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Degrees:

- B.A.(Economics), Stockholm University, 1994.
- Ph.D. (Economics), Stockholm Doctoral Program in Economics, Stockholm University 2001, Public defence of thesis June 2000.
- Docent in Economics, Stockholm University, January 2007

Current Position

- Professor (chair) in Economics at the Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Gothenburg, September 2015-

Previous Positions

- Deputy Head of department, responsible for research, July 2021-June 2024
- Holder of Torsten Söderbergs Research professorship at School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, July 2017-June 2020
- Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences Research Fellow supported by a grant from the Torsten and Ragnar Söderberg Foundation 2010-2015 (funding extended to June 2017)

- Professor in Economics at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University February 2011–August 2015
- Lecturer (Universitetslektor) in Economics at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University, July 2010-January 2011.
- Researcher (externally financed) at the Department of Economics, Uppsala University, September 2007-June 2010.
- Researcher (Forskarassistent) at the Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University, December 2003-August 2007.
- Postdoc Researcher at the NWO program 'Scholar', Department of Economics and Econometrics, Amsterdam University, January 2001-November 2003.
- Postdoc Researcher at Swedish Institute for Social Research, June 2000-December 2000
- Phd Candidate 1995-2000 (1998-2000 at Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, 1997-1998 visiting graduate student at Princeton University and 1995-1997 at Economics Department, Stockholm University)

Other academic

- Ledamot, LFN, University of Gothenburg, since Aug 2024
- Ledamot, IFAUs vetenskapliga råd 2017-2024
- Ledamot i Utbildningsvetenskapliga kommittén, Vetenskapsrådet, 1/2013-12/2018
- Elected council member, ESPE (European Society of Population Economics), 1/2012-12/2017
- CESIFO Research Network Fellow since 2010
- Research fellow (Founding fellow) at UCLS, Department of Economics, Uppsala University since 2010
- Research fellow at IZA, The Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, since December 2000
- Research affiliate at IFAU, Uppsala, since September 2007.
- Editorial Board, Economics of Education Review, since January 2011.
- Associate Editor, Economics of Education Review, January 2008-December 2010.
- Ledamot (elected) Samhällsvetenskapliga fakultetsnämnden, Uppsala Universitet, 8/2013-1/2015
- Ledamot, Regeringens Utbildningsvetenskapliga Råd, 2014

External research grants:

Main applicant:

- Riksbankens Jubileumsfond. 2024. Three-year grant from RJ for the project, How much inequality can be explained by family background? A new intergenerational decomposition approach, P24-0719, 4,332,000 SEK (about 400,000 EURO). Duration 2025-2028
- Handelsbanksstiftelserna. 2023. Three-year grant for the program , Impacts and Predictors of Extended Paternity Leave, 1,800,000 SEK (about 170,000 EURO)

- Three-year grant from Handelsbankens Forskningsstiftelser, 2022, for the program “Consequences of changes and reforms within the Swedish school system during the first half of the 20th century,” Amount 2,000,000 SEK (about 200,000 EURO).
- Three-year grant from the Scientific Council of Sweden (Vetenskapsrådet, HS-B), 2020, for the project, Quantitative analysis of income and wealth distributions using novel econometric methods, 2020-02423, 4,227,000 SEK (about 412,000 EURO).
- Three-year grant from Handelsbankens Forskningsstiftelser, 2015, for the program Studies of the transmission of human capital within and between generations, 2,000,000 SEK (about 200,000 EURO).
- Five-year grant from the European Research Council (ERC starting grant 241161), 2010, for the program “Intergenerational associations in education, income and health: an investigation of underlying mechanisms,” Amount: 626,000 EURO.
- Five-year grant from the Scientific Council of Sweden (Vetenskapsrådet), 2009, for the program “Intergenerational associations in education, income and health: an investigation of underlying mechanisms,” Amount: 10,000,000 SEK (when I got the ERC grant, this VR grant was discontinued).
- Three-year grant from the Scientific Council of Sweden (Vetenskapsrådet), Fall 2007, for the study of “Consequences for school productivity and segregation from choice and competition between public and private schools,” Amount: 2,700,000 SEK (about 260,000 EURO).

