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Exams:

Gymnasium: Klippan 1970

BA: Lund University 1976

Ph D: Lund University 1984

Associate professor: Uppsala University, 1991

Employment:

1974-90	Lecturer Lund University
1986	Research Fellow, Labor Union Institute for Economic Research
1985-91	Assistant Professor, Lund University
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1992-96	Economist, Ministry of Finance
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Research profile

Applied microeconomics and macroeconomics. Econometrics. Models for simulation and forecasting. Time series/cross section estimation. General equilibrium models. Econometric analyses with interview and survey data.

Public and other inquiries

I have written 7 supplements to Government Public Inquiries (Statens offentliga utredningar, SOU). I have also been a consultant or been employed as expert by, among others, Statistics Sweden, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Law, The Swedish Trade Union Confederation, The Swedish Confederation for Professional Employees, Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, Svenska Handelsbanken, and Nordea.

Publications

Books:

The Econometrics of Demand Systems. With Applications to Food Demand in the Nordic Countries, Advanced Studies in Theoretical and Applied Econometrics, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1996. (with David Edgerton, Anders Hummelose, Ilkka Laurila, Kyrre Rickertsen and Per Halvor Vale).

Prisbildning på industriella marknader (Price formation in industrial markets), SNS förlag, 1989. (reviewed in *Ekonomisk Debatt*, no 2, 1990 by Nils Gottfries).

Inflation and relative prices in an open economy, Lund Economic Studies 31, dissertation, Lund 1984.

Other publications:

In Swedish:

Ekonomi blir bättre än vad Riksbanken spår (The economy improves more than in the Riksbank forecasts), *Dagens Nyheter*, 3/9 2009

Ta bort moms helt på inköp av nya bilar (Remove VAT on new cars), *Dagens Nyheter*, 5/12 2008

Sänk reporäntan till 1,0 procent (Lower the repo rate to 1,0 percent), *Svenska Dagbladet*, 15/11 2008

Riksbankens prognoser för importpriser och inflation, *Penning & Valuta*, Sveriges riksbank, 2007:3, se http://www.riksbank.se/upload/Dokument_riksbank/Kat_publicerat/Rapporter/2007/2007_3n_ya_sv.pdf. (also in English, see below)

Moms och inkomstfördelning (VAT and income distribution), Bilaga 6 till SOU 2006:90 , *På väg mot en differentierad mervärdesskatt*, se <http://www.regeringen.se/content/1/c6/07/17/86/46e25cf3.pdf>.

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Särskilt yttrande (Selective statement), s. 149-56, Bilaga till *Konsumentprisindex*, SOU 1999:124.

Efterfrågan på tjänster i Sverige. Beräkning av efterfrågeelasticiteter och sysselsättningseffekter (The demand for services in Sweden. Estimation of demand elasticities and employment effects), Bilaga 3 till SOU 1997:17, *Skatter, tjänster och sysselsättning*.

Sverige i och utanför EMU. Analys av chocker i en ekonometrisk modell för världsekonomin (Sweden within and outside the EMU. Analysis of shocks in a econometric model for the world economy), publicerad för EMU-kommittén, Norstedts, 1996. Bilaga 6 till SOU 1996:158. Se även

<http://www.fritzes.se/njab/produkt.nsf/lf?ReadForm&2ADAD598513C3DB7412567220040E1A7>.

Makroekonomiska chocker och ekonomisk struktur - en jämförelse mellan Sverige och EG-länderna (Macroeconomic shocks and economic structur - A comparison of Sweden and the EC countries), Bilaga 2 till EG-konsekvensutredningen, SOU 1994:6.

Makroekonomisk politik (Macroeconomic policy), kapitel 5 i Långtidsutredningen 1994, SOU 1995:4.

Oseriöst, Wetterberg! (Unreliable, Wetterberg), DN-Debatt, 1995-05-30, se även www.bassarsson.com länken Debatt/Arbetslöshet, (with Mats Johansson)

Ekonomisk politik under rörlig växelkurs (Economic policy with flexible exchange rates), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 1, 1993.

Ekonomisk politik under rörlig växelkurs - replik till Hörngren (Economic policy with flexible exchange rates - rejoinder to Hörngren), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 4, 1993

Livscykelhypotesen, konsumtionen och stabiliseringspolitiken (The life cycle hypothesis, consumption and stabilisation policy), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 7, 1993.

Kvalitetsförändringar och produktivitetsmått (Quality changes and productivity measures), Allmänna förlaget, 1991, Bilaga 1 till SOU 1991:82.

Efterfrågan på alkohol i Sverige 1963-1988 (The demand for alcohol in Sweden 1963-1988), Allmänna förlaget 1991. Bilaga 1 till SOU 1991:52, *Alkoholbeskattningen*.

