

# Sara Svensson - CV

## Research expertise

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Local and regional governance, social capital, border studies, European public policy, civil society, collaborative governance

## Educational qualifications

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2008-2013  
Degree: Central European University, Budapest Hungary  
Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science  
Magna cum laude

1997-1999  
Degree: Central European University, Budapest Hungary  
Master of Arts in Political Science  
with Distinction (class ranking 6/52)

1994-1997  
Degree: Stockholm University, Sweden  
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism  
with Distinction

## Research visits and studies abroad

2011 Aug-Dec  
Program: Karlstad University, Sweden  
Visiting researcher at the Department of Political and Historical  
Studies (*CEU Doctoral Research Support Grant*)

1996-1997  
Major: Otto-Friedrich Universität Bamberg, Germany  
Political Science (*Student exchange program*)

## **Employments**

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Jan 2016 – current	Central European University, Center for Policy Studies, Research Fellow.
Jan 2014- - June 2017	Central European University, School of Public Policy Visiting professor.
July 2013 –  June 2018	Hogskolan i Halmstad, Academy of learning, humanities and social sciences Recurrent visiting professor.
April 2013 – June 2017	Karlstad University, Department of Politics and History Recurrent visiting professor.
Jan 2004 – Aug 2008	Central European University, Center for Policy Studies. Budapest, Hungary. Research Project Officer.
Jan 2001 – Nov 2002	Central European University. External Relations Officer. Budapest, Hungary Web Coordinator & Alumni Fundraiser.
Jun 1999 – Aug 2000	Swedish Broadcasting Service, Sweden. News Journalist.

## **Teaching experience (selected courses)**

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### **Graduate courses at Department of Public Policy, Central European University**

- *Collaborative Local Government*. CEU Summer University. Contributing instructor. July 2018.
- *Sound Studies*. Central European University. Contributing instructor. Fall 2017. Fall 2018.
- *Understanding and Engaging with the Policy Process*. School of Public Policy. Central European University. AY 2016/2017 (in AY 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 taught under the course name ‘Policy Analysis’). Instructor.
- *International Policy Practice*. Department of Public Policy, Central European University, AY, 2013/2014, AY 2014/2015. AY, 2015/2016, AY 2016/2017. Instructor
- *Qualitative methods*. Department of Public Policy, Central European University, MAPP/MundusMapp programs, AY 2014/2015. AY 2015/2016. Instructor.
- *Public Policy: Theories, traditions and transitions*. PhD Level. Central European University, AY 2014/2015, AY 2015/2016, AY 2016/2017, Instructor.

- *The Policy Process and Policy Analysis*. Department of Public Policy, Central European University, MAPP/MundusMapp programs, AY 2014/2015. Instructor
- *Jean Monnet Module on European Integration*. Department of Public Policy, Central European University, AY 2013/2014. Instructor.
- *Local government cooperation and region-building in the European Union*. Department of Public Policy, Central European University, AY 2013/2014. Instructor.
- *Administrative Law for Policy-Makers*, Department of Public Policy, Central European University, winter semester AY 2011/2012. Teaching Assistant.
- *The Policy Process and Policy Analysis*, Department of Public Policy, Central European University, fall semester AY 2010/2011. Teaching Assistant.
- *Rural Development Policy*, Department of Public Policy, Central European University, winter semester 2009. Teaching Assistant.

### **Undergraduate courses at universities in Sweden**

- *Thesis Supervision*. Högskolan i Halmstad (Halmstad University). May-June, 2016, May-June 2017, May-August 2018. Supervisor.
- *Thesis Supervision*. Karlstad universitet (Karlstad University), April-June 2013, April-June, 2016, April-June 2017, September-November 2018. Supervisor.
- *Internationell Politik (International Politics)*. Högskolan i Halmstad. May-June. 2018. Instructor.
- *Samhällsanalys och kommunikation*. Högskolan i Halmstad (Halmstad University). Various lectures and seminars at combined political science and communication program. September- December 2013.
- *International Relations: an introduction. Teachers' program*. Högskolan i Halmstad (Halmstad University). December 2013. Main instructor.
- *Foreign and security policies in a global era*. Högskolan i Halmstad (Halmstad University). October 2013. Main instructor.
- *European political integration*. Örebro universitet (Örebro University). April 2013. Main instructor.
- *International organizations*. Högskolan Väst (University West). April 2013. Main instructor.
- *Issues and Problems in International Security*. Högskolan i Halmstad (Halmstad University). February-March 2013. Main instructor.

