

# CV | SANDRA HÅKANSSON

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## CURRENT POSITION

*RESEARCHER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY*

November 2023 – present

## EDUCATION

*PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, 2023*

*PHD STUDIES, VISITING STUDENT, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH, 2021*

*POLITICES MASTER, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY, 2015*

*BACHELOR IN HUMAN RIGHTS, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STOCKHOLM, 2010*

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Parental leave December 2020—August 2021 (Alfred born 28 December 2020)

Parental leave March – August 2023 (Malva born 2 March 2023)

Leave of absence from the PhD programme August 2019—June 2020 to work in the Swedish Parliament

## PREVIOUS RELEVANT POSITIONS

*PHD CANDIDATE, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT, UPPSALA UNIVERSITY*

August 2016 – October 2023

*RESEARCH FELLOW, RIKSDAGEN [THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT]*

August 2019 – June 2020

*PROGRAMME MANAGER, SNS – CENTRE FOR BUSINESS AND POLICY STUDIES*

June 2015 – August 2016

*PROGRAMME COORDINATOR, PMU*

October 2011 – September 2013

*PEACE OBSERVER, WCC*

June 2011 – September 2011

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

### PEER-REVIEWED ORIGINAL ARTICLES

- Grahn, Michal and **Sandra Håkansson**. 2025. "Inclusive or Exclusive? Candidate Selection Methods Do Not Affect Descriptive Representation." *West European Politics*, *accepted manuscript*, doi: 10.1080/01402382.2025.2504296.
- Håkansson, Sandra**, and Michal Grahn. 2025. "The Cost of Debating Harassment Against Politicians: Are Women and Men Affected Equally?" *Political Behavior*, online first. doi:10.1007/s11109-025-10039-1.
- Håkansson, Sandra**, and Nazita Lajevardi. 2024. "Representation at Risk: Evaluating Levels and Consequences of Violence against Immigrant-Background Politicians." *American Political Science Review*: 1–16. doi:10.1017/S000305542400100X.
- Håkansson, Sandra. 2024b. "The Gendered Representational Costs of Violence against Politicians." *Perspectives on Politics* 22(1): 81–96. doi:10.1017/S1537592723001913.
- Håkansson, Sandra. 2024a. "Explaining Citizen Hostility against Women Political Leaders: A Survey Experiment in the United States and Sweden." *Politics & Gender* 20(1): 1–28.
- Erikson, Josefina, **Sandra Håkansson**, and Cecilia Josefsson. 2023. "Three Dimensions of Gendered Online Abuse: Analyzing Swedish MPs' Experiences of Social Media." *Perspectives on Politics* 21(3): 896–912.
- Nylund, Mia-Lie, **Sandra Håkansson**, and Elin Bjarnegård. 2023. "The Transformative Potential of Feminist Foreign Policy: The Case of Sweden." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy* 44(3): 257–73.
- Bjarnegård, Elin, **Sandra Håkansson**, and Pär Zetterberg. 2022. "Gender and Violence against Political Candidates: Lessons from Sri Lanka." *Politics & Gender* 18(1): 33–61.
- Håkansson, Sandra. 2021. "Do Women Pay a Higher Price for Power? Gender Bias in Political Violence in Sweden." *The Journal of Politics* 83(2): 515–31.

### BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Håkansson, Sandra**, and Josefina Erikson. 2025. "Åtnjuter Riksdagsledamöterna Jämlika Förutsättningar För Uppdraget? Könns- Ålders- Och Klassmönster." In *Riksdagens Landskap*, eds. Patrik Öhberg and Jakob Ahlbom. Göteborg: Göteborgs universitet, 96–112.
- Håkansson, Sandra. 2023b. "Violence against Swedish Local Level Politicians." In *Gender and*

*Violence against Political Actors*, eds. Elin Bjarnegård and Pär Zetterberg. Temple University Press.

Håkansson, Sandra. 2023a. *Politicians Under Threat: Gender Aspects of Violence against Political Representatives*. Uppsala: Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis.

### CONFERENCE CONTRIBUTIONS/WORKING PAPERS

“Sticky masculinities or diversified ideals? Multiple diversity measures and the selection of political candidates”, Under review at *British Journal of Political Science*, (with Michal Grahn, Elin Bjarnegård and Pär Zetterberg). Presented at *EPSA 2024* in Cologne, Germany.

“A Non-Gendered Approach to a Gendered Problem: Violence Mitigation Policy in the Swedish Parliament” (with Josefina Erikson), Presented at *Women in Legislative Studies*, online, 2025. Scheduled to be presented at *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, Prague, 2025.