Effekter på produktion, sysselsättning och allmän prisnivå av förändrad indirekt beskattning (Effects on production, employment and the general price level from changes in value added taxation), Bilaga 3 till SOU 1989:35, *Reformerad mervärdesskatt m m*.

Behåll matmomsen! (Keep the VAT on food!), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 3, 1988, ledare (with Bo Sandelin).

Yrkesskola eller universitet? (Vocational school or university?), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 7, 1987, ledare

Fördelningspolitik och skattereformer (Distributional policy and tax reforms), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 3, 1987, ledare

Barnfamiljernas ekonomi -- svar till Anders Hederstierna/Brita Schwarz och Björn Gustafsson (The economics of the family - rejoinder to Anders Hederstierna/Brita Schwarz and Björn Gustafsson), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 1, 1987

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En ny keynesiansk stagflationsteori (A new Keynesian stagflation theory), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, 1983:5, (with Peter Högfeldt)

Livsmedelssubventioner -- ett stöd till höginkomsttagare (Food subsidies - a support for the rich), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 8, 1977

Fördelningseffekter av relativa prisförändringar (Distributional effects of relative price changes), *Ekonomisk Debatt*, nr 6, 1976

In English:

Riksbank forecasts on import prices and inflation, *Riksbank Economic Review*, 2007:3, see http://www.riksbank.com/upload/Dokument_riksbank/Kat_publicerat/Rapporter/2007/2007_3_eng.pdf.

Consumer demand and labor supply in Sweden 1980-2003, Bilaga 6 till SOU 2005:57, *Enhetlig eller differentierad mervärdesskatt?*, se <http://www.regeringen.se/content/1/c6/04/65/28/3fba5091.pdf>.

Home Page of BASMOD, se http://bassarsson.com/Basmod_hem/index.htm. Home page with description of my macroeconomic model BASMOD, previously used in the monetary policy process in the Central Bank of Sweden. There is a printable 172 pages manual.

Inflation and relative-price changes in the Swedish economy, *Sveriges Riksbank Economic Review*, 2004:3, see also http://www.riksbank.com/pagefolders/17074/ER04_3.pdf.

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Inflation and higher moments of relative price changes in Sweden, BIS Papers no. 19, in *Monetary Policy in a Changing Environment*, Oct 2003, see also <http://www.bis.org/publ/bppdf/bispap19q.pdf>.

Fiscal policy in Sweden – An analysis of the budget over the business cycle, in *Indicators of structural budget balances*, Banca d'Italia, 1999. (with Robert Gidehag and Göran Zettergren).

Unemployment Persistence in Sweden, *Applied Economics Letters*, January 1998. (with Per Jansson)

The consumption of food in the Nordic countries, pp. 7-53 in *The Econometrics of Demand Systems. With Applications to Food Demand in the Nordic Countries*, Advanced Studies in Theoretical and Applied Econometrics, vol. 34. 1996, Dordrecht; Boston and London: Kluwer Academic. (with David Edgerton)

A common dynamic AIDS model for the Nordic countries, pp. 93-140 in *The Econometrics of Demand Systems. With Applications to Food Demand in the Nordic Countries*, Advanced Studies in Theoretical and Applied Econometrics, vol. 34 1996, Dordrecht; Boston and London: Kluwer Academic. (with David Edgerton)

The almost ideal demand system in error correction form, pp. 195-204 in *The Econometrics of Demand Systems. With Applications to Food Demand in the Nordic Countries*, Advanced Studies in Theoretical and Applied Econometrics, vol. 34 1996, Dordrecht; Boston and London: Kluwer Academic.

The stochastic behaviour of durables and nondurables consumption in Sweden, Working paper no 34, Department of Economics, University of Uppsala, 1991, resubmit for *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*.

Inflation and Relative-Price Variability - A Model for an Open Economy Applied to Sweden, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 1986:4.

Inflation and relative prices in an open economy, Lund Economic Studies, 1984:31.

International comparisons of drug prices, *Pharmacy International*, 1981:4, (also in Swedish in *Svensk Farmaceutisk Tidskrift*, 1980:10).

Other activities:

Committees and boards:

Board member for the Department of Economics, University of Lund, 1980-1986
Independent member of the Board for the Swedish Consumer Price Index, 1997-

Opponent on fil lic seminar for Håkan Persson, Gothenburg University, 1986

Opponent on final seminar for doctoral dissertation for:

Martin W Johansson, University of Lund, 2002
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Martin W Johansson, Lunds universitet, 2003
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Languages

Swedish, native
English, fluent
German, good
French, basic