

Ongoing

Naman Rawat, main supervisor, Stockholm University, defense expected 2027
Magnus Anker, co-supervisor, Stockholm University, defense expected 2027

Postdoctoral researchers I have supervised

Pär Nyman, Lina Eriksson, Kalle Ekholm and Cornelia Leander

Pedagogical Training

21 ECTS credits (14 weeks) in total, including doctoral supervision:

Forskarhandledning i teori och praktik (doctoral supervision), Stockholm University, 2021, 3 credits
Universitetslärarutbildning 2 (continuation course in university pedagogy), Stockholm University, 2020, 7.5 credits
Handledning av studenter (supervision of student theses), Uppsala University, 2014, 3 credits
Högskolepedagogisk grundkurs (basic course in university pedagogy), Uppsala University, 2014, 7.5 credits

Refereed Journal Publications

Frödin Gruneau, Moa, Jan Teorell and Kåre Vernby. 2026. "Polity Size and Women's Representation: Evidence from Two Large-Scale Boundary Reforms" *Political Science Research and Methods.* Online first.

Ekholm, Kalle, Lina Eriksson and Kåre Vernby. 2026. "Long-Term Electoral Participation among Swedish Survivors of the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami" *Nature Communications*. Online first.

Lajevardi, Nazita, Moa Mårtensson and Kåre Vernby. 2026. "Race, Protest, and Political Ambition: Exploring How Age Intersects with Race to Shape Office-Seeking Ambitions" *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*. Published online 14 May 2026.

Dancygier, Rafaela, Sirus Dehdari, David Laitin, Moritz Marbach and Kåre Vernby. 2025. "Emigration and Radical Right Populism" *American Journal of Political Science* 69: 252–267. Winner of the 2026 AJPS Best Article Award.

Dehdari, Sirus H., Mathilde M. van Ditmars, Karl-Oskar Lindgren, Sven Oskarsson and Kåre Vernby. 2024. "Early Voting Can Widen the Turnout Gap: The Case of Childbirth" *Electoral Studies* 90: 102817.

Lajevardi, Nazita, Moa Mårtensson and Kåre Vernby. 2024. "Do Minorities Feel Welcome in Politics? A Cross-Cultural Study of the United States and Sweden" *British Journal of Political Science* 54: 1435–1444.

Lajevardi, Nazita, Moa Mårtensson and Kåre Vernby. 2024. "The Empowerment Effect of Visible Political Representation: Examining the Impact of Muslim Representation on Political Outcomes" *Electoral Studies* 87: 102741.

Eriksson, Lina and Kåre Vernby. 2023. "Let Me Be the Judge: Ideology, Identity and Judicial Selection" *Journal of Experimental Political Science* 10: 221–230.

Dehdari, Sirus H., Karl-Oskar Lindgren, Sven Oskarsson and Kåre Vernby. 2022. "The Ex-Factor: Examining the Gendered Effect of Divorce on Voter Turnout" *American Political Science Review* 116: 1293–1308.

Eriksson, Lina and Kåre Vernby. 2021. "Welcome to the Party? Ethnicity and the Interaction between Potential Activists and Party Gate-Keepers" *Journal of Politics* 83: 1861–1866.

Dancygier, Rafaela, Karl-Oskar Lindgren, Pär Nyman and Kåre Vernby. 2021. "Candidate Supply Is Not a Barrier to Immigrant Representation: A Case-Control Study" *American Journal of Political Science* 65: 683–698.

Vernby, Kåre and Rafaela Dancygier. 2019. "Can Immigrants Counteract Employer Discrimination? A Factorial Field Experiment Reveals the Immutability of Ethnic Hierarchies" *PLoS ONE* 14(7): e0218044.

Berg, Heléne, Matz Dahlberg and Kåre Vernby. 2019. "Post-WWI Military Disarmament and Interwar Fascism in Sweden" *Historical Methods* 52: 37–56.

Lindgren, Karl-Oskar and Kåre Vernby. 2016. "The Electoral Impact of the Financial Crisis: Evidence Using District-Level Data" *Electoral Studies* 44: 214–224.

Dancygier, Rafaela, Karl-Oskar Lindgren, Sven Oskarsson and Kåre Vernby. 2015. "Why Are Immigrants Underrepresented in Politics? Evidence from Sweden" *American Political Science Review* 109: 703–724.

