

# Gefjon Off

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Research interests: Political Behaviour, Gender & Politics, Radical Right, Multi-methods

## CURRENT POSITION

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PhD Student in Political Science, Gothenburg University (since 09/2019)

My dissertation explores individuals' antifeminism and radical right support. I apply mixed methods (survey data analysis, a survey experiment and interviews) using comparative data from all EU countries, and single country studies of Sweden and Germany.

Supervisors: Amy Alexander (Associate Professor), Nicholas Charron (Professor), Johanna Kantola (Professor)

Research stay with Prof. Eva Anduiza at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (11/2022 - 01/2023)

## PREVIOUS EDUCATION

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- M.Sc. in Economic Development, Lund University, SE 08/17 - 06/19
  - Elective courses at Department of Gender Studies
- B.A. (Cum Laude) in European Studies, Maastricht University, NL 09/13 - 06/16
- Exchange semestre: Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona, ES 09/15 - 01/16

## PHD TRAINING

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- Contestations of Gender Equality in Contemporary Europe, Tampere University
- Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
- Advanced Survey Data Analysis and Experiments, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis
- 7<sup>th</sup> PhD School on Elections and Voting Behaviour, University of Leuven/ University of Montréal
- Advanced Study of the State, its Citizens and its Institutions (Focus: Political Behaviour, Political Theory), Gothenburg University
- Research Design, Gothenburg University
- Advanced Regression Techniques, Gothenburg University
- Applied Methods, Gothenburg University
- Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 1, Gothenburg University
- Communicating Science, Gothenburg University

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Off, Gefjon (2022). Gender equality salience, backlash and radical right voting in the gender-equal context of Sweden. *West European Politics*.

Off, Gefjon, Nicholas Charron & Amy Alexander (2022). Who perceives women's rights as threatening to men and boys? Explaining modern sexism among young men in Europe. *Frontiers in Political Science*. (in a special issue on "Mind the Backlash: Gender Discrimination and Sexism in Contemporary Societies" edited by Hilde Coffé, Susan Banducci, Marta Fraile, Jessica Fortin-Rittenberger, and Amy Alexander).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### Articles

Complexities and nuances in radical right voters' antifeminism (*Revise & resubmit*)

The polarizing effects of women's rights and refugee immigration: A survey experiment in 27 EU member states (*with Amy Alexander and Nicholas Charron, under review*)

"Reverse intersectionality": Multidimensional cultural grievances over gender, sexuality and immigration

### Books

Gendering political authoritarianism: Emancipative gender values and opposition to political authoritarianism (*with Amy Alexander, contract with Cambridge Elements Gender & Politics series*)

## AWARDS

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- **Victor D'Hondt Prize 2022** for the best paper presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Leuven PhD School on Elections,  
Paper: Antifeminism with exceptions: How radical right voters use (anti-)feminist arguments for different political goals

## GRANTS

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- Helge Ax:son Johnsons Stiftelse, grant for research visit (25 000 sek) 2022
- Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond, grant for research visit (25 000 sek) 2022
- Swedish Network for European Studies, grant for research visit (29 500 sek) 2022
- Stiftelsen Siamon, research grant for interview study in East Germany (25 000 sek) 2021
- Donation board scholarship, travel grant for conferences (20 000 sek) 2020
- Wilhelm och Martina Lundgrens Vetenskapsfond, travel grant for summer schools (20 000 sek) 2020
- Adlerbertska Stipendiestiftelsen, travel grant (20 000 sek) 2020

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & INVITED TALKS

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- Talk at the Democracy, Elections and Citizenship research group, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (01/2023).
- Talk at the Instituto de Políticas y Bienes Públicos, CSIC, Madrid (11/2022).
- Talk at the Comparative Politics Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Lund University (10/2022).
- Biannual Quality of Government (QoG) conference, Gothenburg. Presenter and discussant (08/2022).
- European Conference on Politics and Gender, Ljubljana. Panel co-organizer, presenter and discussant (07/2022).
- Biannual conference, Gothenburg Research Group on Elections, Public Opinion and Political Behaviour. Presenter (05/2022).
- Politics & Gender workshop, Gothenburg. Presenter and discussant (02/2022).
- Biannual Quality of Government (QoG) conference, Gothenburg. Presenter and discussant (02/2022).
- Nordic Political Science Association (NOPSA), Reykjavik. Presenter (08/2021).
- International Political Science Association (IPSA), Lisbon. Presenter (07/2021).
- 10<sup>th</sup> Laboratory for Comparative Social Research (LCSR) International Workshop, Moscow. Presenter (04/2021).
- Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA), Östersund/ Sundsvall. Presenter and discussant (09/2020).
- Biannual Quality of Government (QoG) conference, Gothenburg. Presenter and discussant (08/2020).
- Swedish Network of European Studies workshop, Lund. Presenter and discussant (02/2020).

