

# Maria Persson

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## Curriculum Vitae

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### Degrees

- Ph.D. in Economics, Lund University, March 2009
- Master of Social Science with a Major in Economics, Lund University, 2004

### Current Positions

- Assistant Professor (tenured), Department of Economics, Lund University, December 2011 – present
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, Lund University, February 2010 – present
  - Funded by the *Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation* through a Postdoctoral Scholarship (grant no. W2009-0352:1)
- Affiliated Researcher, The Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN), October 2009 – present

### Previous Positions

- Assistant Professor (non-tenured), Department of Economics, Lund University, September 2009 – November 2011
- Postdoctoral Researcher, April 2009 – August 2009
  - Funded by the *Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation* through a Project Grant (no. P2006-0131:1)
- Lecturer, Department of Economics, Lund University, April – June 2009
  - Approximately 264 hours as an hourly paid lecturer
- Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Economics, Lund University, January 2004 – March 2009

### Scholarly Qualifications

#### 1. Publications

- Persson, M. (2012), “From Trade Preferences to Trade Facilitation: Taking Stock of the Issues”, forthcoming in *Economics*
- Persson, M. (2012), “Trade Facilitation and the Extensive Margin”, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, DOI:10.1080/09638199.2011.587019
- Bourdet, Y. and M. Persson (2012), “Completing the European Union Customs Union. The Effects of Trade Procedure Harmonization”, *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol. 50, No. 2, pp. 300-314
  - Short version published by the World Trade Organization (2011), *Discussion Forum: World Trade Report 2011*, [http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/publications\\_e/wtr11\\_forum\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/publications_e/wtr11_forum_e.htm)
- Hess, W. and M. Persson (2011), “The Duration of Trade Revisited. Continuous-Time vs. Discrete-Time Hazards”, *Empirical Economics*, DOI: 10.1007/s00181-011-0518-4
- Hess, W. and M. Persson (2011), “Exploring the Duration of EU Imports”, *Review of World Economics/ Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv*, Vol. 147, No. 4, pp. 665-692
- Persson, M. (2009), *From Trade Preferences to Trade Facilitation*, Lund Economic Studies No. 151
- Persson, M. (2008), “Trade Facilitation and the EU-ACP Economic Partnership Agreements”, *Journal of Economic Integration*, Vol. 23, No. 3, pp. 518-546

- Reprinted in J-C. Maur and J. S. Wilson (eds.) (2010), *Trade Costs and Facilitation: Open Trade and Economic Development*, Volume 1, Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar.
  - Persson, M. and F. Wilhelmsson (2007), "Assessing the Effects of EU Trade Preferences for Developing Countries", in Y. Bourdet, J. Gullstrand and K. Olofsdotter (eds.): *The European Union and Developing Countries: Trade, Aid and Growth in an Integrating World*, Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar
- 2. Submitted Papers and Working Papers**
- Bourdet, Y. and M. Persson (2011), "Reaping the Benefits of Deeper Euro-Med Integration Through Trade Facilitation", Working Paper No. 2011:15, Department of Economics, Lund University. *Status*: Submitted
  - Hess, W. and M. Persson (2011), "Exploring the Long-Term Evolution of Trade Survival", Working Paper No. 880, Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN).
- 3. Work in Progress**
- Hess, W., M. Persson, S. Rubenbauer and J. Gertheiss (2012), "A Smooth Way to Smooth", *mimeo*, Department of Economics, Lund University
  - Hess, W., M. Persson, S. Rubenbauer and J. Gertheiss (2011), "The Varying Effects of Distance on The Survival of Trade Flows", paper presented at the *European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Thirteenth Annual Conference*, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 2011
  - Gullstrand, J. and M. Persson (2011), "Are Sunk Costs of Exporting Compatible with Short Export Survival?", paper presented at the *European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Thirteenth Annual Conference*, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 2011 (previous title "The Survival of Swedish Food Exports")
  - Wilhelmsson, F. and M. Persson (2009), "EU Trade Preferences and Export Diversification", Paper prepared for the *Trade, Growth and Governance* project at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- 4. Awarded Research Grants and Scholarships**
- Awarded a three-year Postdoctoral Scholarship from the *Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation*, December 2009
    - Grant No. W2009-0352:1
  - Awarded various minor grants from
    - *Fahlbeckska Stiftelsen* (for the project "Globalization, Trade and Poverty")
    - *Stiftelsen Siamon*
    - *The Lund Institute of Economic Research*
    - *Stiftelsen för främjande av ekonomisk forskning vid Lunds universitet*
    - *Gyllenstiernska Krapperustiftelsen*
- 5. Participation in/Leadership of Research Projects**
- Head of the project "Exploring the Duration of Trade", financed by the *Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation* through a Postdoctoral Scholarship (grant no. W2009-0352:1)
  - Participating in the project "The European Union and Africa – Aid, Trade and Development", headed by Associate Professor Yves Bourdet and financed by the *Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)*
  - Participating in the project "EU's Trade Preferences and Developing Countries' Exports", headed by Associate Professor Yves Bourdet and financed by the *Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation* through a project grant (no. P2006-0131:1)
  - Affiliated to the research program on "Globalization and Corporate Restructuring" at the Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN), headed by Dr. Joacim Tåg
- 6. Conferences and Invited Seminars**
- Seminar at the AgriFood Economics Centre, Lund, Sweden, March 2012 (presenting)
  - Seminar at Örebro University, Sweden, December 2011 (presenting)
  - The Second National Conference of Swedish Economists, Uppsala, Sweden, September 2011 (presenting and discussant)
  - The European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Thirteenth Annual Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 2011 (presenting)