- *Thesis course*. Karlstad universitet (Karlstad University), April-May 2013. Supervisor.

### **Courses at the Roma Access Program, Central European University**

- *Research & Writing for Policy*, Roma Access Program, Central European University, spring semester AY 2011/2012. Instructor.
- *Research & Writing for Policy*, Roma Access Program, Central European University, spring semester AY 2010/2011. Instructor.
- *Introduction to Public Policy II*, Roma Access Program, Central European University, winter semester AY 2010/2011. Instructor.
- *Introduction to Public Policy I*, Roma Access Program, Central European University, fall semester AY 2010/2011. Instructor.

### **Publications**

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#### **Books and research monographs**

Marijn Maloma & Sara Svensson (eds.). Forthcoming 2019. *Regional Economic and Policy History*. Contracted with Routledge within the series Regions and Cities Series.

Sara Svensson & Gyula Ocskay (eds.). 2016. *An overview of Hungarian EGTCs*. Budapest: Central European Services for Cross-border Initiatives.

Sara Svensson. 2013. *Social Capital and Governance in European Borderlands: A comparative study of Euroregions as policy actors*. Dissertation. Budapest: Central European University Thesis Collection.

#### **Journal articles (including articles currently under review)**

Jenny Eschweiler, Sara Svensson, Elisabetta Mocca, Andrew Cartwright and Lousie Villadsen-Nilsen. Solidarity and Reciprocity in the European Social Economy: insights from three countries. Accepted for publication in *Voluntas*, August 2018.

Michael Parrish, Sara Svensson, Marijn Molema & Silke Reeploeg. 2017. Report on the Second Workshop of the RSA Research Network on Regional Economic and Policy History, *Regions Magazine*, 308:4, 31-32.

Sara Svensson. 2017. Health Policy in Cross-border Cooperation Practices: The Role of Euroregions and Their Local Government Members. *Territory, Politics, Governance*, 5:1, 47-64. Impact factor: 2.0

Sara Svensson. 2015. The bordered world of cross-border cooperation: the determinants of local government contact networks within Euroregions. *Regional & Federal Studies*, 25 (3), 277-295.

Sara Svensson & Carl Nordlund. 2015. The building blocks of a Euroregion: novel Metrics to Measure Cross-border Integration. *Journal of European Integration*. 37(3): 371-389. Impact factor: 1.13

Sara Svensson. 2013. Forget the policy gap: why local governments really decide to take part in cross-border cooperation initiatives in Europe. *Eurasian Geography and Economics*. 54(4): 409-22. Impact factor 2017: 1.17

Andrey Demidov & Sara Svensson. 2013. Local cross-border cooperation at the European Union's external border: The meaning of local in the European Neighbourhood Policy. *Regions & Cohesion*, 3(2): 22-46.

Gergő Medve-Bálint & Sara Svensson. 2013. Diversity and Development: Policy Entrepreneurship of Euroregional Initiatives in Central and Eastern Europe. *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 28 (1): 15-31.

Gergő Medve-Bálint & Sara Svensson. A 2012. Helyi önkormányzatok eurorégiókban való részvétele Közép-Európában [Participation of Local Governments in Euroregions in Central Europe]. *Észak-magyarországi Stratégiai Füzetek*, 9(1), 19-32.

## **Book chapters**

Sara Svensson and Peter Balogh. 2018. Persisting border obstacles in the EU, in 'European Territorial Cooperation' *Theoretical and Empirical Approaches to the process and impacts of Cross-Border and Transnational Cooperation in Europe*, Eduardo Medeiros (ed.) Springer. Page 115-134.

