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Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Languages: Swedish (native), English (professional fluency), Spanish (professional fluency).

PRESENT POSITION

Senior Lecturer (Lektor). Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, 2019-.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Assistant Professor (Associate Senior Lecturer). Department of Political Science, Lund University, 2018 (from February 1) - 2019.

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, 2014-2018 (on parental leave from December 31, 2015 to September 3, 2016).

Research Fellow. Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, 2013-2014.

Ph.D. Candidate. Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, 2007-2013.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Associate Professor in Political Science (December 17, 2019). Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Ph.D. in Political Science (September 20, 2013). Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Master in Political Science. Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg. Master's thesis: "Dialogue - A Way to Foster Democracy, The Argentinean Case in the Search Light," 2006.

University Studies Abroad

Universidad de Buenos Aires. Courses in Latin American history, methods in social sciences, and political theory, 2002.

VISITING SCHOLAR

Visiting Scholar. Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, Lima, November-December 2010.

Visiting Student Researcher. Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, August-December 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph

Cornell, Agnes, Jørgen Møller, and Svend-Erik Skaaning (2020). *Democratic Stability in an Age of Crisis: Reassessing the Interwar Period*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Ph.D. Dissertation

Cornell, Agnes (2013). "Institutional Impediments and Reluctant Actors – The Limited Role of Democracy Aid in Democratic Development." Doctoral Diss., Göteborg Studies in Politics no. 132, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Andersen, David, and Agnes Cornell (2023). "Voting for Bureaucracy? Contestation, Suffrage, and Meritocracy." *European Journal of Political Research* 64(4): 1122–1145.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1475-6765.12553>

Cornell, Agnes, and Marcia Grimes (2023). "Brokering Bureaucrats: How Bureaucrats and Civil Society Facilitate Clientelism Where Parties are Weak." *Comparative Political Studies* 56(6): 788–823. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00104140221115171>

Cornell, Agnes, and Ted Svensson (2023). "Colonial Origins of Modern Bureaucracy? India and the Professionalization of the British Civil Service." *Governance* 36(2): 533–553.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12683>

Cornell, Agnes, Carl Henrik Knutsen, and Jan Teorell (2020). "Bureaucracy and Growth." *Comparative Political Studies* 53(14): 2246–2282.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0010414020912262>

Cornell, Agnes, and Anders Sundell (2020). "Money Matters: The Role of Public Sector Wages in Corruption Prevention." *Public Administration* 98(1): 244–260.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/padm.12634>

Knutsen, Carl Henrik, Jan Teorell, Tore Wig, Agnes Cornell, John Gerring, Haakon Gjerløw, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Daniel Ziblatt, Kyle L. Marquardt, Daniel Pemstein, and Brigitte Seim (2019). "Introducing the Historical Varieties of Democracy Dataset: Political Institutions in the Long 19th Century." *Journal of Peace Research* 56(3): 440–451.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343318823866>

Boräng, Frida, Agnes Cornell, Marcia Grimes, and Christian Schuster (2018). "Cooking the Books: Bureaucratic Politicization and Policy Knowledge." *Governance* 31(1): 7–26.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12283>

D'Arcy, Michelle, and Agnes Cornell (2016). "Devolution and Corruption in Kenya: Everyone's Turn to Eat?" *African Affairs* 115(459): 246–273.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/afraf/adw002>

Cornell, Agnes, and Marcia Grimes (2015). "Institutions as Incentives for Civic Action: Bureaucratic Structures, Civil Society, and Disruptive Protests." *The Journal of Politics* 77(3): 664–678. <https://doi.org/10.1086/681058>

Cornell, Agnes (2014). "Why Bureaucratic Stability Matters for the Implementation of Democratic Governance Programs." *Governance* 27(2): 191–214.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/gove.12037>

Cornell, Agnes, and Victor Lapuente (2014). "Meritocratic Administration and Democratic Stability." *Democratization* 21(7): 1286–1304.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2014.960205>

Cornell, Agnes, and Michelle D'Arcy (2014). "Plus Ça Change? County-Level Politics in Kenya after Devolution." *Journal of Eastern African Studies* 8(1): 173–191.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17531055.2013.869073>

Cornell, Agnes (2013). "Does Regime Type Matter for the Impact of Democracy Aid on Democracy?" *Democratization* 20(4): 642–667.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13510347.2012.659021>

Cornell, Agnes (2009). "Demokratibistånd, politiska regimer och demokratisk utveckling" [Democracy Aid, Political Regimes and Democratic Development]. *Politica* 41(3): 331–348. (Nominated for best paper in *Politica* in 2009.)

