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### Academic degrees

Ph.D.,

### Positions within academia:

2013 - Member of Faculty/Department Board, Business Administration,  
Gothenburg University

### Main research fields:

Globalisation and the role of multinational corporations, Foreign direct investment in Europe and Asia, Location strategies of research & development activities in MNCs, International technology and knowledge transfer between multinational companies and host-market suppliers in emerging markets.

### Main teaching fields:

Globalisation and the role of multinational corporations, Foreign direct investment in Europe and Asia, Location strategies of research & development activities in MNCs, International technology and knowledge transfer between multinational companies and host-market suppliers in emerging markets.

## Academic experience

### International research projects:

2016 - Political Embeddedness and Strategic Asset Seeking of a Privately Held Emerging Economy Firm: Geely's Acquisition of Volvo Cars Corporation, Bent Pedersen, Copenhagen Business School

### Supervision of PhD students:

2014 - Alexander Wong, Gothenburg university (Head supervisor)  
2013 - Swati Ravi, Gothenburg university (Head supervisor)

### Opponent and/or examiner of PhD and licentiate theses:

(Member of examining committee)

**Reviewer assignments:**

Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Geography, International Business Review, Geografiska Annaler, World Development, Geoforum, International Journal of Technology Management, Environment and Planning, Management Business Review, Regional Studies

**Academic assignments:**

2015 - Asia Business and Management (Member of editorial board)

**Awards, distinctions or commissions of trust:**

2015 Board member and Vice President Europe, Euro-Asia Management Studies Association (EAMSA)

**International academic experience:**

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**Publications****Journal article (peer-reviewed)**

Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G., Vahlne, Jan-Erik (2016) Global technology development by colocating R&D and manufacturing: The Case of Swedish manufacturing MNEs. *Industrial and Corporate Change*, 25:4.

Vahlne, Jan-Erik, Ivarsson, Inge (2014) The globalization of Swedish MNEs: Empirical evidence and theoretical explanations. *Journal of International Business Studies*, 45:3, p. 227-247.

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Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2009) Learning from foreign TNCs: A study of technology upgrading by local suppliers to AB Volvo in Asia and Latin America. *International Journal of Technology Management*, Vol. 48:No. 1, p. pp. 56-76.

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Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2005) The Effect of Spatial Proximity on Technology Transfer from TNCs to Local Suppliers in Developing Countries: The Case of AB Volvo's Truck and Bus Plants in Brazil, China, India and Mexico. *Economic Geography*, Vol 81,

No. 1, p. 83-111.

Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2004) International Technology Transfer Through Local Business Linkages: The Case of Volvo Trucks and Their Domestic Suppliers in India. *Oxford Development Studies*, 32(2), p. 241-260.

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Ivarsson, Inge, Johansson, Tommy (2003) Local Technological Competence and Asset-Seeking FDI: An Empirical Study of Manufacturing and Wholesale Affiliates in Sweden. *International Business Review*, Vol 12, p. 369-386.

Ivarsson, Inge (2002) Technology Development and Collective Learning Among TNCs and Host Country Firms: The Case of West Sweden. *Environment and Planning A*, Vol 34, No. 10, p. 1877-1897.

Ivarsson, Inge, Vahlne, Jan-Erik (2002) Technology integration through international acquisitions: the case of foreign manufacturing TNCs in Sweden. *Scandinavian Journal of Management*, 18(2002)1, p. 1-27.

Ivarsson, Inge (2002) TNCs and the Geographical Transfer of Localised Technology: A Multi-Industry Study of Foreign Affiliates in Sweden. *Journal of Economic Geography*, Vol 2, p. 221-247.

Ivarsson, Inge, Johansson, Tommy (2000) TNC Strategies and Variation in Intra-Firm Trade: The Case of Foreign Manufacturing Affiliates in Sweden. *Geografiska Annaler Ser. B*, Vol. 35 No. 1, p. 17-35.

Ivarsson, Inge (1999) Competitive Industry Clusters and Inward TNC Investments: The Case of Sweden. *Regional Studies*, Vol. 33, No 1, p. 37-49.

### **Book chapter**

Alvstam, Claes G., Ivarsson, Inge (2014) The 'Hybrid' Emerging Market Multinational Enterprise: The Ownership Transfer of Volvo Cars to China. In *Asian Inward and Outward FDI: New Challenges in the Global Economy*, ed. by Alvstam, Claes G., Harald Dolles and Patrik Ström, p. 217-242. Houndsill, Basingstoke, Hampshire : Palgrave Macmillan.

Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2008) Global production and trade systems - The Volvo case. In *International business geography : case studies of corporate firms / eds: Piet Pellenborg & Egbert Wever*, p. 61-82. London : Routledge.

Ivarsson, Inge (1996) Japanese Nordic Trade and Japanese Manufacturing in the Nordic Countries. In *Japan and the Periphery*. In: Darby, J. (ed.), p. 205-228. London : MacMillan Press.

## **Conference paper**

Alvstam, Claes G., Ivarsson, Inge, Petersen, Bent (2016) Are Multinationals from Emerging Economies Configuring Global Value Chains in New Ways?. *Paper presented at the 42nd annual conference of the European International Business Academy, Vienna University of Economics and Business, December 2-4, 2016.*

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Alvstam, Claes G., Ivarsson, Inge (2015) Creating a new spatial logic in the global operations of a passenger car manufacturer: The acquisition of Volvo Car by Zhejiang Geely . *4th Global Economic Geography Conference, University of Oxford, UK, August 19-23.*

Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2014) Technology development by colocating R&D and manufacturing: A New R&D strategy by Swedish MNEs in emerging markets?. *EAMSA Conference 2014: Regional Integration, Value Chains and Multinational Firms. Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, 29 Oct. –1 Nov. 2014.*

Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2012) Embedded Internationalisation: How Swedish manufacturing SMEs enter China through global production networks. *Association of American Geographers, Annual Conference, New York, USA, Feb 25-29.*

Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2012) The Politics of Global/Local Supply Chains: Building up of an entirely new production network under political and logistical restraints - The case of Volvo Car China. *Second INCODE Conference, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark, September 24-25.*

Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2011) Follow-source Suppliers in the New Geography of Global Production Networks: A study of investment motives and strategies of small Swedish manufacturing companies in China. *The Third Global Economic Geography Conference, Seoul, Korea, June 28 - July 1.*

Ivarsson, Inge, Alvstam, Claes G. (2011) Research on Swedish TNCs and their Suppliers in Asia and Latin America. *First INCODE Conference, University of Chicago, China Center, Beijing, China, July 13-16.*

## **Editorial collection**

Berg, Linda, Ivarsson, Inge, Lindahl, Rutger, Ström, Patrik (ed.) (2016) *Gränsöverskridande : vänbok till Claes G. Alvstam / [redaktörer: Linda Berg ...].* Göteborg: University of Gothenburg.

### **Other publication**

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