

## Axel Cronert | Docent, PhD

### Current research position

10/2024– Uppsala University  
– Associate Senior Lecturer at the Department of Government.  
– Appointed Associate Professor (Docent) in Political Science in 2022.  
– Affiliated with Uppsala Center for Labor Studies.

01/2024– Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU)  
– Researcher (part-time).

### Previous research positions

02/2018–09/2024 Uppsala University  
Researcher at the Department of Government.

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. Dissertation: “All Interventionists Now? On the Political Economy of Active Labor Market Policy as Micro-Interventionist Multi-Tools”

### Research grants awarded in competition

2024–2027: *Political distortions of market competition and electoral competition in Sweden: An integrated analysis using micro-data on local politicians, firms, and procurement* (principal investigator, with Pär Nyman). The Swedish Research Council: 4,731,000 SEK.

2024–2027: *Governing on autopilot? Flexibility and stability under different indexation regimes* (coapplicant, with Pär Nyman). The Swedish Research Council: 4,757,000 SEK.

2023–2029: *A Broadened Approach to Analyzing the Role of the Welfare System for a Sustainable Working Life* (co-applicant and managing committee member; with Lisa Laun (PI), Jan Sauermann and others). Forte: 23,980,000 SEK.

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

2024. **Cronert, A.** & J. Palme. “Bridging Migrants’ Social Protection Gap: Understanding the Incomplete Revolution of International Social Security Coordination.” *World Politics*, forthcoming.

2024. **Cronert, A.**, O. Jacques, O. & Ferland, B. “Minding the Time Gap: Politicians’ Perspectives on Inter-Temporal Trade-Offs in Policy and Politics.” *Journal of European Public Policy*, 31(11): 3914–3940. Awarded the Council of European Studies’ Political Economy and Welfare State Best Paper Prize 2023. [\[Link\]](#)

2024. **Cronert, A.** & Nyman, P. “Do Voters’ Biases Impede Future-Oriented Policy-Making?” *European Journal of Political Research*, 63: 1108–1128. [\[Link\]](#)

2023. **Cronert, A.** & Österman, M. ”Köer och valdeltagande i de allmänna valen 2022.” [“Lines and voter turnout in the 2022 Swedish general election.”] *Statsvetenskaplig tidskrift*, 125(4). [\[Link\]](#)

2023. **Cronert, A.** & Forsén, R. “Like Worker, Like Union? Labor Market Risk Exposure, White-Collar Predominance, and Trade Unions’ Policy Advocacy.” *Socio-Economic Review*, 21(1): 367–395. [\[Link\]](#)

2022a. **Cronert, A.** “Precaution and proportionality in pandemic politics: democracy, state capacity, and COVID-19-related school closures around the world.” *Journal of Public Policy*, 42(4): 705–729. [\[Link\]](#)

2022b. **Cronert, A.** “Towards a Swiss Army Knife State? The Changing Face of Economic Interventionism in Advanced Democracies, 1980–2015.” *Review of International Political Economy*, 29(2): 477-501. [\[Link\]](#)

2022c. **Cronert, A.** “The Multi-Tool Nature of Active Labour Market Policy and its Implications for Partisan Politics in Advanced Democracies.” *Social Policy & Society*, 21(2): 210–226. [\[Link\]](#)

2022d. **Cronert, A.** “When the Paper Tiger Bites: Evidence of Compliance with Unenforced Regulation among Employers in Sweden.” *Regulation & Governance*, 16(4): 1141–1159. [\[Link\]](#)

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

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

2018a. **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

2023. **Cronert, A.** “Studying the Effects and Explanations of Active Labor Market Policy: Theoretical and Empirical Challenges for Comparative Research.” In Clegg, D., & Durazzi, N. (eds.). *Handbook of Labour Market Policy in Rich Democracies*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar.

2021b. **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

2024. Åslund, O. & **A. Cronert.** “Origin Country Institutions and Immigrant Retirement Timing.” *IFAU Working paper 2024:3*. Uppsala: Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy. [\[Link\]](#)

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

In preparation. Calel, R., Sager, L., Barrows, G., **Cronert, A.**, Isaksen, E., & Ollivier, H. *Carbon Pricing and Jobs*.

2022. Aggeborn, L., **Cronert A.** & Nyman, P. *Does Politician Competence Matter for Government Formation? Evidence from Sweden*. Presented at the 2022 Swedish Political Science Association conference.

2022a. **Cronert, A.** & Nyman, P. *Birds of a Feather Govern Together: Inter-Party Ties and Coalition Formation*. Presented at the 2022 American Political Science Association and the 2022 Swedish Political Science Association conferences.

2022b. **Cronert, A.** & Nyman, P. *Electoral Opportunism: Disentangling Myopia and Moderation*. APSA Preprint, March 29, 2022. [\[Link\]](#)

### 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

2024. **Cronert, A.** & Åslund, O. *Ursprungslandets pensionsåldersregler och invandrades pensionsbeslut*. IFAU Rapport 2024:3. Policy-oriented summary of IFAU Working Paper 2024:3.

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

## Uppsala University

*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 or have been a supervisor of 4 PhD students, 4 Master's students, and 11 Bachelor's students.

## University of California, Berkeley – Global Internships Program

*The Swedish Model of Welfare Capitalism: Causes, Consequences, and Challenges*. 2022–

## Assignments and memberships

*Swedish Television News Uppsala*. Appointed as recurrent election expert, fall of 2022–  
*Uppsala Political Science Association (UPSA)*. Chair, 2022–. Treasurer, 2015–2016.  
*TCO's Academy for Future Labor Market Researchers*. Admitted in the cohort of 2019.  
*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*. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>