Co-applicant:

- Scientific Council of Sweden. 2023. Three-year grant from VR (HS-B) for the project, Consequences of changes and reforms within the Swedish school system during the first half of the 20th century, 5,093,000 SEK. Duration 2024-2026. (Main applicant: Gustav Kjellsson)
- Uppsala Center for Labor Studies” (2009–19) (Main applicant: Bertil Holmlund)
- “FAS centre: Social Change and Inequality over the course of lifetime” (2007–17) (Main applicant: Anders Björklund)
- “What is the significance of economic incentives for the choice of university education?” (2012-2014), VR, (Main applicant: Per Johansson)

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles:

Björkegren, E., M. Lindahl, M. Palme and E. Simeonova, (forthcoming) “Decomposing the Parental Education Gradient in health: Lessons from a Large Sample of Adoptees” forthcoming, *Journal of Labor Economics*
<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/10.1086/733050>

Alem, Y. Kocher, M., Shurz, S., Carlsson, F. & Lindahl, M. (2023) Distributional Preferences in Adolescent Peer Networks, *Experimental Economics*, vol 26, pp. 223-248, 2023.

Björkegren, E., M. Lindahl, M. Palme and E. Simeonova, (2022) “Pre- and Post-Birth Components of Intergenerational Persistence in Health and Longevity: Lessons from a Large Sample of Adoptees, *Journal of Human Resources*, vol 57(1), pp. 112-142, 2022.

Adermon, A., M. Lindahl and M. Palme (2021), “Dynastic Human Capital, Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility,” *American Economic Review*, Vol. 111(5), 1523-1548.

Adermon, A., M. Lindahl and D. Waldenström (2018) ”Intergenerational Wealth Mobility and the Role of Inheritance: Evidence from Multiple Generations” *Economic Journal*, Vol 128(612), Feature: New Directions in Measuring Intergenerational Mobility, F482-F513.

Borcan, O, M Lindahl and A Mitrut (2017) “Fighting Corruption in Education: What Works and Who Benefits?” *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, Vol. 9(1), 180-209.

Böhlmark, A, H. Holmlund and M Lindahl (2016) “Parental choice, neighbourhood segregation or cream skimming? An analysis of school segregation after a generalized choice reform, *Journal of Population Economics*, Vol. 29(4), 1155-1190.

Böhlmark, A, and M Lindahl (2015) “Independent Schools and Long-Run Educational Outcomes - Evidence from Sweden’s Large Scale Voucher Reform”, *Economica*, Vol. 82, 508-551.

Lindahl, M, M Palme, S Sandgren Massih and A Sjögren (2015) “Long-term intergenerational persistence of human capital: an empirical analysis of four generations”, *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol. 50(1) (Lead Article).

Borcan, O, M Lindahl and A Mitrut (2014) “The Impact of an Unexpected Wage Cut on Corruption: Evidence from a “Xeroxed” Exam” *Journal of Public Economics*, vol 120, 32-47.

Lindahl, M, M Palme, S Sandgren Massih and A Sjögren (2014) ”A Test of the Becker-Tomes Model of Human Capital Transmission using Microdata on Four Generations, *Journal of Human Capital*, Vol. 7(1).

Holmlund, H, M Lindahl and E Plug (2011) “The Causal Effect of Parent’s Schooling on Children’s Schooling: A Comparison of Estimation Methods”, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 49(3): 615-51.

Leuven, E, M Lindahl, H Oosterbeek and D Webbink (2010) “Expanding Schooling Opportunities for 4-year olds”, *Economics of Education Review*, 29(3), 319-328 (Lead Article).

Leuven, E, M Lindahl, H Oosterbeek and D Webbink (2007) “The effect of extra funding for disadvantaged students on achievement”, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 89(4), 721-736.

Björklund, A, M Lindahl and E Plug (2006) “The Origins of Intergenerational Associations: Lessons from Swedish Adoption Data”, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 121(3), 999-1028.

Lindahl, M (2005) ”Home versus School Learning: A new Approach to Estimating the Effect of Class Size on Achievement,” *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, 107(2), 375-394.

Lindahl, M (2005) ”Estimating the Effect of Income on Health and Mortality using Lottery Prizes as Exogenous Source of Variation in Income,” *Journal of Human Resources*, 40(1), 144-168.

Björklund, A, M Lindahl and K Sund (2003) “Family background and school performance during a turbulent era of school reforms”, *Swedish Economic Policy Review* 10(2), 111-136.

Krueger, A and M Lindahl (2001) ”Education for Growth: Why and for Whom?”, *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 39 (4), 1101-1136.