Sara Svensson. 2018. "Euroregions -- Institutional transfer and reinterpreted norms in East Central Europe", in *Policy Experiments, Failures and Innovations in Post-Accession Central and Eastern Europe*, Agnes Batory, Andrew Cartwright and Diane Stone (eds.). Edward Elgar. Page 131-151.

Sara Svensson. 2014. "Crossborder regions in policy networks: the EGTC as a tool of interest representation", in Alice Engl and Carolin Zwilling (eds.), *Functional and More? New Potential for the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation*. Bolzano: EURAC Research, p. 83-88.

Sara Svensson. 2013. Samhällsbyggande över gränsen: Gränsöverskridande regioner som policyide och forskningsfält [Society-building across borders: Cross-border regions in policy practice and research]. In Tomas Mitander, Line Sall and Andreas Ojehag (eds.), *Det regionala samhällsbyggandets praktiker: Tiden, Makten, Rummet* [The practices of regional society-building: Time, Power, Space]. Gothenburg: Daidalos Publishing House, p. 223-34.

Gergő Medve-Bálint & Sara Svensson. 2012. "Explaining coverage: why local governments join (or not join) Euroregions in Central and Eastern Europe", in Martin Klatt, Dorte Andersen, & Marie Sandberg (eds.), *The Border Multiple: The Practicing of Borders between Public Policy and Everyday Life in Europe*. Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate.

Sara Svensson & Andreas Öjehag. 2012. "Politik bortom gränsen: globala trender och lokala realiteter [Politics beyond the border: global trends and local realities]," in Eva Olsson & Atle Hauge (eds.), *På gränsen – Interaktion, attraktivitet och globalisering i Inre Skandinavien [On the border – Interaction, attraction and globalization in Inner Scandinavia]*. Karlstad: Karlstad University Press.

### **Research reports, working papers and policy briefs**

Julia Szalai and Sara Svensson. 2017. With contributions by Daniel Vince. *Contested forms of solidarity: an overview of civil society organisations in Hungary and their impact on policy and the social economy* CPS working paper series 2017/10. <https://cps.ceu.edu/publications/working-paper/contested-forms-solidarity-overview-civil-society-organisations-hungary>

Agnes Batory and Sara Svensson. 2017. *Collaborative Governance – A Literature and Report Review*. Available at <https://cps.ceu.edu/research/tropico>

Kristina Irion, Michele Ledger, Sara Svensson and Nevena Rsumovic. 2017. *The independence and functioning of the regulatory authority for electronic media in Serbia. An assessment using the INDIREG methodology*. Study commissioned by the Council of Europe. October 2017.

Sara Svensson, Andrew Cartwright and Peter Balogh. 2017. *Solidarity in the treatment of mental illness in Hungary: A case study of the Awakenings Foundation as a vehicle for change*. CPS working paper series 2017/7. [https://cps.ceu.edu/sites/cps.ceu.edu/files/attachment/publication/2947/cps-working-paper-solidus-solidarity-mental-illness-treatment-2017\\_2.pdf](https://cps.ceu.edu/sites/cps.ceu.edu/files/attachment/publication/2947/cps-working-paper-solidus-solidarity-mental-illness-treatment-2017_2.pdf)

Sara Svensson, Andrew Cartwright and Peter Balogh. 2017. *Solidarity in the housing sector: Civic responses to homelessness and housing poverty in Hungary* CPS working paper series 2017/2. <https://cps.ceu.edu/sites/cps.ceu.edu/files/attachment/publication/2894/cps-working-paper-solidus-solidarity-housing-sector-2017.pdf>

Sara Svensson, Andrew Cartwright and Peter Balogh. 2017. *Solidarity at the Border: The organization of spontaneous support for transiting refugees in two Hungarian towns in the summer of 2015*. CPS working paper series 2017/1. Available at <https://cps.ceu.edu/sites/cps.ceu.edu/files/attachment/publication/2853/cps-working-paper-solidus-solidarity-border-2017.pdf>

Kristina Irion, Michelle Ledger, Sara Svensson and Erion Fejzulla. 2014. *The Independence and Functioning of the Audiovisual Media Authority in Albania*. Study

carried out on behalf of the Council of Europe in Albania. Amsterdam/Brussels/Budapest/Tirana; 2014

Andrey Demidov & Sara Svensson. 2011. *Friendly Neighbours: Increasing the Potential of the ENPI-CBC Programme*. Policy Association for an Open Society.

