

Axel Cronert | Docent, PhD

Current research position

02/2018– Uppsala University
– *Researcher at the Department of Government.*
– *Appointed Docent in Political Science in 2022.*
– *Affiliated with Uppsala Center for Labor Studies.*
– *External researcher at 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. Dissertation: “All Interventionists Now? On the Political Economy of Active Labor Market Policy as Micro-Interventionist Multi-Tools”

Research grants awarded in competition

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

2023. **Cronert, A.** & Nyman, P. “Do Voters’ Biases Impede Future-Oriented Policy-Making?” *European Journal of Political Research*, forthcoming.

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

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*.

2023. **Cronert, A.** O. Jacques & B. Ferland. *Minding the Time Gap: Politicians’ Perspectives on Inter-Temporal Trade-Offs in Policy and Politics*. Paper presented at the 2023 CES conference in Reykjavik. Under review.

2023. **Cronert, A.** & J. Palme (2023). *Bridging Migrants’ Social Protection Gap: Understanding the Incomplete Revolution of International Social Security Coordination*. Paper presented at the 2021 RC19 conference in Fribourg and the 2021 Swedish EPSAnet conference in Uppsala.

2023. Åslund, O. & **Cronert, A.** *Origin Country Institutions and Immigrant Retirement Timing*. Presented at the Uppsala Immigration Lab conference, Sigtuna, November 8, 2022.

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

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 at 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 10 Bachelor’s students.

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. 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>