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Employment

Research and research studies manager, Senior lecturer

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Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies (CMES)
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MECW: The Middle East in the Contemporary World
Lund University
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2024 Sept 9 → present

Research outputs

Coping with Digitalization in Diplomacy: Autonomy and Discretion at the Digital Frontlines

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The EEAS and the Politics of EU Visibility: Digitalization and Strategic Innovation

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Gendered Disinformation

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The Politics of Feminist Foreign Policy and Digital Diplomacy

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Crisis and transformative learning in communities of practice: Semi-formal learning in CSDP during Covid-19
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Virtual diplomatic summitry

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Digital Norm Contestation and Feminist Foreign Policy

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Svensk offentlig diplomati

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Storytelling in EU public diplomacy: reputation management and recognition of success

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Albright varnar om demokratins skörhet

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Johansson, Karl Magnus & Nygren, Gunnar (red.), 2019. Close and Distant. Political Executive-Media Relations in Four Countries. Göteborg: Nordicom. Anmälan av Elsa Hedling

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Access to the European Union and the Role of Domestic Embeddedness

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The European Citizens' Initiative Stage: A Snapshot of the Cast and Their Acts

Hedling, E. & Meeuwisse, A., 2015, *EU Civil Society. Patterns of Cooperation, Competition and Conflict*. Johansson, H. & Kalm, S. (eds.). Palgrave Macmillan, p. 210-228

Projects

ADAC.IO

Pamment, J. (Researcher), Smedberg, M. (PI), Ördén, H. (Researcher), Hedling, E. (Researcher) & Isaksson, E. (Researcher)

2024/02/01 → 2027/01/31

Beyond the welfare state: Europeanization of Swedish civil society organizations (EUROCIV)

Meeuwisse, A. (PI), Johansson, H. (Researcher), Jacobsson, K. (Researcher), Kristensen, F. (Research student), Scaramuzzino, R. (Researcher), Lee, J. (Research student), Nordling, V. (Research student), Schütze, C. (Research student), Frank, D. (Researcher), Kalm, S. (Researcher), Stubbergaard, Y. (Researcher), Hedling, E. (Research student) & Wennerhag, M. (Researcher)

Swedish Research Council

2011/01/01 → 2015/12/31

CDR: Communication, Defense Willingness and Democratic Resilience

Cassinger, C. (PI), Gustafsson, N. (PI), Karlsson, I. (Project coordinator), Anselmsson, J. (Researcher), Hedling, E. (Researcher), Pamment, J. (Researcher), Stjernholm, E. (Researcher), Adenskog, M. (Researcher), Linné, T. (Researcher), Fjällhed, A. (Researcher), Porzionato, M. (Researcher), Thelandersson, F. (Researcher) & Falkheimer, J. (Researcher)

2025/01/01 → 2027/12/31

Digital Diplomacy in a Turbulent Global World

Aggestam, K. (PI), Bergman Rosamond, A. (Researcher), Hedling, E. (Researcher) & Pamment, J. (Researcher)

Marianne och Marcus Wallenbergs Stiftelse

2019/07/01 → 2023/06/30

EU Foreign Policy in the Information Age

Hedling, E. (Research student), Brommesson, D. (Supervisor) & Aggestam, L. (Assistant supervisor)

2013/09/01 → 2018/09/01

Frictional humanitarian homebuilding - Swedish Civil Society Actors in the Occupied Palestinians Territories from 1967 to the Present

Småberg, M. (Researcher), Gren, N. (Researcher), Strömbom, L. (Researcher) & Hedling, E. (Researcher)

2024/09/01 → 2027/08/31

Frictional Humanitarian Homebuilding – Swedish Civil Society Actors in the Occupied Palestinian Territories from 1967 to the present

Gren, N. (Researcher), Småberg, M. (Researcher), Strömbom, L. (Researcher) & Hedling, E. (Researcher)

2024/09/01 → 2027/08/31

Psychological Defence Research Institute

Pamment, J. (Researcher), Smedberg, M. (Researcher), Falkheimer, J. (Researcher), Hedling, E. (Researcher), Ördén, H. (Researcher) & Nothhaft, H. (Researcher)

2022/09/01 → 2027/08/31

POLCOM@LU: Social Information and Hybrid Power: A Strategic Platform for Political Communication at Lund University

Gustafsson, N. (Project coordinator), Dutceac Segesten, A. (Researcher), Hedling, E. (Researcher), Mattsson, A. (Researcher), Nothhaft, H. (Researcher), Åkerström, M. (Researcher), Cepaite Nilsson, A. (Researcher), Sundström, M. (Researcher), Hammarlin, M.-M. (Researcher), Sigrell, A. (Researcher), Isaksson, O. (Researcher), Bruhn, T. (Researcher), Santesson, S. (Researcher) & Farjam, M. (Researcher)

2019/04/16 → 2023/12/31