- The Nordic Conference in Development Economics, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 2011 (presenting)
- The 13th Annual SNEE European Integration Conference, Mölle, Sweden, May 2011 (presenting)
- The First National Conference of Swedish Economists, Lund, Sweden, October 2010 (discussant)
- Visiting Researcher, The Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN), Stockholm, Sweden, September 15 – September 17, 2009 (presenting)
- The European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Eleventh Annual Conference, Rome, Italy, September 2009 (presenting)
- The European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Tenth Annual Conference, Warsaw, Poland, September 2008 (presenting)
- The Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, Helsinki, Finland, June 2008 (presenting)
- The Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy (GEP) Conference on Globalisation and Migration, Nottingham, United Kingdom, October 2007
- The European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Ninth Annual Conference, Athens, Greece, September 2007 (presenting)
- The Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) Tenth Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, West Lafayette, Indiana, United States, June 2007 (presenting)
- The Swedish Network for European Studies in Economics and Business (SNEE) Ninth Annual European Integration Conference, Mölle, Sweden, May 2007 (presenting)
- The Nordic International Trade Seminars (NOITS) Tenth Annual Workshop, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2007 (presenting)
- The European Trade Study Group (ETSG) Seventh Annual Conference, Dublin, Ireland, September 2005 (presenting)
- The Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy (GEP) Conference on Globalisation and Firm Level Adjustment, Nottingham, United Kingdom, June 2005
- The Swedish Network for European Studies in Economics and Business (SNEE) Conference on European Economic Integration in Swedish Research, Mölle, Sweden, May 2004 (presenting)

#### **7. Ph. D. Supervision**

- Deputy supervisor for Anna Andersson, Department of Economics, Lund University, 2012 – present

#### **8. Ph. D. Thesis Examination**

- Discussant at the doctoral thesis final seminar for Christian Jörgensen, Lund University, June 2009

#### **9. International Visits**

- Visiting Ph.D. Scholar at the Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy (GEP), University of Nottingham, United Kingdom, October – November 2007

#### **10. Affiliation**

- Affiliated Researcher at the Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN), October 2009 – present

#### **11. Referee Assignments**

- Referee for the *European Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Economic Integration*, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, *Review of World Economics* (*Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv*), *South African Journal of Economics*, *World Development* (2), *World Economy*
- Referee of book proposal for *Routledge*

### **Pedagogical Qualifications**

#### **1. Thesis Supervision**

- Have supervised the following completed theses:
  - Angelica Holmgren (bachelor thesis), “International Trade and Mobile Telecommunication in Africa”, finished March 2012
  - Charlotte Olsson and Josefine Redig (bachelor thesis), “The Effects of Economic Integration on the Duration of Trade”, finished January 2012
  - Elina Fergin (bachelor thesis), “Tangled up in a Spaghetti Bowl – Trade Effects of Overlapping Preferential Trade Agreements in Africa”, finished January 2012