INDIREG Research Team. 2011. *INDIREG Preliminary Final Report*. Available at <[http://ec.europa.eu/avpolicy/docs/library/studies/regulators/preliminary\\_final\\_report.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/avpolicy/docs/library/studies/regulators/preliminary_final_report.pdf)> Jan 2011. Part of the co-authoring team.

Andrew Cartwright, Gergő Medve-Bálint and Sara Svensson. 2010. *Inheritance matters – land ownership in Hungary*. CPS working paper series.

Andrew Cartwright, Sara Svensson, & Endre Sik. 2007. *Social capital and the integration of minorities and immigrants in Hungary*. Report for the Social Capital and Social Policy Network, feeding into the annual report by the European Observatory on the Social Situation. CPS working paper series.

Andrew Cartwright, Sara Svensson, & Endre Sik. 2007. *General Monitoring Report on Social Capital in Hungary*. Report for the Social Capital and Social Policy Network, feeding into the annual report by the European Observatory on the Social Situation. CPS working paper series.

Andrew Cartwright, Sara Svensson, & Endre Sik. 2007. *Policy Brief on Social Capital in Hungary*. Report for the Social Capital and Social Policy Network, feeding into the annual report by the European Observatory on the Social Situation. CPS working paper series.

Hungarian Development Partnership (Author of the chapter on Sweden). 2007. *“Individually – through EQUAL chances”. Integration of Asylum Seekers in the European Union – Analysis of Policies and Action*. Budapest 2007.

Ingrid Ramberg & Sara Svensson (eds). 2003. *As True as Our Lives. A Study based on interviews with minority young women in Sweden, Ireland, Portugal and Italy*. Botkyrka: WFM (Young Women from Minorities).

### **Conference papers (selected)**

Agnes Batory and Sara Svensson. Mapping variation in and institutional conditions for collaboration across EU countries: An indicative analytical framework of collaborative governance. *ECPR Annual Conference*, Oslo September 6-9, 2017.

Sara Svensson. Cross-border connectivity in European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation: how to conceptualize and measure integration. *Regional Studies Association Annual International Conference*. Piacenza, Italy: May 24-27, 2015.

Sara Svensson & Carl Nordlund. Local government communication networks across borders: A study of four Euroregions. *XXXIII Sunbelt Social Networks Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis*. Hamburg, Germany: May 21-26, 2013.

Sara Svensson. The limits of political networks: local government communication networks across borders. *Unpacking Cross-Border Governance*. Luxembourg: September 6-7, 2012.

Andrey Demidov & Sara Svensson. 2012 Friendly Neighbours: Increasing the Potential of European Neighbourhood Policy Cross-Border Cooperation Initiatives. *RISC Writing Workshop*. Luxembourg: June 21 -23, 2012.

Sara Svensson. Networks between governments in cross-border cooperation. *4th Graduate Network Conference*. Berlin, Germany: March 22-24, 2012.

Sara Svensson & Gergő Medve-Bálint. The Diversity of Euroregional Initiatives in Central and Eastern Europe. *Structures and Futures of Europe – 17<sup>th</sup> conference of the Hungarian Political Science Association*. Budapest, Hungary: May 20-21, 2011.

Sara Svensson & Gergő Medve-Bálint. Explaining coverage: why do local governments in Central Europe join (or not join) Euroregions? *A Borderless Europe?* Sønderborg, Denmark: September 30-October 2, 2010.

