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Current positions

2023– *Associate and Assistant Professor*, Department of Economic History, Uppsala University
2022– *Researcher*, Department of Economic History, Lund University

Education and Employment

2012 Bachelor's degree in Economic History, Uppsala University
2013 Master's degree in social science with specialization in Economic History, Uppsala University
2017 PhD in Economic History, Uppsala University
2017-2018 Researcher, Department of Economic History, Lund University
2019-2021 Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Economic History, Uppsala University
Spring 2019 Visiting Scholar, The Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure (CAMPOP), Cambridge University, UK
Spring 2020 Visiting Scholar, The Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University, Sweden
Spring 2022 Visiting Scholar, Department of Social Science, University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain

Presentations

2014

- 2015
 - Department of Economic History, Umeå University
 - Eastern Economic Association (EEA) meeting, New York, USA
 - Swedish Economic History Meeting, Umeå
- 2016
 - World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR) conference, Boston, MA
- 2017
 - The Institute for Economic and Business History Research (EHFF), Stockholm
 - Department of Economic History, Lund University
 - Keynote-speaker, 2nd SOUND for Seniors Workshop, Uppsala
 - Swedish Economic History Meeting, Stockholm
- 2018
 - FRESH-meeting, Royal Holloway, University of London
 - Department of Political Science, Uppsala University
 - Department of Economic History, University of Gothenburg
 - 13th SOUND Economic History Workshop, Gothenburg
 - Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ
- 2019
 - Department of Economic History, Uppsala University
 - Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure (CAMPOP), Cambridge, UK
 - Department of Economic History, University of Gothenburg
 - Workshop for Economic Sociology, Uppsala University
 - Economic History Society Annual Conference, Queen's University Belfast
 - Uppsala Seminar in Social History, Uppsala University
 - European Historical Economics Society Conference, Paris School of Economics
 - Uppsala Center for Business History, Uppsala University
 - The RATIO-institute, Stockholm
- 2020
 - Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Stockholm
 - Department of Economic History, University of Gothenburg
- 2021
 - Gender and Work seminar, Department of History, Uppsala University
 - Department of Economic History, Uppsala University
 - Swedish Economic History Meeting, Gothenburg
- 2022
 - Urban Lab Annual Meeting, Uppsala University
 - Economic History Society Annual Conference, Queen's University Belfast, UK
 - Department of Social Science, University Carlos III, Madrid
- 2023
 - Urban Lab Annual Meeting, Uppsala University
 - Historical Economics Society Conference, Vienna
 - Swedish Economic History Meeting, Lund University
- 2024
 - Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University
 - Department of Economic and Social History, University of Utrecht, Netherlands
 - Norwegian Center for Advanced Study, Oslo, Norway
 - Economic History Society Annual Conference, University of Northumbria, Newcastle, UK
- 2025
 - Institute for Urban and Housing Research, Uppsala University, Sweden

Other

- 2013 Winner of the Håkan Lindgren prize for best Swedish Master's dissertation in Economic History.
- 2018 Winner of the Rudolf Meidner prize for research on the history of the labor movement.
- 2019–

I'm one of the conveyors of the Uppsala Seminar in Social History which brings together researchers from several disciplines such as economic history, history, agrarian history, and history of education.

- 2019– I'm an editor and contributor to the popular history blog The angry historian (*Den arga historikern*) at <https://denargahistorikern.com/>. The blog aims to illustrate the value of historical knowledge and comments on the use of history in the public debate.