Krueger, A and M Lindahl (1999) ”Education for Growth in Sweden and the World”, *Swedish Economic Policy Review*, Vol. 6 (2), 289-339. Reprinted in Education Matters: Collected Essays by Alan B. Krueger, Edward Elgar Publishing, October 2000.

Working Papers:

Angelov, N., P. Johansson. M. Lindahl and A. Pihl, “Earnings Expectations and Educational Sorting: An Ex-Ante Perspective on Returns to University Education,” revise and resubmit, **Journal of Applied Econometrics**

Björkegren, E., M. Lindahl, M. Palme and E. Simeonova “Selection and Causation in the Parental Education Gradient in Health: Lessons from a Large Sample of Adoptees,” NBER Working Paper No. 28214, Dec 2020.

Angelov, N., P. Johansson. M. Lindahl and A. Pihl “Subjective Expectations, Educational Choice Heterogeneity and Gender: Evidence from a Sample of Swedish High School Students,” First version August 2018, Revised March 2019.

Brandén, G., M. Lindahl and B. Öckert The Importance of Nature-Nurture Interactions for Skill Formation: Evidence from a Large Sample of Adoptees, mimeo, 2017

Lindahl, M., E. Lundberg, M. Palme and E. Simeonova, "Parental Influences on Health and Longevity: Lessons from a Large Sample of Adoptees" NBER Working Paper w21946, IZA Discussion Paper No. 9688, January 2016

Böhlmark, A. and M. Lindahl "The Impact of School Choice on Pupil Achievement, Segregation and Costs: Swedish Evidence" IZA Discussion Paper No. 2786, May 2007.

Björklund, A., M. Lindahl and E. Plug "Intergenerational Effects in Sweden: What Can We Learn from Adoption Data?" IZA Discussion Paper No. 1194, June 2004.

Lindahl, M "Summer Learning and the Effect of Schooling: Evidence from Sweden" IZA Discussion Paper No. 262, February 2001.

Book reviews:

Lindahl, M. (2015). Review of The Knowledge Capital of Nations: Education and the Economics of Growth. By Eric A. Hanushek and Ludger Woessmann. CESifo Book Series. Cambridge and London: MIT Press, 2015. *Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 53 (4) s. 1027-1029.

Book chapters:

Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital, *Research Handbook on Intergenerational Inequality*, Eds. Elina Kilpi-Jakonen, Jo Blanden, Jani Erola and Lindsey Macmillan, Edward Elgar Publishing, p. 27-41, May 2024. <https://www.elgaronline.com/edcollchap/book/9781800888265/book-part-9781800888265-10.xml>

Lindahl M and E Canton (2007) "The Social Returns to Education" in Human Capital: Theory and Evidence, by Joop Hartog and Henriette Maassen van den Brink, (Eds.), Cambridge University Press, p. 21-37.

Relevant reports, research briefs and non-academic articles:

Angelov, N., P. Johansson, M. Lindahl and A. Pihl (2022) "Vad förväntar sig ungdomar för avkastning på högre utbildning?" IFAU Rapport 2022:4

Adermon, A., M. Lindahl and M. Palme (2021), "Social Rörlighet," SNS Analys nr 82.

Björkegren, E., M. Lindahl, M. Palme and E. Simeonova (2021) Why educated parents have healthier children: Environmental versus genetic factors, VoxEU

Lindahl, M. (2019) "Vad säger forskningen om vilka åtgärder som bäst ökar likvärdigheten i skolan?", kapitel i "Lika för alla? En ESO-antologi om skolans

likvärdighet" Robert Erikson och Lena Unemo (red.), Stockholm, Regeringskansliet, Finansdepartementet, Kapitel i rapport 2019

Adermon, A., M. Lindahl and D. Waldenström (2018) "Förmögenhet och arv över flera generationer" IFAU Rapport 2018:7

Adermon, A., M. Lindahl and D. Waldenström (2016) Drivers of wealth persistence across generations, VoxEU

Böhlmark, H. Holmlund, and M Lindahl (2012) "Skolsegregation och Skolval", IFAU Rapport 2015:5

Böhlmark, A and M Lindahl (2012) "Friskolereformens långsiktiga effekter på utbildningsresultat," SNS Analys nr 7.