Sara Svensson & Gergő Medve-Bálint. Being close but in what sense? Aspects of proximity in policy co-operation across borders: the international engagement of local governments in county Komárom-Esztergom in Hungary. *Regional Studies Association Research Network*. Firenze, Italy: 4-5 October, 2010

Sara Svensson Cohesion and cooperation in Euroregions: the role of social capital in cross-border policy formation. and implementation. *GARNET PhD School: Global Governance, Regionalism and the Role of the EU*. Wroclaw, Poland: December 7-11, 2009.

### **Publication management (copy-editing, indexing, author coordination, etc)**

Zentai Violetta, and Janos Matyas Kovacs (eds.). 2012. *Capitalism from Outside? Economic Cultures in Eastern Europe after 1989*. Budapest: CEU Press.

Zsolt Enyedi and K. Deegan-Krause. 2010. Special issue: The Structure of Political Competition in Western Europe. *West European Politics* 33, no 3: 1.

Mieke Verloo. 2007. *Multiple Meanings of Gender Equality: A Critical Frame Analysis of Gender Policies in Europe*. Budapest: CEU University Press.

Schultz, Jim (ed.). 2004. *Follow the Money: A Guide to Monitoring Budgets and Oil and Gas Revenues*. Budapest: CEU University Press.

Mihavlova, Dimitrina. 2004. *Social Capital in Central and Eastern Europe. A Critical Assessment and Literature Review*. Budapest: CEU University Press.



## **Research experience (selected projects)**

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- H2020. TROPICO. Transformation into Open, Innovative and Collaborative Governments. <http://tropico-project.eu/> Research Fellow in the Hungarian Team, July 15, 2017 – July 14, 2019.
- Democracy & Media Foundation, Holland. *How independent are you really?* January 2018-January 2019. Public policy expert.
- H2020. SOLIDUS. Solidarity in European Societies: Empowerment, Social Justice and Citizenship. <https://solidush2020.eu/>. Research Fellow in the Hungarian team, January 1 2016-December 2017.
- Council of Europe commissioned report. *The independence and efficient functioning of the Regulatory Agency for Electronic Media in Serbia, an Assessment using the INDIREG Methodology*. Part of the investigating team June –October 2017.
- Council of Europe commissioned report. *The independence and efficient functioning of the Albanian Audiovisual Media Authority, an Assessment using the INDIREG Methodology*. Part of the investigating team. August-November 2014.
- Athena RESEARCH Institute. *Domestic extremist groups – Europe: Swedish country report*. 2012. Researcher.
- European Commission Tendered Project: *Indicators for Independence and Efficient Functioning of Audiovisual Services Regulatory Bodies* (CEU Lead Researcher: Kristina Irion), 2010-2011. Junior researcher.
- CEU Research Support Scheme: *Inheritance Matters: Elderly Landowners in Rural Hungary* (Lead Researcher: Andrew Cartwright), 2008-2009. Junior researcher.
- European Social Situation Observatory Project: *Social Capital and Social Policy Network* (CEU Lead Researcher: Andrew Cartwright). Research assistant.
- FP6 Collaborative Research Project: *Cultural Encounters in the European Economy and Society after the Accession DIOSCURI* (CEU Lead Researcher: Violetta Zentai), 2004-2007. Research assistant.

## **Research grants and awards**

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2016. Regional Studies Association Network grant.

2011. First prize in essay competition arranged by Pálfi István Regional Development Foundation and the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives. Paper (co-written with Gergo Medve-Balint): *‘Explaining coverage: why do local governments in Central Europe join (or not join) Euroregions?’*

2011. The CEU Doctoral Research Support Scheme for a research visit at Karlstad University, Sweden.

2008: The Full CEU Doctoral Fellowship (2008-2012), for PhD studies at the Central European University

## **Invited talks**

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2017: *Governance innovations: the potential of the EGTC and other cross-border instruments in peripheral borderlands*. Andrassy University Budapest, November 8, 2017.

2016: *EGTCs in East Central Europe: emergence, experiences and expectations from EU Cohesion Policy*. Viadrina University. September 15, 2016

2016: *Writing op-eds to influence*. Webinar. Politheor internship program. August 11, 2016

2016: *Europeanization of borderlands*. Maastricht University. March 14, 2016.