Finseraas, Henning and Kåre Vernby. 2014. "A Mixed Blessing for the Left? Early Voting, Turnout and Election Outcomes in Norway" *Electoral Studies* 33: 278–291.

Erlingsson, Gissur Ó., Kåre Vernby and Richard Öhrvall. 2014. "The Single-Issue Party Thesis and the Sweden Democrats" *Acta Politica* 49: 196–216.

Vernby, Kåre. 2013. "Inclusion and Public Policy: Evidence from Sweden's Introduction of Noncitizen Suffrage" *American Journal of Political Science* 57: 15–29.

Finseraas, Henning and Kåre Vernby. 2011. "What Parties Are and What Parties Do: Partisanship and Welfare State Reform in an Era of Austerity" *Socio-Economic Review* 9: 613–638.

Vernby, Kåre and Henning Finseraas. 2010. "Xenophobia and Left Voting" *Politics & Society* 38: 490–516.

Bäck, Hanna, Patrick Dumont, Henk Erik Meier, Thomas Persson and Kåre Vernby. 2009. "Does European Integration Lead to a 'Presidentialization' of Executive Politics? Ministerial Selection in Swedish Postwar Cabinets" *European Union Politics* 10: 226–252.

Lindgren, Karl-Oskar and Kåre Vernby. 2007. "Om kvinnorepresentation och rätten till heltid" [On Women's Representation and the Right to Full-Time Work] *Kommunal Ekonomi & Politik*.

Vernby, Kåre. 2007. "Strikes Are More Common in Countries with Majoritarian Electoral Systems" *Public Choice* 132: 65–84.

Book Chapters

Graff, Linda, Nazita Lajevardi, Moa Mårtensson and Kåre Vernby. 2026. "En ny kalkyl? Det politiska klimatets betydelse för viljan att bli politiker" [A New Calculus? The Political Climate and the Willingness to Run for Office] in *Mot en tid som flytt*, SOM-antologi nr 85, eds. Anders Carlander, Amanda Ramsälv, Björn Rönnerstrand and Patrik Öhberg. Göteborg: SOM-institutet.

Mörkenstam, Ulf, Ragnhild Nilsson and Kåre Vernby. 2026. "Upplevd diskriminering leder inte till politisk marginalisering bland samer" [Perceived Discrimination Does Not Lead to Political Marginalization among the Sámi] in *Marken, vattnet, tankarna: Konsekvenser för samer av svensk politik*, Forskningsantologi från Sanningskommissionen för det samiska folket, SOU 2026:15, eds. Anna-Lill Drugge, Gunlög Fur and Jonas Monié Nordin. Stockholm: Regeringskansliet.

Lajevardi, Nazita, Moa Mårtensson and Kåre Vernby. 2022. "Välrepresenterade, välkomna och uppdragsvilliga? Uppfattningar om gruppers politiska representation 2021" in *Du sköra nya värld*, SOM-antologi nr 81, eds. Ulrika Andersson, Henrik Oscarsson, Björn Rönnerstrand and Nora Theorin, pp. 497–509. Göteborg: SOM-institutet.

Dancygier, Rafaela, Karl-Oskar Lindgren, Kåre Vernby and Sven Oskarsson. 2017. "Representationsgapet" [The Representation Gap] in *Valdeltagande och representation: Om invandring och politisk integration i Sverige*, Delmi Rapport 2017:7, eds. Pieter Bevelander and Mikael Spång. Stockholm: Delmi.

Bäck, Hanna, Thomas Persson, Kåre Vernby and Lina Westin. 2011. "Presidentialisation from a Historical Perspective: Ministerial Selection and Reshuffling in Swedish Cabinets" in *Parliamentary Government in the Nordic Countries at a Crossroads*, eds. Thomas Persson and Matti Wiberg. Stockholm: Santérus Academic Press.

Vernby, Kåre. 2010. "Demokrati som utfall av fördelningspolitisk strid" [Democracy as the Outcome of Distributive Struggle] in *Myt eller verklighet? Om samband mellan demokrati och ekonomisk tillväxt*, eds. Sven Oskarsson and Sten Widmalm. Stockholm: Norstedts.

Vernby, Kåre and Jörgen Hermansson. 2010. "Har parlamentarismen varit oss till gagn?" [Has Parliamentarism Served Us Well?] in *Regeringsmakten i Sverige*, ed. Jörgen Hermansson. Stockholm: SNS.