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE (AT GOTHENBURG UNIVERSITY, 2020-2023)

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### Bachelor level

- Swedish Politics in a Comparative Perspective
  - Seminars on gender and the welfare state
  - Lectures on radical right parties
  - Tutoring students for their final essays
- “Tematisk fördjupning”: Tutoring of student groups writing literature reviews and research plans (in Swedish)
- The European Union’s Role in International Affairs: Seminar on European Neighbourhood Policy
- 10 bachelor thesis supervisions in Political Science & European Studies (partly in Swedish)

### Master level

- Introduction to Applied Research Design and Quantitative Research: Lab sessions
- 5 thesis supervisions in the teachers’ degree for Social Science teachers (in Swedish)
- 5 master thesis co-supervisions in International Administration and Global Governance & European Studies. 2 award-winning theses:
  - 2021 Rutger Lindahl Award for Best Master’s Thesis in European Studies: Lundén, Clara (2021). Welfare chauvinism, a privilege of the wealthy?
  - 2022 Henrik and Karolina von Mentzer Award for Best Master Thesis: Mehring, Kathina (2022). Protective masculinity and the populist radical right. Explaining the gender gap in populist radical right electoral support in Europe.

## SERVICE & COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

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- Reviewer for *Politics & Gender*, *NORMA: International Journal for Masculinity Studies*, *West European Politics*
- Co-organizer of the Party Research Seminar Series, Department of Political Science since 01/2022
- Secretary of Social Science PhD Council 09/2021 - 01/2023
- PhD representative, Social Science Advisory Committee for Research and Postgraduate Studies 03/2021 - 01/2023
- PhD representative of Political Science, Social Science PhD Council 09/2020 - 01/2023

## OUTREACH

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### Blog posts

*How conservatives react against feminist mobilisations and turn to the radical right.* Blog post in ECPR's Political Science Blog - The Loop. July 2022.

*The Swedish elections: takeaways for the study of illiberalism.* Blog post in ECPR's Political Science Blog - The Loop. September 2022.

### Media interviews

*Grootste seksisten? Niet de boomers, maar jonge mannen voelen zich meest bedreigd door gendergelijkheid.* (Translates to: Biggest Sexists? Not the boomers, but young men feel most threatened by gender equality). Interview with Jorn Lelong, De Morgen. August 2022.

*Ny studie: Unga män mest negativa till ökade rättigheter för kvinnor.* (Translates to: New study: Young men are most negative towards advances in women's rights). Interview with Olle Bergvall, Dagens Arena. September 2022.

*Forskning: Svenska unga män moderna sexister.* (Translates to: Research: Swedish young men [are] modern sexists). Interview with Ellinor Skagegård, for Svenska Dagbladet. November 2022.

I also gave an interview about the study on European young men's modern sexism to the Swedish news agency TT nyhetsbyrå, which was then taken up by the Swedish newspapers *Sydsvenskan*, *Svenska Dagbladet*, *Göteborgs-Posten* and *Aftonbladet* (including on Instagram and TikTok), amongst others. I further gave interviews to Radio Sweden and the radio programs P3 Nyheter and P4 Sjuhärad. Further, I was interviewed by the private Swedish TV channel TV4, and the Swedish public service TV channel SVT reported on the study. In the Swedish talkshow *Sverige Möts*, the study was discussed in-depth by the Swedish minister for gender equality, amongst others. Beyond Sweden, *The Telegraph* and *The Independent* (United Kingdom) and the *SonntagsZeitung* and TV broadcaster *TeleZüri* (Switzerland) reported on the study. September/ October/ November 2022.

### Participation in podcasts

Modern sexism in Europe. *Europe Talks Back*. September 2022.

Varför är unga män kritiska till jämställdhet? *Vad Vi Vet idag*. November 2022.

## OTHER RELEVANT SKILLS

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- Languages: German (native), English (fluent, academic), French (B2), Swedish (B2), Spanish (B2)
- Programming & Software: Stata (advanced), R (beginner),  $\text{\LaTeX}$

## OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Freelance Writer, *Orange by Handelsblatt* (German online youth magazine) 2017-2019
- Research Assistant for Luis Serratos, Department of Economic History, Lund University Spring 2018

## REFERENCES

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