- Mikhail Gorokhov (master thesis), “The Effects of Inward FDI on Chinese Exports”, finished September 2011
- Sara Walldén (bachelor thesis), “Gynnar ett inträde i WTO ett lands varuexport?” [“Does a Country’s Merchandise Export Benefit From WTO Accession?”], finished June 2011
- Andreas Persson and Anna Rybchenko (bachelor thesis), “WTO och Ryssland: 18 långa år av förhandlingar” [“WTO and Russia: 18 Years of Negotiations”], finished June 2011
- Elsa Larsson Regnström and Ellen Wolff (bachelor thesis), “Would a Russian WTO Accession Increase the Country’s Exports?”, finished May 2011
- Ellen Bohlin and Roza Khoban (bachelor thesis), “Gynnar WTO:s tvistlösningsorgan utvecklingsländerns handel?” [“Does the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism Benefit Developing Countries’ Trade?”], finished January 2011
- Hanna Nilsson (master thesis): “Does Microcredit Reduce Poverty?”, finished October 2010
- Jonatan Ailert (bachelor thesis): “Graduation from the European Union’s Generalized System of Preferences”, finished October 2010
- Guodong Liu (master thesis): “How does inward FDI affect exports of Chinese domestic firms? An empirical analysis using regional data”, finished June 2010
- Maria Ahrén (bachelor thesis): “Anti-dumping as protectionism in the EU? – A case study of shoe imports from China and Vietnam”, finished June 2010
- Märta Jacobson (bachelor thesis): “Contract Farming, Rural Livelihoods and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa”, finished March 2010
- Currently supervising:
  - Ida Granqvist (bachelor thesis)
  - Marie Ekman (bachelor thesis)
  - Karl Lidberg (master thesis)
  - Tomas Grundel and Julia Rådahl (master thesis)
- Thesis examiner for:
  - Martin Larsson and Sofie Sjöborg (bachelor thesis), “The Effects of Growth and Inequality on Poverty in Honduras”, finished September 2010
  - Kristofer Karlsson (bachelor thesis), “EU:s import av frukter och grönsaker. En studie av politik, preferenser och multilateral liberalisering” [“EU Imports of Fruit and Vegetables. A Study of Politics, Preferences and Multilateral Liberalization”], finished September 2010
  - Tomas Grundel and Julia Rådahl (bachelor thesis), “Intensifying or Diversifying Exports. Effects of Poland’s Adhesion to the EU”, finished April 2010

## 2. Teaching Experience

- Intermediate Economic Integration
  - Course coordinator 2011 – present
  - Lecturer, Fall 2010, Fall 2011
  - Guest Lecturer, Fall 2008, Fall 2009
- Introductory International Economics
  - Course Coordinator 2009 – 2011
  - Have given the lectures for this course for twelve separate lecture groups over ten semesters: Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009 (double lecture groups), Fall 2009 (double lecture groups), Fall 2010
  - Each lecture group involves 132 hours
  - Teaching Assistant, Spring 2005: Computer lab instructor (approximately 30 hours)
- Master/Ph.D. level Microeconomics – General Equilibrium Theory
  - Teaching Assistant, Spring 2006 (24 hours)
    - Instructor in solving microeconomic exercises

## 3. University Teacher Training (pedagogy courses)

- Teaching and Learning through English (1 week), Fall 2010
- Doctoral Supervision – Introduction (1 week), Fall 2010
- University Pedagogy Continuation Course (3 weeks), Fall 2009
- The Role of the University Teacher (2 weeks), Spring 2008
- Communication in Teaching (1 week), Spring 2008

### **Academic Leadership Qualifications**

- Department of Economics Representative at the Nominating Committee for the School of Economics and Management's *Third Visiting Fellows Program*, Spring 2012
- Member of the Evaluation Committee for the *Minor Field Studies Program* at the Department of Economics, 2012 – present
- Have completed the program *Academic Traineeship 2*, Lund University, 2009 – 2011
  - Academic Leadership and Career Development Program for Young Researchers
- Ph.D. Candidate Representative at the Department of Economics Board, Lund University, 2005 – 2007

### **Research-Related Interaction with Non-Academic Audiences**

#### **1. Invited Presentations**

- Presentation on trade-related research in the series “Half past seven with the academy”, Malmö, Sweden, April 1, 2011. Seminar organized by the *Executive Foundation Lund* (EFL) and the *Partnership Foundation* for representatives from the business community.
- Seminar on EU Trade Policy, *Swedish National Board of Trade*, Stockholm, Sweden, November 13, 2008
- Presentation on “EU Trade Policy Towards Developing Countries”, *Svalorna*, Lund, Sweden, February 27, 2007

#### **2. Interviews**

- Interviewed on *Christer* at *Swedish Radio* (SR) P3, June 23, 2010 on the role of the World Bank

#### **3. Articles For a Wider Audience**

- Persson, M. (2012), “Förenklingar av handelsprocedurer – ett sätt att stödja utvecklingsländerns export” [“Trade Facilitation – a way to support developing countries’ exports”], [Policy Brief No. 2012:2](#), AgriFood Economics Centre
- Bourdet, Y. and M. Persson (2011), “Completing the EU Customs Union. The Effects of Trade Procedure Harmonization (short version)”, in World Trade Organization (2011), *Discussion Forum: World Trade Report 2011*, [http://www.wto.org/english/res\\_e/publications\\_e/wtr11\\_forum\\_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/publications_e/wtr11_forum_e.htm).
- Persson, M. (2011), “Gamla företag effektiviserar ekonomin lika mycket som nya”, Short popular science summary of the article Bernard, A. B., S. J. Redding and P. K. Schott (2010), “Multi-Product Firms and Product Switching”, *American Economic Review*, 100(1), p. 70-97. Published in the *Research Institute of Industrial Economics* Newsletter, No 1, 2011