Other Research Articles

Cornell, Agnes, Jørgen Møller, and Svend-Erik Skaaning (2017). "The Real Lessons of the Interwar Years." *Journal of Democracy* 28(3): 14–28.
<https://doi.org/10.1353/jod.2017.0040>

Book Chapters

Cornell, Agnes, Jørgen Møller, and Svend-Erik Skaaning (2023). "Political Regimes," in Andrew Denning and Heidi J.S. Tworek (eds.), *The Interwar World*. London: Routledge.

Cornell, Agnes, and Marcia Grimes (2015). "Political Control of Bureaucracies as an Incentive for Party Behavior," in Carl Dahlström and Lena Wängnerud (eds.), *Elites, Institutions, and the Quality of Government*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Newsletter Contributions

Cornell, Agnes, and Haakon Gjerløw (2018). "Intro" (guest editors). *Newsletter for the Section of Comparative Democratization, American Political Science Association*, 16(2) (June 2018).

Cornell, Agnes, Marcia Grimes, and Victor Lapuente (2014). "State Firewalls and Democratic Deepening." *Newsletter for the Section of Comparative Democratization, American Political Science Association*, 12(2) (May 2014).

Reports

Cornell, Agnes (2021). "Mapping of Democratization Support, Final Report." Sida Evaluation 2021:5. FCG Sweden and Tana Copenhagen, in partnership with the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) and D-Arch.

Cornell, Agnes, and Michelle D'Arcy (2016). "Devolution, Democracy and Development in Kenya." Research Report No. 5. Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD).

Cornell, Agnes, and Michelle D'Arcy (eds.) (2015). "Proceedings of the Workshop on Devolution and Local Development in Kenya." Policy Briefs 2. Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy (ICLD).

Cornell, Agnes (2015). "Institutional Impediments and Reluctant Actors - The Limited Role of Democracy Aid in Democratic Development." Development Dissertation Briefs Series No. 2015:01. Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA).

Cornell, Agnes (2014). "Demokratiindex. Rapport till Kommittén om översyn av exportkontrollen av krigsmateriel" [Democracy Indices. Report to the Committee for Review of Arms Export Control]. UD2012:01. Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Teorell, Jan, and Agnes Cornell (2012). "Leder demokratibistånd till demokratisering?" [Does Democracy Aid Lead to Democratization?]. SADEV (Swedish Agency for Development Evaluation) Report 2012:1.6.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator

"Unlawful Influence in Swedish Municipalities: Do Social Ties Matter for Bureaucrats' Vulnerability and Ability to Resist?" SEK 4,938,000, funded by the Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (Forte), 2025. Agnes Cornell [PI] (with Gissur Ó Erlingsson and Andrej Kokkonen).

"Sustaining State Capacity in a Modern State: Citizen-State Relations and Voluntary Compliance in Sweden." SEK 4,851,000, funded by the Swedish Research Council, 2023. Agnes Cornell [PI] (with Rasmus Broms and Andrej Kokkonen).

Project Participant

“When is Civil Society Civil? Institutional Determinants of Claim-Making and Implications for Societal Development.” SEK 5,973,060, funded by the Swedish Research Council, 2019. (With Marcia Grimes [PI] and Paula Muñoz.)

“Political Institutions and the Historical Origins of Development: Unraveling the Connections.” SEK 6,065,000, funded by the Swedish Research Council, 2014. (With Jan Teorell [PI], John Gerring, Carl Henrik Knutsen, Svend-Erik Skaaning, and Daniel Ziblatt.)

“Disentangling the Economic Effects of Political Institutions” (DEEPI). NOK 7,000,000, funded by the Norwegian Research Council, 2014. (With Carl Henrik Knutsen [PI], John Gerring, Svend-Erik Skaaning, Jan Teorell, and Daniel Ziblatt.)

“No Democracy without Bureaucracy? The Role of Administrative Institutions in Democratic Consolidation.” SEK 4,568,000, funded by the Swedish Research Council, 2012. (With Victor Lapuente [PI] and Marcia Grimes.)