Research Grants

- 2017 2-year postdoc funded with 0.75 million SEK from *Stiftelsen Olle Engkvist* (turned down because of time-conflict with Wallander postdoc)
- 2018 Wallander 3-year postdoc, awarded to the best dissertations in economics, business studies and economic history in Sweden, funded with 1.37 million SEK from *Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse*.
- 2018 Co-investigator, with Erik Bengtsson and Svante Prado, of the project "The Swedish transition to equality: income inequality with new micro data, 1862–1970", awarded 1.7 million SEK from *Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse* and 4.25 million SEK from the Swedish Research Council.
- 2019 Co-investigator, with Kathryn Gary and Christopher Pihl of the project "Everyone worked: work patterns and household labor allocation in early modern Sweden" fund-ed with 1.5 million SEK from Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse.
- 2020 Co-investigator, with Thor Berger, Björn Eriksson, and Per Engzell of the project "Intergenerational mobility in Sweden before and after the welfare state" funded with 2 million SEK from Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse.
- 2020 Principal investigator for the project "Regulations and the labour market in nineteenth century Sweden" awarded 1.5 million SEK from *Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse*.
- 2022 Principal investigator for the project "Cities and Socio-Economic Segregation over the Long Run, 1880–2017", awarded 4.68 million SEK from the Swedish Research Council.

Assignments

- 2013-2015 Member of department board, Department of Economic History, Uppsala University.
- 2013-2014 Member of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation's (LO) academic reference group.
- 2016 Work safety representative, Ekonomisk Department of Economic History, Uppsala University.
- 2019 Opponent at Gustav Ingman's half-time thesis defense "Housing Prices in Stockholm, 1600–2017".
- 2022 Opponent at Marcos Castillo's half-time thesis defense "Swedish migrants during the Age of Mass Migration".
- 2024 Opponent at Suvi Heikkuri's final seminar "Occupations and skills during industrialization

2024- in Sweden, 1870- 1950".
Malmsteen Fellow, Gothenburg School of Economics

Academic Teacher Training Courses

2015 Academic Teacher Training Course (Högskolepedagogisk grundkurs), Uppsala University. Corresponding to 7.5 credits or five weeks of full-time work
2020 Supervising Doctoral Students (Handledning av doktorander). Corresponding to 3 weeks of full-time work

Supervision

2019-2024 Main supervisor of PhD student Jonatan Andersson, Department of Economic History, Uppsala University. Project: "A Micro-perspective on Regional Migration During Sweden's Industrialization"
2021- Main supervisor of PhD student William Skoglund, Department of Economic History, Uppsala University. Project: "Unions and Inequality During Sweden's Twentieth-first Century"
2021- Second supervisor of PhD student Jonathan Jayes, Department of Economic History, Lund University. Project: "The Impact of New Technologies on Individuals and Labor Markets"
2023- Second supervisor of PhD student Erik Hellberg, Department of Economic History, Uppsala University. Project: "From the workshop to the factories: Worker displacement, labor mobility and institutional change at the onset of Swedish industrialization"
2024- Main supervisor of PhD student Linnea Stevander, Department of Economic History, Uppsala University. Project: "Mobility in Space and Time How Geographic, Social, and Institutional Factors Shape Social Mobility in Sweden from 1880 onwards"

Publications

DISSERTATION

Jakob Molinder (2017). "Interregional Migration, Wages and Labor Market Policy: Essays on the Swedish Model in the Postwar Period" Dissertation. Uppsala: Uppsala University, 2017. Uppsala.

PUBLISHED, PEER REVIEW

Jonathan Jayes, Kerstin Enflo, and Jakob Molinder (2025) "Power for progress: The impact of electricity on individual labor market outcomes", *Explorations in Economic History*.

Bengtsson, B., and Molinder, J. (2025) "What Happened to the Rich during the Great Levelling? Evidence from Swedish Individual-level Data, 1909–1950", *The Journal of Economic History*.

Ericsson, J., and Molinder, J. (2025) "How Deep Are the Roots of Swedish Egalitarianism? A Multidimensional Approach", *European Review of Economic History*.