Böhlmark, A. and M Lindahl (2012) "Har den växande friskolesektorn varit bra för elevernas utbildningsresultat på kort och lång sikt?", IFAU Rapport 2012:17

Lindahl, M., M. Palme, S. Sandgren-Massih and A. Sjögren (2012) "Intergenerationell rörlighet i inkomster och utbildning – en analys av fyra generationer" IFAU Rapport 2012:12

Krueger A and M Lindahl (2009) An evaluation of selected reforms to education and labour market policy in Sweden (with Alan Krueger), Studier i finanspolitik 2009/4, underlagsrapport for the main report from Swedish Fiscal Policy Council (Finanspolitiska rådet) 2009.

Björklund A and M Lindahl Utbildning och ekonomisk utveckling: -vad visar den empiriska forskningen om orsakssambanden? (2005), Rapport till Expertgruppen för studier i Samhällsekonomi (ESS), Regeringskansliet, Finansdepartementet, 2005:1.

Krueger A and M Lindahl (2002) Klassfrågan – En ESO-rapport om Lärartätheten i skolan, Ds 2002:11, Government Report, The Swedish Ministry of Finance, 74 pages.

Teaching and Supervising

Teaching:

My total teaching experience amounts to over 800 lecture hours (roughly half at the undergraduate/Masters program and half at the PhD program).

- Econometrics III, PhD course at University of Gothenburg in 2017, 2019-2025 (Course coordinator; 36 lecture hour per year; 100% of the course).

- Topics in Applied Micro, PhD course (with Randi Hjalmarsson and Andreea Mitrut) at University of Gothenburg in spring 2022, 2024 (12 hours; 33%). My part is about intergenerational mobility.
- Economics in practice, Bachelor course (with Sanna Bergvall and Adrian Poignant) at University of Gothenburg in 2024, 2025 (12 hours; 33%).
- Academic Writing, 2015-2024 (3 hours; 10%)
- Graduate Econometrics, Masters course (with Andreea Mitrut) at University of Gothenburg in fall 2016, 2017 (20 hours; 50%).
- Topics in Labor Economics, PhD course (with Randi Hjalmarsson) at University of Gothenburg in fall 2015, 2017 (20 hours; 50%).
- Labour Economics, C-level undergraduate course, at Uppsala University (Course coordinator; 30 hours; 100%) 2008-2011, 2014
- Applied Microeconometrics, PhD course (with Adrian Adermon and Per Johansson) at Uppsala University (14 hours; 33%) 2013.
- Econometrics I and II, PhD course (with Per Johansson, Rolf Larsson and Nikolay Angelov), (18 hours; 25%) at Uppsala University 2008-2013.
- Topics in Labor Economics, PhD course (with Per-Anders Edin, Bertil Holmlund, Oskar Nordström Skans, Olof Åslund), at Uppsala University 2009 (6 hours; 20%).
- Social Issues in Economics, Phd course (with Per-Anders Edin and others), at Uppsala University 2007 (9 hours; 30%).
- Labor Economics I, Phd course (with Bertil Holmlund and Laura Larsson), at Stockholm and Uppsala University in 2006 (12 hours; 40%).
- Economics of Education, Phd course (with Peter Fredriksson and Bertil Holmlund), at Stockholm and Uppsala University in fall 2005 (12 hours; 50%).
- Economics of Education, Phd course (with Hessel Osterbeek et al.) at Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam (3 hours; 20%).
- Macroeconomics, Undergraduate level, Stockholm University 1996, Teaching assistant

Supervising at the Ph.d. program level:

Main supervisor for:

- Adrian Adermon, Uppsala University, Ph.D. 2013. First placement: Uppsala University on Wallander stipend)
- Sebastian Axbard, Uppsala University, Ph.D. 2016. First placement: Queen Mary University London as Lecturer (tenure-track); Winner of Arnberska priset 2017
- Gunnar Branden, Uppsala University, Ph.D. 2018. First placement: Umeå University (PostDoc).
- Debbie Lau, University of Gothenburg, Ph.D. 2020, Industry (Volvo).
- Simon Schürz (University of Gothenburg, Ph.D. March 2020), Government (Federal Statistical Office, Cologne, Germany).
- Tim Bayer (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2020, PhD expected Fall 2025; first placement, postdoc, University of Potsdam)
- Chenlu Wu (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2022, PhD expected June 2026)

- Elliott Syrén (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2023, PhD expected June 2027)

Assistant supervisor for:

- Helena Holmlund, SOFI, Stockholm University, PhD 2006. First placement: Centre for Economic Performance, LSE, as a research economist
- Krister Sund, SOFI, Stockholm University, PhD 2007, Government (Swedish National Agency for Education).
- Krzysztof (Chris) Karbownik (Uppsala University, Ph.D. 2013. First placement: Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, as research associate)
- Maksym Khomenko (University of Gothenburg, Ph.D. 2019. First placement: Stockholm University on Wallander stipend).
- Lina Andersson (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2016, PhD defence May 2022), Industry. I was formally the main advisor, but in practice Lina was advised by professors M. Dufwenberg, U of Arizona, and J. Weibull, SSE.
- Andrea Berggren (Ph.D. 2023) Government agency (The Swedish Social Insurance Inspectorate), Gothenburg
- Ville Inkinen (University of Gothenburg, PhD defence 2023, first placement, postdoc, University of Exeter Business School).
- Jimmy Karlsson (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2020).
- Jens Ewald (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2021, PhD expected June 2025).
- Daniel Cunha Byström (University of Gothenburg, year of admission 2022, PhD expected June 2026).

Was assistant advisor for Lena Lindahl, SOFI, Stockholm University, 2004-2005 and main advisor for Lucas Tilley, Uppsala University, 2014-2016.

Supervision at the undergraduate and Masters level:

Have supervised a number of Bachelor as well as Master theses (including Angela Hsiao who in 2013 was rewarded a prize "stipendiet Ingemar Carlssons minne" by Nationalekonomiska föreningen at Uppsala University, for the best Master thesis that year, and Sebastian Shaqiri, who in 2022 was rewarded "the Rishard C. Malmsten Award" for the best Masters thesis in Economics at Handelshögskolan, University of Gothenburg.).

Assignments as opponent and grading committees

- Faculty opponent Torsten Santavirta PhD defence, "Essays on Human Capital Development, Wage Dynamics, and Religious Participation". Aalto University, November 2011.
- Faculty opponent Martin Nybom, PhD defence, "Essays on Educational Choice and Intergenerational Mobility". Stockholm University, January 2013.

- External opponent Kaja Høiseth Brugård, PhD defence, "Dropped Out? Three Essays on High School Education, NTNU, Trondheim, November 2013
- Faculty opponent Karin Hederos Eriksson, PhD defence, "Essays on Inequality, Gender and Family Background, Stockholm School of Economics, April 2014
- External opponent Jan Stuhler, PhD defence, "Essays on Migration and Intergenerational Mobility". University College London, October 2014.
- Faculty opponent Mengyi Cao, PhD defence, "Labor, Trade and Finance: Essays in Applied Economics," Stockholm University, December 2017
- Faculty opponent Eirik Abel Berger, PhD defence, "Equality, Intergenerational Mobility, and Family Formation." NHH, November 2024

- Discussant, Licentiate thesis, Åsa Ahlin, Uppsala University, 2004
- Final opponent on Susanna Holzer, Växjö University, 2008,
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Susanna Holzer, Växjö University
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Sara Fogelberg, Stockholm University, November 2015
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Elias Johannesson, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Gothenburg University, November 2017
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Hanna Muhlrød, Gothenburg University, January 2018
- Member PhD Evaluation committee Antonio Dalla-Zuanna, PhD defence, "Essays in Empirical Labor Economics," NHH, Bergen, March 2018
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Adam Altmejd, Stockholm School of Economics, September 2018
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Elisabet Olme, Stockholm University, May 2019
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Sara Mikkelsen, Lund University, "Family matters: Essays in Applied Microeconomics, April 2020
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Victoria Rolfe, Faculty of Educational Sciences, Gothenburg University, June 2021
- Member of Ph.D. committee for Erika Forsberg, Uppsala University, 2024

Keynotes

- Keynote presentation (Transmission of human capital across four generations: intergenerational correlations and a test of the Becker-Tomes theory) at the workshop "Educational Systems and Human Capital" in Trondheim March 27-29, 2011.
- Keynote presentation (How can we understand the transmission of inequality in well-being across generations?) at the 6th Zurich Workshop in Economics, University of Zurich, Murg, 15-16 September 2016.
- Keynote presentation (Dynastic Human Capital and the sources of Intergenerational mobility) at the 10th edition of the IWAE conference in Economics of Economics, Catanzaro, Italy, June 2018.
- Keynote presentation (Decomposing the Parental Education Gradient in Health), Workshop in Family Economics and Human Capital, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy, September 2023.

Refereeing

Have been referee for a large number (about 50) journals and funders (Such as ERC and NSF). A bit more frequent for the following journals:

American Economic Review, Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics.