

# KATHERINA THOMAS

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## PHD CANDIDATE

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## EDUCATION

PHD IN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS, 2019 - present

*Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and Barcelona School of Economics (BSE), Spain*

Thesis: Essays on Child Development | expected graduation: Summer 2023

VISITING STUDENT, *University of Minnesota, USA*, Spring 2022

JOINT MASTER IN MODELS & METHODS OF QUANTITATIVE ECONOMICS, 2019

*Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain,  
Università Ca'Foscari Venezia, Italy, Universität Bielefeld, Germany*

BACHELOR IN ECONOMICS, 2017

*Universität Bayreuth, Germany*

EXCHANGE SEMESTER, *University of New South Wales, Australia*, Fall 2015

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Applied Micro, Development economics, Child development (education, nutrition, health)*

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## RESEARCH

### Work in Progress

How to close the skill gap? Parental background and children's skill development in Indonesia  
*Job Market Paper*

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## TEACHING

2021, 2020 Master Projects Course (tutorial on thesis writing), Teaching assistant (BSE)

2021 Structural Empirical Methods for Labor Economics, Teaching assistant (UAB)

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2019-present UNIVERSITAT AUTÒNOMA DE BARCELONA, INSTITUT D'ANÀLISI ECONÒMICA (IAE-CSIC)  
Research assistant, Barcelona, Spain  
to Prof. Joan Llull (2022-present, 2019-20)  
to Prof. Matthew Ellman (2021)  
to Prof. Hannes Mueller (2020)

2021-22 THE WORLD BANK  
Short-term consultant, Development Research Group, remotely

2020-21 THE ECONOMIC JOURNAL (ROYAL ECONOMIC SOCIETY)  
Replication checks, remotely

2018, 2017, BASF SE  
2016 Working student/intern, Trade and Bank Risk Management, Ludwigshafen, Germany

2017	GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE Intern, Colombo, Sri Lanka
2016	MISEREOR E.V. (ORGANISATION FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION) Intern, Aachen, Germany

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## SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

2022	<i>Internal Seminar (IAE-CSIC), PhD-Economics Virtual Seminar (PhD-EVS), Macro Micro Workshop (University of Minnesota), Essex-Barcelona Labor Workshop, Inequality Workshop (University of Minnesota), Applied Seminar (UAB), ENTER jamboree (presenter)</i>
2021	<i>Applied Seminar (UAB) (presenter), BSE PhD jamboree (presenter and discussant), ENTER jamboree (discussant), PhD school SAEe (attendee)</i>
2020	<i>Applied Seminar (UAB) (presenter)</i>

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## HONORS & AWARDS

2020-23	4-year FPI Predoctoral Fellowship, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
2017-19	QEM Consortium scholarship, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

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## SKILLS

LANGUAGES	German (native), English (proficient), French, Spanish (intermediate), Polish (beginner)
SOFTWARE	STATA, Python, Latex, Github

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## SERVICE

2019-present	Volunteer, Fundació Gavina (organization for disadvantaged children), Barcelona, Spain
2020-22	Co-founder and co-organizer, Econisers (initiative for PhD candidates), Barcelona, Spain
2017	Volunteer, Ferrando Children's Home, Mysore, India
2013-17	Mentor and volunteer, VUB e.V. (student organization), Bayreuth, Germany
2015-16	Student representative for Economics, Universität Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany
2014-15	Volunteer, Bunt statt Braun e.V. (refugee support organization), Bayreuth, Germany