

# Susanne Ek Spector

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## Current Position

**Researcher** Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2013–  
**Research Affiliate** IZA, Bonn, Germany, November 2010–

## Education

**Doctor of Philosophy in Economics** Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, April 2013  
Dissertation: Essays on Unemployment Insurance Design  
Supervisors: Professor Bertil Holmlund and Associate Professor Per Engström

**Bachelor in Economics** Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, June 2008  
Bachelor thesis: How do house prices affect consumption?  
Minor in Mathematics. Graduated with honors.

## Honors and Awards

**Young Labour Market Economist Prize** European Association of Labour Economics, 2013.  
*The jury awards the prize to Susanne because her paper is well written, carefully in modeling and using up-to-date econometric techniques, providing a range of sensitivity analyses including placebo tests. The main outcome that higher benefits lead to lower wages is unexpected and is inviting further research in this area.*

## Publications in Refereed Journals

Ek, S och B Holmlund (*forthcoming*), Part-time unemployment and optimal unemployment insurance, *International Tax and Public Finance*.

Ek, S and B Holmlund (2010), Family job search, wage bargaining and optimal unemployment insurance, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy* 10, Issue 1 (Contributions).

## Policy Reports

Ek Spector, S (*forthcoming*), Deltidsarbetslöshetsförsäkring (Part-time unemployment insurance), Underlagsrapport till den parlamentariska socialförsäkringsutredningen (Report for the parliamentary social insurance survey), SOU.

Spector, S (2014), Lågstalöner och lönespridning – Effekter på samhällsekonomin (Minimum wages and wage dispersion – Effects on the labor market), Samhällsekonomisk analys 2014:3, Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, Stockholm.

Ek, S and B Holmlund (2010), Deltidsarbetslöshet och arbetslöshetsförsäkring i Sverige (Part-time unemployment and unemployment insurance in Sweden), in *Välfärdsstaten i arbete* (The Welfare State at Work), SOU 2011:2. Stockholm: Fritzes.

## Other Publications

Ek Spector, S (*forthcoming*), Nya perspektiv på lägstalöner (New perspectives on minimum wages), *Ekonomisk Debatt*.

Ek, S (2013), *Essays on Unemployment Insurance Design*, Department of Economics, Uppsala University, Economic Studies 133, Uppsala.

Ek, S (2012), Deltidsarbetslöshet och optimal a-kassa, *Ekonomisk Debatt* 40, 34–37.

## Working Papers

Ek, S (2012), Unemployment benefits or taxes: How should policy makers redistribute income over the business cycle?, IZA Discussion Paper 6308, Bonn.

## Work in Progress

Jansson, L och S Spector (2014), Social mobility in a new generation – A study of men born in 1971, *Manuscript*.

Ek, S (2014), Gaining from lower benefits? Unemployment insurance and job quality, *Manuscript*

## Presentations and Conferences

**Invited Seminar** Swedish Trade Federation, Uppsala, Sweden, September 2014.

**Invited Seminar** Ministry of Finance, Stockholm, Sweden, May 2014.

**Norms and Local Wage Negotiations** Stockholm, Sweden, May 2014.

**Research Seminar** Confederation of Swedish Enterprise, Stockholm, Sweden, March 2014.

**25<sup>th</sup> EALE Conference** Torino, Italy, September 2013.

**Invited Seminar** JLS series of CFS, ECB and Deutsche Bundesbank, Frankfurt, Germany, October 2012

**Research Seminar** Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, October, 2012.

**3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference of Swedish Economists** Stockholm, Sweden, September 2012.

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of the European Economic Association** Malaga, Spain, August 2012.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockholm-Uppsala Doctoral Students Workshop in Economics** Uppsala, Sweden, May 2012.

**UCLS Brown Bag Seminar** Uppsala, Sweden, November, 2011.

**23<sup>rd</sup> EALE Conference** Pafos, Cyprus, September 2011.

**2<sup>nd</sup> National Conference for Swedish Economists** Uppsala, Sweden, September 2011.

**Research Seminar** The Royal Swedish Academy of Science, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2011.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Stockholm-Uppsala Doctoral Students Workshop in Economics** Stockholm, Sweden, May 2011.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Irish Society of New Economists**, Dublin, Ireland, September 2010.

**Invited Seminar** Swedish Public Employment Service, Stockholm, Sweden, September 2010.

**13<sup>th</sup> IZA European Summer School in Labour Economics** Munich, Germany, May 2010.

**How does the Swedish labor market work – and how can it be improved?** Stockholm, Sweden, May 2010.

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**IZA Workshop: Unemployment Insurance and Flexicurity**, Bonn, Germany, December 2009.

**Research Seminar** Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, October, 2009.

## Teaching Experience

**Applied Microeconomics**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Undergraduate Program, Uppsala University, TA, August 2009–April 2010.

**Microeconomic Theory I**, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Graduate Program, Uppsala University, TA, September 2009.

## Organizations

**PhD Association at the Department of Economics**, Board Member, Sept 2012–April 2013

**Organizing Committee** for the 7<sup>th</sup> Stockholm Uppsala Doctoral Student Workshop in Economics at Uppsala University, January–May 2012

**FENSU** (Female Economist Network in Stockholm and Uppsala), Co-founder, August 2011

**Department of Economics**, PhD representative on the board, September 2011–April 2013

**Uppsala Center for Labor Studies**, PhD representative on the board, May 2011–April 2013

**PhD Association at the Department of Economics**, Chairwoman, Sept 2010–Sept 2012

**PhD Association at the Department of Economics**, Treasurer, Sept 2008–Sept 2009