“Do Local Elections Foster Local Democracy? Party Strategies in the First Elections at the County Level in Kenya.” SEK 700,000, funded by the Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy, 2012. (With Michelle D’Arcy [PI].)

REVIEWER

African Affairs, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press (book proposals), Comparative Political Studies, Democratization, Foreign Policy Analysis, Governance, Government and Opposition, International Area Studies Review, International Political Science Review, International Review of Administrative Sciences, International Studies Review, Journal of Eastern African Studies, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Latin American Research Review, Oxford University Press (book proposals), Party Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Policy Studies, Policy Studies Journal, Political Research Quarterly, Political Studies Review, Public Administration, Public Administration Review, Public Policy and Administration, Scandinavian Political Studies, Studies in Comparative International Development, Social Science History Review, World Development.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Member and coordinator, evaluation committee for Associate Professor position in Political Science, University of South-Eastern Norway, spring 2026.

Reviewer, Associate Senior Lecturer position, Linköping University, 2026.

Track chair, LASA Congress, 2026.

Member, V-Dem Steering Committee, 2025-.

External reviewer, promotion to Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen, June 18, 2025.

External opponent, Ph.D. trial defense for Jonas Willibald Schmid, University of Oslo, June 14, 2024.

Panel member, International Review Panel in Political Science and Legal Science, Independent Research Fund Denmark, fall 2023/spring 2024.

External member, selection committee for Assistant Professor (5-year tenure track), Trinity College Dublin, 2023.

Member, APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section Juan Linz Best Dissertation Award Committee, 2023.

Member, Ph.D. committee for Emanuel Wittberg, Linköping University, March 10, 2023.

Reviewer, Senior Lecturer position in Political Science, Halmstad University, December 2022-January 2023.

Member, reference group for the Evaluation of Swedish Aid in Sub-Saharan Africa via CSOs, Expert Group for Aid Studies (EBA), 2022-2024.

Member, Central Assessment Committee for Minor Field Studies (MFS), University of Gothenburg, 2021-2022.

International reviewer, promotion to Senior Lecturer, University of Essex, September 2021.

International reviewer, Ph.D. dissertation, Sapienza University, Rome, May 2021.

Member, Expert Committee for 4-year postdoc position, Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, spring 2021.

Member, Ph.D. committee for Vilde Djuve, Aarhus University, January 8, 2021.

Member, assessment committee for Ph.D. program admission, University of Gothenburg, 2020.

Member, Management Collegium, The Quality of Government Institute, University of Gothenburg, 2019-.

Member, assessment committee for Ph.D. scholarship, University of Oslo, 2015.

Board member, Minor Field Studies (MFS) scholarship programme, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, 2008-2013.

CONFERENCES

Organizer (Selected)

2015. Organizer, Workshop on State Bureaucracy and Democratic Development (co-organized with David Andersen), Aarhus University, October 15-16.

2014. Chair, Workshop 29: "Varieties of Democracy and Autocracy – Disentangling Patterns and Relationships" (co-chaired with Jacob Tolstrup and Staffan I. Lindberg), XVII Nordic Political Science Congress (NOPSA), Gothenburg, August 12-15.

2014. Organizer, Workshop on Devolution and Local Democracy in Kenya (co-organized with Michelle D'Arcy), Nairobi, June 26.

Paper Presenter (selected, 2020-2026)

Cornell, Agnes, Marcia Grimes, and Paula Muñoz (2026). "Corruption Perceptions, Institutional Knowledge, and Accountability: Experimental Evidence from Civil Society Leaders in Peru." European Political Science Society Annual Conference (EPSS), Belfast, June 18-20.

Cornell, Agnes, Marcia Grimes, and Paula Muñoz (2026). "Corruption Perceptions, Institutional Knowledge, and Accountability: Experimental Evidence from Civil Society Leaders in Peru." GLD's 9th Annual Conference, Aspenäs, June 10-12.

Cornell, Agnes, Marcia Grimes, and Paula Muñoz (2026). "Corruption Perceptions, Institutional Knowledge, and Accountability: Experimental Evidence from Civil Society Leaders in Peru." Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Paris, May 26-30.

