

# Malte Jacob Rattenborg

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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**University of Cologne**

*Postdoctoral Researcher*

Since January 2026

*Cologne, Germany*

- Research Group: Behavioral Foundations

## RESEARCH STAYS

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**Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR)**

*Visiting Fellow*

September 2024 - February 2025

*Ithaca, USA*

- Host: Philipp Kircher

**IZA - Institute of Labor Economics**

*Guest Researcher*

June 2024 & June 2025

*Bonn, Germany*

## EDUCATION

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**University of Copenhagen**

*Ph.D. in Economics*

Since September 2021

*Copenhagen, Denmark*

- Supervisors: Steffen Altmann & Robert Mahlstedt
- Expected date of completion: April 2026

**University of Copenhagen**

*M.Sc. in Economics*

September 2019 - August 2023

*Copenhagen, Denmark*

**University of Mannheim**

*B.Sc. in Economics*

September 2015 - March 2019

*Mannheim, Germany*

**Stockholm University**

*Erasmus exchange semester*

January 2018 - May 2018

*Stockholm, Sweden*

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Wage Expectations and Job Search**

([ECONtribute Discussion Paper](#)) ([CESifo Working Paper](#))

*joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt, Alexander Sebald, Sonja Settele and Johannes Wohlfart*

**Which Occupations Do Unemployed Workers Target? Insights from Online Job Search Profiles**

([IZA Discussion Paper](#))

*joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt and Alexander Sebald*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Self-Image Concerns and Job Search**

*single-authored*

**The Dynamics of Search Intensity: Evidence from High-Frequency Online Job Search Data**

*joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Alexander Sebald and Hannah Simon*

## GRANTS

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### Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN)

2024

- Research grant to fund the project "Self-Image Concerns and Job Search"

### Augustinus Fonden

2024

- Scholarship for a research stay at Cornell University

## REFEREEING

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2025 Journal of the European Economic Association

## WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

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### PhD Workshop in Labor and Behavioral Economics

June 2026

*Early-career workshop at the intersection between behavioral and labor*

CEBI, University of Copenhagen

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Microeconomics 3

September 2022 - January 2023

*Teaching Assistant*

University of Copenhagen

## COMMITTEE WORK

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### PhD Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences

January 2022 - January 2025

*Elected PhD Representative for the Department of Economics*

University of Copenhagen

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### University of Copenhagen

September 2025 - January 2026

*Research Assistant*

Copenhagen, Denmark

- Research Group: Behavioral Economics and Labor Market Performance

### University of Copenhagen

February 2021 - September 2021

*Student Research Assistant*

Copenhagen, Denmark

- Research Group: Behavioral Economics and Labor Market Performance
- Supervisors: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt & Alexander Sebald

### University of Copenhagen

October 2019 - February 2021

*Student Research Assistant*

Copenhagen, Denmark

- Research Group: The Impact of Family Assets on Corporate Structures and Outcomes (FAMBUSS)
- Supervisor: Morten Bennedsen

### Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

February 2019 - June 2019

*Internship*

Brussels, Belgium

- Research Group: Economic Policy Unit

### Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)

January 2017 - December 2017

*Student Research Assistant*

Mannheim, Germany

- Research Group: Labor Markets, Human Resources and Social Policy

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025** Copenhagen Workshop on Job Search and Micro Data;  
DGPE Workshop;  
15th ifo Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data;  
NBER Summer Institute - The Micro and Macro Perspectives of the Aggregate Labor Market;  
6th World Labor Conference SOLE-EALE-AASLE  
8th Workshop on Subjective Expectations, Nova SBE;  
IZA PhD Workshop in Labor and Behavioral Economics;
- 2023** DGPE Workshop;  
Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS);  
European Economic Association (EEA);
- 2022** DGPE Workshop;  
European Association of Labour Economists (EALE);  
European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)
- 2021** DGPE Workshop

## INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025** Bundesbank Research Seminar;  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
- 2024** Cornell University - Labor Work in Progress Seminar (LWIPS);  
Cornell University - Macroeconomics Seminar;  
Cornell University - Behavioral Economics Research Group (BERG);  
Cornell University - The Work In Progress Seminar;  
Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) - Brown Bag;  
Aarhus University - Labour and Public Policy Seminar
- 2023** Rockwool Foundation;  
Copenhagen Labor Economics Summer Workshop;  
Styrelsen for Arbejdsmarked og Rekruttering (STAR);  
De Økonomiske Råd (DØRS);  
KU Leuven HIVA
- 2022** Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) - Brown Bag

## SUMMER SCHOOLS & PHD COURSES

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- 2025** **The Chicago School in Experimental Economics (CSEE)**
- 2024** **Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics**  
**Reading Group: Theoretical Microeconomics**, University of Copenhagen
- 2023** **Allocation and Wages in Labor Markets**, Aarhus University - Rasmus Lentz
- 2022** **Reading Group: Job Choices**, University of Copenhagen - Daphne Skandalis & Nikolaj Harmon  
**Economics Writing Group**, University of Copenhagen - Niels Johannsen  
**Oxford Economics Summer School**, University of Oxford  
(i) Treatment Effects: Beyond the Basics - Francis Ditraglia,  
(ii) An Introduction to the Foundations of Machine Learning - Maximilian Kasy
- 2021** **Reading Group: Micro Data Aspects on Unemployed Job Search**,  
University of Copenhagen - Daphne Skandalis & Nikolaj Harmon

## KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

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- Software Skills** STATA, R, Python, SAS, Qualtrics
- Languages** English, German, Danish