“Silenced Debates: How does political violence foment the substantive dominance of elite men?” (with Cecilia Josefsson), Under review at *British Journal of Political Science*, Presented at *Political Inequality: Origins, Effects, and Remedies*, Uppsala, 2025.

“Treated equally or still facing masculine privilege? Parliamentary questioning of women (and men) ministers in a gender balanced context” (with Josefina Erikson and Cecilia Josefsson), Presented at *ECPG*, Ghent, Belgium, 2024.

### POLICY REPORTS

Josefina Eriksson, Malin Holm, and **Sandra Håkansson**. 2025. ”Stävja hot och hat mot politiker – strategier, utmaningar och jämställdhetsaspekter.” Uppsala University/The Swedish Parliament.

Håkansson, Sandra. 2022. *Betalar kvinnor ett högre pris för makten? Hot och våld mot svenska politiker*. Stockholm: SNS Centre for Business and Policy Studies. SNS Analys.

Håkansson, Sandra. 2020. “*Explanatory Memorandum*” in *Fighting Sexism against Women in Politics at Local and Regional Level*. Strasbourg: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe.

### OP-ED

Håkansson, Sandra. 2022. ”Kvinnliga politiker får betala ett högre pris”. Svenska Dagbladet, <https://www.svd.se/a/RGjP6d/sandra-hakansson-kvinnliga-politiker-far-betala-ett-hogre-pris>

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### GRANTS

Vetenskapsrådet (the Swedish Research Council) 2023-2026: What does it take to make leadership gender equal? (SEK 6 400 000). Co-PI (Josefina Erikson main PI).

Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative 2024-2025: Representation at Risk: Examining the Prevalence and Consequences of Violence against Women of Color Politicians in the United States (USD 79 967). Co-PI (Nazita Lajevardi main PI).

Vetenskapsrådet (the Swedish Research Council) 2016-2019: Gender Aspects of Election Violence, (SEK 2 700 000). Co-applicant (Elin Bjarnegård main applicant).

### ***SMALLER TRAVEL GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS***

SNES, for research visit in Edinburgh, 2021

Sederholms utrikes, for research visit in Edinburgh, 2021

Lars Hiertas minne Foundation, for research visit in Edinburgh, 2021

The Siamon Foundation, for conference participation, 2019

Anna Maria Lundin foundation, for the ECPR Methods School, 2019

Borbos Erik Hanssons foundation, for research in Swedish municipalities, 2018

Anna Maria Lundin foundation, for the Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, 2018

PRIO Research School on Peace and Conflict, accepted as member 2017-2020

Borbos Erik Hanssons foundation, for conference participation, 2017

Women and Politics at Rutgers University, young scholar scholarship, for conference participation, 2017

Minor Field Studies, Sida, 2014

Sida's international internship programme, 2006

### **INVITED TALKS**

Stockholm University, 2024

Centre for Local Government Studies (CKS), Linköping University, 2024

University of Copenhagen, 2023

Säpo (The Swedish Security Service), 2023

The Swedish Parliament, 2025, 2024, 2023, 2021, 2019

Klöver dam (Centre party's women's wing), 2023

Michigan State University, 2019

Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions, 2024, 2019 and 2018

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Women in Legislative Studies, Online (2025), paper presenter

Political Inequality: Origins, Effects, and Remedies, Uppsala (2025), paper presenter

ECPG, Ghent (2024), paper presenter, panel co-chair and panel discussant

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Lüneberg (2024), paper presenter

ECPG, Ljubljana (2022), paper presenter and panel discussant

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Edinburgh (2022), paper presenter

EGEN Summer Working Group (2020), paper presenter

EGEN Europe, Stockholm (2019), paper presenter

ECPG, Amsterdam (2019), paper presenter and panel discussant

EuroWEPS, Copenhagen (2019), paper presenter

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Mons (2019), paper presenter

Violence against Politicians: Theories, Data, and Implications, Harvard University (2018), paper presenter

Gender Diversity in Survey Research, University of Gothenburg (2018), discussant

2018 Skytte Manuscript Workshop, Amsterdam (2018), discussant

Resisting Women's Political Leadership: Theories, Data, Solutions. Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers University (2017), paper presenter

Uppsala Workshop on Gender, Politics and Violence (2017), administrative organizer and discussant

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *GENDER AND POLITICS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE (BACHELOR LEVEL)*

Head teacher, lecturer and seminar teacher (1 semester)

### *GENDER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (BACHELOR LEVEL)*

Head teacher (4 semesters), lecturer and seminar teacher (11 semesters)