Cornell, Agnes, Marcia Grimes, and Paula Muñoz (2025). "Institutional Determinants of Civil Society Organizations' Demands and Tactics: Experimental Evidence from Peru." Annual Conference of the European Political Science Association (EPSA), Madrid, June 26-28.

Cornell, Agnes, Marcia Grimes, and Paula Muñoz (2023). "Institutional Determinants of Citizens' Demand-Making: Experimental Evidence from Peru." Annual Conference of the Swedish Political Science Association (SWEPSA), Gothenburg, October 4-6.

Cornell, Agnes, Marcia Grimes, and Paula Muñoz (2023). "Institutional Determinants of Civil Society Organizations' Demand-Making: Experimental Evidence from Peru." Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Los Angeles, August 31–September 3.

Cornell, Agnes, and Ted Svensson (2021). "Colonial Origins of Modern Bureaucracy: India and the Professionalisation of the British Civil Service." Workshop on State Making and Global Order in Historical-Comparative Perspective, Lund University, September 2–3.

Cornell, Agnes, and Marcia Grimes (2020). "Brokering Bureaucrats: How Civil Servants and Civil Society Associations Facilitate Clientelism Where Parties are Weak." Joint ICSID/QoG Institute Workshop on Institutions and Development: A Sub-National Perspective, October 7–9.

INVITED SPEAKER / PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED, 2020-2026)

2025. "Ancestral Institutions and Participation in Interventions for Children's Welfare among Immigrants in Sweden." Democracy and Development Speaker Series, Department of Political Science, Aarhus University, March 13.

2023. "Institutional Determinants of Civil Society's Claim-Making and Tactics: Experimental Evidence from Peru." Comparative Politics Seminar, Department of Political Science, Lund University, January 17.

2022. "Bistånd och demokrati - Vad säger forskningen?" Göteborgs FN-förening, April 27.

2022. "Brokering Bureaucrats: How Bureaucrats and Civil Society Facilitate Clientelism Where Parties are Weak." Colloquium on Management and Public Administration, University of Konstanz, April 13 (online).

2021. "Brokering Bureaucrats: How Bureaucrats and Civil Society Facilitate Clientelism Where Parties are Weak." Political Science and Political Economy Research Seminar Series, London School of Economics, November 9.

2021. "Democratic Stability in an Age of Crisis: Reassessing the Interwar Period." Symposium: "Stein Rokkan's Legacy: The Past and Future of Comparative Politics," University of Bergen, October 29.

2021. "Demokratisk stabilitet i kristider." Seminarserie: Röster om samtiden, Örebro universitet, September 22 (webinar).

2021. "The Abolishment of Patronage: Meritocratic Practices in 19th Century Britain." PAPP Seminar, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, June 14.

2020. "When is Civil Society Civil?" GEPOP Morning Meeting, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, December 4.

2020. "Imperial Origins of Modern Bureaucracy? India and the Professionalisation of the British Civil Service." STANCE Programme Lunch Seminar, Department of Political Science, Lund University, November 25.

2020. "Voting for Bureaucracy? Suffrage Extensions and Meritocratic Recruitment." STANCE Programme Lunch Seminar, Department of Political Science, Lund University, September 16.

TEACHING

Director of Studies. Master's Programme in Political Science (MAPS), Master's Programme in International Administration and Global Governance (IAGG), and Master's Programme in Political Science: Environmental Governance and Behavior (MAPSE). January 2025–.

Director of Studies. Master's Programme in International Administration and Global Governance (IAGG). July 2022–December 2024.

Doctoral student: Adea Gafuri, University of Gothenburg (main supervisor; defense September 22, 2023).

Course coordination, lectures, seminars, examination, and supervision of theses at the undergraduate, master's, and Ph.D. levels. List of courses taught available upon request.

Pedagogical Training

2024. Behörighetsgivande högskolepedagogik 3: Självständigt arbete (PIL103) [Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 3: Applied Analysis].

2019. "Forskarhandledning," Lund University. (Validated at the Faculty of Social Science, University of Gothenburg, as equivalent to HPE201.)

2014. "Teacher Training Programme for Assistant Professors and Postdocs" (Modules 1-4) (5 ECTS), Aarhus University.

2009. "Teaching and Learning in Higher Education 1: Basic Course" (5 ECTS), University of Gothenburg.