Hermansson, Jörgen and Kåre Vernby. 2010. "Regeringsombildningar och statsrådskarriärer" [Cabinet Reshuffles and Ministerial Careers] in *Regeringsmakten i Sverige*, ed. Jörgen Hermansson. Stockholm: SNS.

Bäck, Hanna, Thomas Persson, Kåre Vernby and Helena Wockelberg. 2009. "In Tranquil Waters: Swedish Cabinet Ministers in the Post-War Era" in *The Selection of Ministers in Europe: Hiring and Firing*, eds. Keith Dowding and Patrick Dumont. London: Routledge.

Bäck, Hanna and Kåre Vernby. 2006. "Medborgarna uppfattar partiernas politik" [How Citizens Perceive Party Policies] in *Valets mekanismer*, eds. Hanna Bäck and Mikael Gilljam. Stockholm: Liber.

Vernby, Kåre. 2005. "Classes, Sectors and Political Cleavages" in *Power and Institutions in Industrial Relation Regimes*, eds. PerOla Öberg and Torsten Svensson. Stockholm: Arbetslivsinstitutet.

Reports

Vernby, Kåre and Rafaela Dancygier. 2018. *Etniska hierarkier och diskriminering på arbetsmarknaden: Resultat från ett faktoriellt fältexperiment* [Ethnic Hierarchies and Discrimination in the Labour Market]. IFAU Rapport 2018:21. Uppsala: IFAU.

Bäck, Hanna, Thomas Persson, Kåre Vernby and Lina Westin. 2007. *Från statsminister till president? Sveriges regeringschef i ett jämförande perspektiv* [From Prime Minister to President? The Swedish Prime Minister in a Comparative Perspective]. Stockholm: Justitiedepartementet.

Working Paper Series

Vernby, Kåre and Rafaela Dancygier. 2018. "Employer Discrimination and the Immutability of Ethnic Hierarchies: A Field Experiment" IFAU Working Paper 2018:17.

Lindgren, Karl-Oskar and Kåre Vernby. 2009. "Estimating Dynamic Panel Models When There Are Gaps in the Dependent Variable" Uppsala Studies in Political Economy and Welfare, Working Paper 1/2009.

Vernby, Kåre and Henning Finseraas. 2009. "Xenophobia and Partisan Alignments" Uppsala Studies in Political Economy and Welfare, Working Paper 2/2009.

Teaching Material

Vernby, Kåre. 2025. "Writing a Political Science Article: The Introduction." Teaching text for doctoral students.

Popular Science

Vernby, Kåre. 2026. "Hur ska vi förstå humlans flykt?" in *Snabbtänkt 2026: Reflektioner från valet 2026 av ledande forskare*, eds. Niklas Bolin, Marie Grusell, Kajsa Falasca, Jonas Harvard and Jesper Strömbäck, p. 28. DEMICOM-rapport nr 57. Sundsvall: Mittuniversitetet.

Persson, Thomas, Kåre Vernby, Hanna Bäck and Lina Westin. 2007. "Stoppa mytbildningen om Perssons ledarstil" [Dispel the Myths about Persson's Leadership Style]. *Dagens Nyheter*, DN Debatt, 18 March 2007.

Software

Lindgren, Karl-Oskar and Kåre Vernby. 2009. DVGREG, Stata macros.

Dissertation Committees

Ebba Minas (chair of the committee), "The Politics of Industrial Decarbonisation: Explaining Variation in National Policies for Decarbonising", 2026, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University

Wooseong Kim (substitute), "Unrealized Potential: Overqualification and Its Consequences among the Children of Immigrants Born in Sweden", 2025, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

Lukas Hegele (chair of the committee), "Rebel Capital: How Rebel Leaders Use Social Networks to Shape Organizations and War", September 2024, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University

Elias Markstedt, "Pregnancy and Politics: On the Gender Gap in Political Knowledge, Attitudes, and Participation", 2024, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg

David Randahl, "Who Knows What Tomorrow Will Bring? Four Papers on the Prediction of Contentious Politics", June 2022, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University

Weiqian Xia (substitute), "The Political Sociology of Religion: The Impact of Religion on Political Attitudes and Behaviors in Secularizing European Societies", October 2021, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

Johan Westerman (substitute), "Motives Matter: Intrinsic Motivation in Work Learning and Labor Market Performance", June 2020, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

Jaakko Meriläinen (substitute), "Essays in Political Economics", May 2019, IIES, Stockholm University

