

Axel Cronert, PhD

Current research position

02/2018– Uppsala University
*Researcher at the Department of Government. Affiliated with the Uppsala Center for Labor Studies.
External researcher at the Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU).*

Previous research positions

08/2019–11/2019 Georgetown University
Affiliate Researcher at the McCourt School of Public Policy.

09/2016–06/2017 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Fulbright Visiting Student Researcher at the Department of Political Science.

09/2013–02/2018 Uppsala University
PhD Candidate at the Department of Government and the Uppsala Center for Labor Studies.

Research grants awarded in competition

2020–2022: *Parties, Politicians, and Personal Ties: An Individual-Based Approach to Coalition Formation Research* (principal investigator, with Linuz Aggeborn and Pär Nyman). The Swedish Research Council: 4,335,855 SEK.

2019–2024: *Aging Migrants, Labor Market Transitions and the Welfare State* (co-applicant; with Olof Åslund (PI), Lisa Laun, Joakim Palme, and Pernilla Tunberger). The Swedish Research Council: 17,670,000 SEK.

2018–2020: *The Politics of Public Investment* (co-applicant; with Pär Nyman). Forte: 3,530,000 SEK.

2018–2019: *Employer Compliance without Enforcement? A Study on the Law on Universal Posting of Vacancies at the Public Employment Service, and its Effects on Labor Market Integration* (co-applicant; with Joakim Palme). IFAU: 985,000 SEK.

Publications and other works

Journal articles

2021. **Cronert, A.** & Forsén, R. “Like Worker, Like Union? Labor Market Risk Exposure, White-Collar Predominance, and Trade Unions’ Policy Advocacy.” *Socio-Economic Review*, advance articles. [\[Link\]](#)

2021. **Cronert, A.** & Nyman, P. “A General Approach to Measuring Electoral Competitiveness for Parties and Governments.” *Political Analysis*, 29(3): 337–355. [\[Link\]](#)

2021. **Cronert, A.** “When the Paper Tiger Bites: Evidence of Compliance with Unenforced Regulation among Employers in Sweden.” *Regulation & Governance*, Early View. [\[Link\]](#)

2021. **Cronert, A.** & Hadenius, A. “Institutional Foundations of Global Well-Being: Democracy, State Capacity, and Social Protection.” *International Political Science Review*, 42(5): 705–724. [\[Link\]](#)

2020. **Cronert, A.** “Towards a Swiss Army Knife State? The Changing Face of Economic Interventionism in Advanced Democracies, 1980–2015.” *Review of International Political Economy*, ahead of print. [\[Link\]](#)

2020. **Cronert, A.** “The Multi-Tool Nature of Active Labour Market Policy and its Implications for Partisan Politics in Advanced Democracies.” *Social Policy & Society*, First View. [\[Link\]](#)

2019. **Cronert, A.** “Varieties of Employment Subsidy Design: Theory and Evidence from Across Europe.” *Journal of Social Policy*, 48(4): 839–859. [\[Link\]](#)

2018. **Cronert, A.** “Accommodation or Extraction? Employers, the State, and the Joint Production of Active Labor Market Policy.” *Politics & Society*, 46(4): 539–569. [\[Link\]](#)

2017. **Cronert, A.** “Unemployment Reduction or Labor Force Expansion? How Partisanship Matters for the Design of Active Labor Market Policy in Europe.” *Socio-Economic Review*, 17(4): 921–946. [\[Link\]](#)

2012. **Cronert, A.** & Danielsson, J. “Försäkringsmässighetens problem – om dolda fördelningseffekter i socialförsäkringarna” [The problem of actuarial principles – on hidden distributional effects in the social insurances]. *Ekonomisk Debatt*, 40(8): 84–87. [\[Link\]](#)

Book chapters

2021. **Cronert, A.** “Unemployment Benefits in the 21st Century: New Dimensions of Retrenchment and the Roles of Austerity and Populism.” In Greve, B. (ed.). *Handbook on Austerity, Populism and the Welfare State*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar. [\[Link\]](#)

2019. **Cronert, A.** & Palme, J. “Social Investment at Crossroads: ‘The Third Way’ or ‘The Enlightened Path’ Forward?” In Cantillon, B., Goedemé, T., & Hills, J. (eds.). *Decent Incomes for All*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [\[Link\]](#)

Doctoral dissertation

2018. **Cronert, A.** *All Interventionists Now? On the Political Economy of Active Labor Market Policy as Micro-Interventionist Multi-Tools*. Digital Comprehensive Summaries of Uppsala Dissertations from the Faculty of Social Sciences 149. Uppsala: Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis. [\[Link\]](#)

Peer-reviewed working papers

2019. **Cronert, A.** “Is Regulatory Compliance by Employers Possible Without Enforcement?” *IFAU Working Paper 2019:23*. Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy. [\[Link\]](#)

