

# 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)

- Dissertation: “Contested feminism. Backlash and the radical right” (*to be defended in Sep’23*)
- 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
- B.A. (Cum Laude) in European Studies, Maastricht University, NL 09/13 - 06/16
- Exchange semestre: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, ES 09/15 - 01/16

## PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH ARTICLES

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Off, Gefjon (2023). Complexities and nuances in radical right voters’ (anti)feminism. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*.

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).

## BOOK REVIEWS

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Off, Gefjon (2023). Book Review: Wronged and Dangerous: Viral Masculinity and the Populist Pandemic. By Karen Lee Ashcraft. *Politics & Gender*.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### Research Articles

For every action a reaction? The polarizing effects of women’s rights and refugee immigration (*with Amy Alexander and Nicholas Charron, under review*)

Multidimensional and intersectional cultural grievances over gender, sexuality and immigration (*under review*)

Protective masculinity and the populist radical right: Explaining the gender gap in populist radical right support in Europe? (*with Kathina Mehring and Katarzyna Wojnicka*)

Gender, care work and perceptions of feminism as threatening (*with Eva Anduiza*)

### 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

## INVITED TALKS

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- Gothenburg Fredrika Bremer Association, Sweden's oldest women's rights organisation (04/2023).
- Democracy, Elections and Citizenship research group, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (01/2023).
- Instituto de Políticas y Bienes Públicos, CSIC, Madrid (11/2022).
- Comparative Politics Research Seminar, Department of Political Science, Lund University (10/2022).

## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

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- Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association, Glasgow (06/2023, forthcoming).
- Biannual Quality of Government (QoG) conference, Copenhagen. Presenter and discussant (01/2023).
- 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 & lectures on topics incl. gender and the welfare state & 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
- Bachelor thesis supervisions in Political Science & European Studies (x10, partly in Swedish)

### Master level

- Introduction to Applied Research Design and Quantitative Research: Lab sessions
- Thesis supervisions in the teachers' degree for Social Science teachers (x5, in Swedish)
- Master thesis co-supervisions in International Administration and Global Governance & European Studies (x5). 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

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

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

### Media interviews (selection)

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

Unga män känner sig mest hotade av jämställdhet. (Translates to: Young men feel most threatened by gender equality). TV interview for Swedish broadcaster TV4. October 2022.

*Har kvinnors rättigheter gått för långt?*. (Translates to: Have women's rights gone too far?) Interview for the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet's Instagram and TikTok channels. October 2022.

*Genervt von der Frauenförderung*. (Translates to: Annoyed by the promotion of women). Interview with Bettina Weber, for SonntagsZeitung (Switzerland). October 2022.

Unga killar känner sig mest hotade av ökade rättigheter för kvinnor. (Translates to: Young men feel most threatened by advances in women's rights). Interview for radio show P3 Nyheter. September 2022.

Young men less accepting of increasing rights for women, study claims. Interview for Radio Sweden. September 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.

*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.

### Other news coverage

In the Swedish talkshow Sverige Möts, the study on European young men's modern sexism was discussed in-depth by the Swedish minister for gender equality, amongst others. November 2022.

Men under 30 are less accepting of women's rights. The Telegraph. October 2022.

Young men feel most 'threatened' by progress in women's rights, study finds. The Independent. October 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), L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## 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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