

Curriculum vitae Fredrik Löjdquist

Born: 15 March 1967 in Sweden. Swedish citizen.

Work experience

2021– Founding director of Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies (SCEEUS), one of Europe’s leading research and analysis institutes on Eastern Europe.

2022 (March–May) Secretary and co-author of the mixed Swedish Government/ Parliamentary report: *Deterioration of the Security Environment: Implications for Sweden*, <https://www.government.se/legal-documents/2022/05/ds-20228>.

2018–2021 Ambassador, Sweden’s first special envoy for countering hybrid threats, Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA), Stockholm.

2017–2021 Ambassador, MFA, Stockholm, Sweden’s government representative to the OSCE Structured Dialogue on current and future challenges and risks to security in the OSCE area. Work on conventional arms control and confidence and security-building measures.

2012–2017 Ambassador of Sweden to the OSCE. Co-founder of the OSCE Democracy Defender Award (the first recipient was Oleksandra Matviychuk in 2016).

2007–2012 Deputy Head of Mission (Minister), Embassy of Sweden/Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Vienna (also covering Slovenia and Slovakia).

2010 Ambassador at large, Special Envoy of the Swedish Government to Georgia.

2009 Ambassador at large, Special Envoy to Georgia of the Swedish EU Presidency.

2004–2007 Head of Russia/CIS division, MFA, Stockholm. Participated in initiating and formulating the Swedish-Polish initiative, which became the **EU Eastern Partnership** policy.

2002–2004 Special adviser to the then newly established **Joint Intelligence Committee** of the Swedish Government Office (RK SUND), Stockholm.

2001–2002 Desk officer (speech writer, security policy doctrine and Sweden’s close neighbourhood) Department for Security Policy, MFA, Stockholm.

1997–2001 Counsellor (political), Embassy of Sweden, Moscow, Russian Federation.

1994–1997 Second/First Secretary, Embassy of Sweden, Vilnius, Lithuania.

1994 Admission to diplomats’ training programme, MFA, Stockholm.

Other professional engagements

2026– Member of the **International Advisory Board of the International Centre for Defence and Security** (ICDS) in Estonia.

2026– Member of the **Kuratorium** (advisory board) of **S. Fischer Stiftung**, Germany.

2025– Member of a **Reference Group on relations between development aid and security policy** to the Expert Group for Aid Studies, EBA (EBA is a Swedish government committee mandated to independently evaluate and analyse Sweden’s international development assistance).

2018–2021 Member of the Board of the Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats in Helsinki, Finland.

Decorations, awards and memberships

- Member of the **Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences** (2025–)

- Awarded the Swedish medal “**For zealous and devoted service to the realm**” (NOR) (2025)

- Awarded H.M. The King’s Medal, 12th size with the Order of the Seraphim ribbon, for “**Outstanding achievements in Swedish foreign service and European security policy**” (2024)

- Honorary Member of Uplands Student Nation (student society), Uppsala Universitet (2024–)

- Grosse Goldene Ehrenzeichen mit dem Stern für Verdienste um die Republik Österreich (2012)

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Publications and public participation

Regular participant and speaker at i.a. the Lennart Meri Conference, GLOBSEC, Munich Security Conference, NATO Summit Public Forum, Warsaw Security Forum, Vilnius Snow Meeting, Riga Conference, Kyiv Security Forum, Delphi Economic Forum, Tbilisi International Conference, ECFR Annual Council Meeting, TEPSA, School of Civic Education (and before that Moscow School of Political Studies), Berlin Security Conference, Berlin Foreign Policy Forum, European Forum Alpbach, Hanaholmen, Minsk Dialogue, Engelsberg Conferences, Bruno Kreisky Forum and Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination colloquia. Contributed to numerous Swedish Defence Commissions. Regular participant in numerous track 1.5 and track 2 strategy groups.

Regular contributor to Swedish and international media and lecturer at academic and international organisations, as well as government, parliamentary, business and civil society events.

Publications

A number of commissioned reports for government offices and agencies on foreign, security and defence policy issues.

Various articles and essays on political theory, history, culture and politics in Swedish and international outlets, for example:

- The unfulfilled European Zeitenwende on Russia: Where are we four years after the large-scale invasion?, *SCEEUS Report no. 2*, 2026 <https://sceeus.se/en/publications/the-unfulfilled-european-zeitenwende-on-russia-where-are-we-four-years-after-the-large-scale-invasion>
- *Eurozine*, From Helsinki to full-scale invasion: Russia, European security and the OSCE (9 May 2025) <https://www.eurozine.com/from-helsinki-to-full-scale-invasion>
- Nuo Helsinki iki plataus masto invazijos. Rusija, Europos saugumas ir ESBO, in *Kulturos Barai*, 5/2025.
- The Need for Taking the Strategic Initiative Towards Russia, *SCEEUS Report no. 11*, 2024 <https://sceeus.se/en/publications/the-need-for-taking-the-strategic-initiative-towards-russia-an-outline-for-a-policy-to-contain-constrain-and-counter-russian-antagonistic-behaviour>
- Kiev deve vincere per sé e per noi in *Limes*, *Rivista Italiana di Geopolitica*, 7/2024. <https://www.limesonline.com/rivista/kirov-deve-vincere-per-se-e-per-noi-16578125>
- “Russia’s imperialistic behaviour is not going to go away only because of a peace or truce with Ukraine; Interview with Klub Jagiellonski, <https://klubjagiellonski.pl/2023/07/24/russias-imperialistic-behaviour-is-not-going-to-go-away-only-because-of-a-peace-or-truce-with-ukraine>
- “Austria viewed from Sweden”, in *Images of Sweden: Past and Present Perspectives from Austria*, Kurt Almqvist and Louise Belfrage (eds), Axess Publishing AB, 2018

Essays and articles for *Axess* (a leading Swedish intellectual monthly magazine), e.g. <https://www.axess.se/samhalle/menar-vi-allvar> and *Liberal Debatt* (a political magazine), e.g. <https://www.liberaldebatt.se/2024/02/europas-framtid-avgors-i-ukraina>.

Essays in Swedish in political theory (e.g. on Leo Strauss and Michael Oakeshott).

Education

2004 Senior management training programme, MFA, Sweden

1993–94 PhD studies (political theory), Political Science at the University of Stockholm, Sweden

1992–93 MSc, London School of Economics (Department of Government, political theory)

1986–91 BA (i.a. political science, Eastern and Central European studies, philosophy, languages, economics, rhetoric), Uppsala University, Sweden

1987–88 Military service, military interpreter in Russian language, Armed Forces School of Languages, Uppsala, Sweden

1986 Swedish High School Diploma (natural sciences programme).

1985 US High School Diploma, as an exchange student in Rochester, New York state.

Languages

Working level English, German and Russian, as well as passable French.

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