2017. **Cronert, A.** & Palme, J. “Approaches to Social Investment and Their Implications for Poverty in Sweden and the European Union” *Global Challenges Working Paper Series*. CROP/University of Bergen. Previous version presented at CES, Harvard University, Nov. 2016. [\[Link\]](#)

2015. Palme J. & **Cronert, A.** “Trends in the Swedish Social Investment Welfare State: ‘The Enlightened Path’ or ‘The Third Way’ for ‘the Lions’?” *ImPRovE Working Paper No. 15/12*. Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy – University of Antwerp. [\[Link\]](#)

Preprints, conference papers, and other works in progress

2021. **Cronert, A.** & Palme, J. *Why Agree to Protect? Towards a Political Economy Analysis of the Emergence and Global Expansion of International Social Security Agreements*. To be presented at the RC19 Annual Conference, August 25–27, 2021.

2021. **Cronert, A.** & Nyman, P. *Do Voters' Biases Impede Long-Term Governance? Evidence from a Politician Survey*. Presented at the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, July 2, 2021.

2021. **Cronert, A.** & Nyman, P. *Electoral Opportunism: Disentangling Myopia and Moderation*. APSA Preprint, February 10, 2021. [\[Link\]](#)

2020. **Cronert, A.** *Democracy, State Capacity, and COVID-19 Related School Closures*. APSA Preprint, April 28, 2020. Revise & Resubmit [\[Link\]](#)

Book reviews

2020. **Cronert, A.** “Trajectories of Neoliberal Transformation: European Industrial Relations since the 1970s.” By Lucio Baccaro and Chris Howell (2017, Cambridge University Press). *Perspectives on Politics*, 18(1): 315-316. [\[Link\]](#)

Policy reports

2019. **Cronert, A.** *Kan regelefterlevnad uppnås utan hot om påföljder? En utvärdering av lagen om allmän platsanmälan*. IFAU Rapport 2019:25. Policy-oriented summary of IFAU Working Paper 2019:23.

2015. **Cronert, A.** *Arbetsförmedlingen och arbetskraftsförmedlingen – Missbedömd eller dömd att misslyckas?* Research report to the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO).

2013. **Cronert, A.** & Danielsson, J. *Fler i studier, fler i arbete*. Policy report to the Swedish Confederation of Professional Associations (Saco).

Op-ed articles

2014 (Aug. 26). **Cronert, A.** *För svenska väljare är regeringsfrågan liten*. DN Debatt.

2012 (Oct. 13). **Cronert, A.** *Obligatoriskt system garanterar inte valfrihet*. SvD Brännpunkt.

Blog posts

2019. (Apr. 25). **Cronert, A.** *The Politics is in the Detail: How Policy-Makers in Europe Make Use of Employment Subsidies*. The Social Policy Blog. [\[Link\]](#)

Teaching experience

Comparative Welfare States (intermediate). 2018– (course instructor 2020–)

Public Administration (first-cycle). 2018–2019.

Methods (intermediate). 2016.

The Problems of Democracy (intermediate). 2015–2016.

Politics of the Welfare State (advanced). 2015.

I am a supervisor at the Bachelor's, Master's and PhD level.

Assignments and memberships

TCO's Academy for Future Labor Market Researchers. Admitted in the cohort of 2019.

Uppsala Political Science Association (UPSA). Treasurer, 2015–2016.

The Network for Young Researchers (Nätverket unga utredare). Steering group member, 2013–2016.

The National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations (LSU). National board of directors, 2013.

Swedish Guide and Scout Association (SSF). National board of directors, 2008–2009.

Distinctions and prizes

Grant from the Fulbright Commission. For visiting Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2016/17.

Grant from Thun's research fund. For visiting Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2016/17.

Grant for the ICPSR summer program, University of Michigan 2015. Swedish National Data Service.

Thesis award from the Swedish Competition Authority, 2013. 3rd prize awarded for my MSc Thesis.

Georgia Rotary Student Program – Class of 2006/2007 Scholarship. Funded my one year at ASU.

Dean's List, 2007, Armstrong State University, for my academic records during 2006/07.

Higher education

08/2012–06/2013	<i>Stockholm School of Economics</i>	MSc in Management (1 of 2 years).
09/2009–06/2012	<i>Uppsala University</i>	BSc and MSc degrees in Political Science.
08/2006–05/2007	<i>Armstrong State University, USA</i>	Stand-alone courses.
01/2006–06/2006	<i>Kristianstad University</i>	Stand-alone courses.

Work experience

02/2013–06/2016	Researcher & Policy Advisor	<i>LO and Saco (various short assignments)</i>
08/2011–08/2013	Researcher/Project Assistant	<i>Prime Public Relations, Stockholm</i>
08/2009–07/2011	Project Manager/Researcher	<i>Swedish Ass. of School Student Unions</i>
07/2008–07/2009	Regional Director South	<i>Swedish Ass. of School Student Unions</i>
08/2007–07/2008	Organization Developer	<i>Swedish Ass. of School Student Unions</i>