- Andersson, J., and Molinder, J. (2025) "Did Cities Increase Skills During Industrialization? Evidence from Rural-Urban Migration", *Journal of Urban Economics*, 148.
- Bengtsson, B., and Molinder, J. (2024) "Incomes and Income Inequality in Stockholm, 1870–1970: Evidence from Micro Data", *Explorations in Economic History*, 92.
- Andersson, M. and Molinder, J. (2024) "Swedish income inequality in 1613", *Economic History Review*, 77(4), 1123-1551.
- Thor Berger, Per Engzell, Björn Eriksson, and Jakob Molinder (2023) "Intergenerational Mobility in Sweden Before the Welfare State", *Journal of Economic History*, 83(2): 431–463.
- Jakob Molinder and Christopher Pihl (2022) Women's work and wages in the sixteenth-century and Sweden's position in the "Little divergence", *The Economic History Review*, 76(1): 145–168.
- Jakob Molinder (2022) "How effective are mobility subsidies in targeting the unemployed? Lessons from the Swedish Model, 1965–1975", *Economic and Industrial Democracy*, 43(4): 1724–1746.
- Jakob Molinder, Kerstin Enflo and Tobias Karlsson (2022) "Social Democracy and the Decline of Strikes", *Explorations in Economic History*, 83: 1–19.
- Jakob Molinder, Kerstin Enflo, and Tobias Karlsson (2021) "More Power to the People: Electricity Adoption, Technological Change and Social Conflict", *The Journal of Economic History*, 81(2): 481–512.
- Johan Ericsson and Jakob Molinder (2020) "Economic Growth and the Development of Real Wages: Swedish Construction Workers' Wages in Comparative Perspective, 1831–1900", *The Journal of Economic History*, 80(3): 813–852.
- Jakob Molinder and Martin Söderhäll (2020) "Did Industrialization Lead to Segregation in Cities of the Nineteenth Century? The Case of Uppsala 1880–1900", *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 68(1): 23–44.
- Jakob Molinder (2019) "Wage Differentials, Economic Restructuring and the Solidaristic Wage Policy in Sweden", *European Review Economic History*, 23(1): 97–121.
- Jakob Molinder (2018) "Why did Swedish Regional Net Migration Rates Fall in the 1970s? The Role of Policy Changes Versus Structural Change, 1945–1985", *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 66(1): 91-115.
- Jakob Molinder, Jan Ottosson, Lena Andersson-Skog, and Lars Magnusson (2017). "What can the State do for you? Relocation Allowances and Regional Subsidies in Postwar Sweden", *Scandinavian Journal of History*, 42(3): 273–298.
- Erik Bengtsson and Jakob Molinder (2017). "The Economic Effects of the 1920 Eight-Hour Working Day Reform in Sweden", *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 65(2): 149–168.

WORKING PAPERS AND ONGOING

Per-Anders Edin, Arizo Karimi, Jakob Molinder, Anton Sundberg and Peter Thoursie (2023) "A Century of Child Penalties: Evidence from Sweden".

Jakob Molinder, Edvin Syk and Max Thaning (2023) "Stratification and Inequality: A Century of Social Class and Earnings Dynamics in Sweden".

Jakob Molinder (2022) "Historical roots of the dual-earner model: Women's labour force participation in Sweden, 1870–1960", Lund Papers in Economic History.

Jakob Molinder(2019). "Why Was Unemployment so Low in Postwar Sweden? An Analysis with New Unemployment Data by Manufacturing Industry, 1935-1948", Lund Papers in Economic History.

OTHER PUBLISHED

Kerstin Enflo, Tobias Karlsson, and Jakob Molinder (2019). "Från Sundsvall till Saltsjöbaden – ett regionalt perspektiv på den svenska arbetsmarknaden", Ekonomisk Debatt, (6), 5–17.

Jakob Molinder, Kerstin Enflo and Tobias Karlsson (2018) "More power to the people: Electricity adoption, technological change and social conflict" VoxEU Column, 23 October 2019. URL: <https://voxeu.org/article/electricity-adoption-technological-change-and-social-conflict>

Jakob Molinder (2018). "Facklig organisering och ekonomisk jämlikhet: En genomlysning av internationell forskning och några lärdomar från perioden med centrala avtal", Rapport för Landsorganisationen (LO).

Jakob Molinder, Kerstin Enflo and Tobias Karlsson (2018) Strikes and local politics. VoxEU Column, 20 September 2018. URL: <https://voxeu.org/article/strikes-and-local-politics>

Jakob Molinder and Ola Pettersson (2013). "Arbetskostnadsandelens utveckling i Sverige", Ekonomisk Debatt, (7), 18–28.