2015: *Writing op-eds to influence*. Webinar. Politheor internship program. December 16, 2015.

2015: *Cross-border cooperation and Euroregions*, at Comenius University, Bratislava, May 6, 2015.

2012: *“Social capital and governance in borderlands: A comparative study of political networks across three European borders”*, at SOWI Research Seminar, Salzburg University, November 5, 2012.

2011: *“Networks at the Norwegian-Swedish border”*, at conference hosted by Euroregion Varmland-Ostfold, December 12, 2011.

2011: *“A cross-border region: report from the Hungarian-Slovak borderlands”*, (Research Seminar, Department of historical and political studies, Karlstad University, December 16, 2012).

## **Professional networks**

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- RSA Regional Economic and Policy History Network, part of organizing team, 2016-2018.

- Peer-reviews for *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, *Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie* (Dutch Journal of Economic and Social Geography), *Journal of International Relations & Development*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *Regional and Federal Studies*, *Routledge Books*, *Journal of Economic and Social Geography*
- Association of Borderlands Studies
- Regional Studies Association
- Hungarian Political Science Association

## **Commissioned assignments / non-academic work experience**

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### **Copy-editing, translation & assessment**

- Global Public Policy Debate Challenge. Judge at debate June 2012, assessor of policy memo and policy brief contributions December 2012 and March 2013, scheduled to take part as judge in June 2013. Initiative supported by Idea Foundation, European Council on Foreign Relations, CEU School of Public Policy and Global public policy institute. (2012-2013)
- European Privacy and Human Rights Research Project: Translation of project report. (January 2011).
- West European Politics: Assistance (reference management, proofreading) with the publication of a special issue of West European Politics (edited by Zsolt Enyedi and Kevin Deegan-Krause), WEP 2010, 33:3.
- Central Home: Translation of the website of this real estate company into Swedish (November-December 2004).
- Kraftex AB: Interpreting at a series of business meetings between this Norwegian company and potential Hungarian partners. (October 2003).
- Danubius Nyelv Iskola: Translation and evaluation of job applicants' mastery of Swedish. (October 2003).
- European Council, Centre for Youth and Sport Budapest: Editing the brochure "Youth Promoting Human Rights and Social Cohesion." (March 2003).
- Szó Design: Translation, Hungarian-Swedish. (March 2003).
- Botkyrka Mångkulturella Centrum: Translation of two chapters of "Reflections on Diversity and Change in Modern Society", published June 2002.
- Global Public Policy Debate Challenge. Judge at debate June 2012, judge of policy memo and policy brief contributions December 2012, March 2013, scheduled to take part as judge in June 2013.

## Journalism

- Swedish Broadcasting Association: Freelance radio work in connection with Hungarian politics and culture: P1 Morgon (April 9, 2018), Webb-Radio (April 8, 2017), NGO law commentary June 2017, Refugee policy commentary June –August 2015, Election 2014 commentary, “Konflikt” (March 2013), “Studio Ett” (September 2006, January 2011, January 2012, December 2012), “Filosofiska rummet” (May 2005), “Studio Europa.” (April 2002), “Ekot Special” (November 2008), P1 Morgon (January 2012), Alltid Nyheter (January 2012, May 2012).
- Other media appearances with relation to Hungarian politics and culture: Expressen Webb April 8, 2018; Dagens Nyheter op-ed (April 2017); Swedish Television (April 6 and April 9, 2018), Finnish Radio April 6 and April 9, 2018), Dagens Nyheter and Svenska Dagbladet background interviews week of April 2, 2018.
- Bonniers Publishing House: Freelance writing work for the daily *Dagens Industri* (2006) and the monthly magazine *Vi Foraldrar* (2005).
- SAAB AB: Freelance writing work the quarterly *V.I.P. magazine*. (May 2003).
- Hungarian Investment and Trade Development Agency: Writing and editing material for commercial advertisements in the major Swedish dailies *Dagens Industri* and *Svenska Dagbladet*. (December 2001).