### *MASTER METHODS, QUANTITATIVE COURSE (MASTER LEVEL)*

Lecturer (4 semesters)

### *METHODS FOR BACHELOR STUDENTS (BACHELOR LEVEL)*

Seminar teacher (2 semesters)

### *METHODS FOR PHD STUDENTS (PHD LEVEL)*

Guest lecturer on quantitative methods (2 semesters)

### *STATSMAKTENS STRUKTURER/STATE FORMATION (BACHELOR LEVEL)*

Seminar teacher (1 semester)

### *DEVELOPMENT AND ARMED CONFLICT (BACHELOR LEVEL)*

Seminar teacher (1 semester)

### *GENDER, POWER AND INSTITUTIONS (MASTER LEVEL)*

Lecturer and seminar teacher (4 semesters)

### *THESIS SUPERVISION (BACHELOR AND MASTER LEVEL)*

Supervised two master's theses and twelve bachelor theses in Political Science, Development Studies and Human Rights

## **COURSES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Academic Teacher Training Course (5 weeks full time) completed at Uppsala University Fall Semester 2021

Supervising Bachelor Students (2 weeks full time), completed at Uppsala University Fall semester 2024

## COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

*MEMBER OF THE MINOR FIELD STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT*

(2017–2022)

*BOARD MEMBER AND TREASURER, ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE*

(2020)

*BOARD MEMBER, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT*

(2017–2019)

*CHAIR OF THE PHD STUDENT ASSOCIATION, DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT*

(2017–2018)

## COLLABORATIONS WITH POLICY ORGANIZATIONS

*COUNCIL OF EUROPE*

Consultant for resolution on fighting sexism against women in politics at local and regional level, 2019

*SVERIGES KOMMUNER OCH REGIONER [SWEDISH ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND REGIONS]*

Podcast on violence against politicians, 2024 ([link to podcast](#))

Video material on violence against municipal politicians in Sweden, 2022

Video material on violence against municipal politicians in Sweden, 2019

*TCO (THE SWEDISH CONFEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES)*

Seminar panelist, 2020

*THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT*

Several research presentations and consulting discussions with the Speaker's Gender Equality Group, 2019—2025.

## REVIEWER EXPERIENCE

In recent years, I have reviewed approximately 5—10 manuscripts per year. I have reviewed manuscripts for the following journals:

- British Journal of Political Science
- Comparative Political Studies
- Perspectives on Politics
- Journal of Politics
- Political Behavior
- Political Research Quarterly
- Political Studies
- European Societies
- Politics & Gender

- Electoral Studies
- Journal of Peace Research
- European Journal of Politics and Gender
- Canadian Journal of Politics
- Social Network Analysis and Mining
- Papers Revista de Sociologia

## MEDIA

Opinion piece

- Svenska Dagbladet: "Kvinnliga politiker får betala ett högre pris"  
<https://www.svd.se/a/RGjP6d/sandra-hakansson-kvinnliga-politiker-far-betala-ett-hogre-pris>, 2022

I have been interviewed several times each year for various newspapers, radio and TV channels. A selection:

- Sydsvenskan: <https://www.sydsvenskan.se/2025-01-02/hot-trakasserier-och-vald-vanligt-pris-for-politiskt-engagemang/>, 2024
- SVT Nyheter/Rapport: <https://www.svt.se/nyheter/inrikes/kvinnliga-politiker-utsatts-oftare-for-hat-och-hot-riskerar-att-tystas>, 2022
- SVT Morgonstudion: <https://www.svt.se/nyheter/inrikes/statsvetaren-hot-och-hat-vanligare-mot-kvinnliga-politiker>, 2022
- TT: <https://tt.omni.se/kvinnliga-politiker-tystas-av-hat-och-hot/a/gEd41a>, 2022
- P4 Uppland: <https://sverigesradio.se/artikel/kvinnliga-politiker-utsatts-for-mer-hat-och-hot-an-manliga-politiker>, 2022
- TV4 Nyheter: <https://www.tv4.se/artikel/32HgSfXiJWJIUX4yvxNmUO/hot-och-hat-skraemmer-unga-fran-politiken>, 2022
- Göteborgsposten: <https://www.gp.se/nyheter/sverige/annika-strandh%C3%A4ll-s-jag-skulle-f%C3%A5-ett-skott-i-huvudet-1.42095606>, 2021
- SVT Nyheter: <https://www.svt.se/nyheter/inrikes/forskare-kvinnliga-politiker-utsatts-oftare-for-personangrepp>, 2019

## LANGUAGES

- Swedish – mother tongue
- English – fluent
- Spanish – very good
- French – good
- Arabic – basic