Mounir Karadja (substitute), "On the Economics and Politics of Mobility", September 2016, IIES, Stockholm University

Thorsten Rogall (substitute), "The Economics of Genocide and War", June 2015, IIES, Stockholm University

Jonas Kolsrud, "Insuring Against Unemployment", September 2013, Department of Economics, Uppsala University

Mattias Nordin, "Information, Voting Behavior and Electoral Accountability", January 2013, Department of Economics, Uppsala University

Expert Assignments

External expert, professorship in political science, University of Helsinki (2024)

External expert, promotion to professor, Åbo Akademi University (2024)

External expert, associate senior lectureship and senior lectureship, University of Gothenburg (2024)

International expert reviewer, TMS Starting Grant Programme, Trond Mohn Foundation, Norway (2023)

Referee Service

American Journal of Political Science, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *European Journal of Political Economy*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *European Societies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Political Science Review*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Migration Studies*, *Party Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *PLoS ONE*, *Journal of European Social Policy*, *Representation*, *Scandinavian Political Studies*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Science Advances*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science Journal* and *World Politics*

Presentations

The Swedish Political Science Association (Gothenburg, Sweden, 2001), The Conference on Labor Market Relations (Saltsjöbaden, Sweden, 2003), Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, USA, 2003), Nordic Political Science Association (Reykjavik, Iceland, 2005), Workshop in Labor Economics (Department of Economics, Uppsala University, Sweden, 2004 and 2006), National Institute for Working Life (Stockholm, Sweden, 2006), ECPR General Meeting (Pisa, Italy, 2007), ECPR Joint Sessions (Helsinki, Finland, 2007), American Political Science Association (Chicago, USA, 2007), Workshop in Political Economy (Department of Government, Harvard University, 2008), Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (University of Mannheim, Germany, 2008), Annual Meeting of the Norwegian Political Science Association (Norway, 2009), Statistics Sweden (Stockholm, Sweden, 2009), American Political Science Association (Washington DC, USA, 2010), IMER Workshop (Department of Urban and Housing Research, Uppsala University, Sweden, 2010), Workshop in Public Economics (Department of Economics, Uppsala University, Sweden, 2010), European Political Science Association (Dublin, Ireland,

2011), Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (Uppsala, 2011 and 2012), European Political Science Association (Berlin, Germany, 2012), Political Methodology Research Seminar (Princeton, USA, 2013), Program in Contemporary European Politics and Society (Princeton, USA, 2013), Europe Center (Stanford University, USA, 2014), American Political Science Association (Washington, USA, 2014), Immigration Policy Lab (Stanford University, USA, 2015), American Political Science Association (San Francisco, USA, 2015), Immigration Policy Lab (Princeton University, USA, 2016), American Political Science Association (San Francisco, USA, 2016), American Political Science Association (Philadelphia, USA, 2017), American Political Science Association (Boston, USA, 2018), Swedish Political Science Association (2019), SOFI (2020), Council for European Studies (CES), University of Oslo, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, MZES (University of Mannheim, Germany, 2026), and University of Gothenburg (2026).

Teaching Experience

Swedish Politics (2000–2001), Methods (2001–2007), Social Science Methods for Engineers (2002–2005), Masters Program for Development Studies (2004–2007), Supervision of Bachelor and Master theses (2003–), The Problems of Democracy (2008–2014), Examination of Bachelor and Master theses (2008–), The Politics of the Welfare State (2009–2012), Supervision of Ph.D. students (2008–), Master Methods (2012–2014), Inequalities of Political Participation and Representation (2015–), Master Level Research Design (2016–2017), Master Level Quantitative Methods (2018–), Bachelor Level Methods (2019–2024, course convenor), Methods in Practice (Ph.D. course, 2021–), Comparative Politics (2022–), How Democratic Politics Work (Comparative Politics, BA level, developed with Jan Teorell, 2024–), The Study of Democracy (2025–)

Administrative Experience

Board member, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University (2018–2020); Chair of the Committee for Equity and Equal Treatment, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University (2016–2018); Substitute board member, Department of Government, Uppsala University (2013–2015); course convenor for large mandatory courses at Uppsala and Stockholm; responsible for the redesign of the methods curriculum at Stockholm University; initiator of a mentorship program at Uppsala University; developer, with Jan Teorell, of the new mandatory course How Democratic Politics Work at Stockholm University (2024–).