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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor Economics; Behavioral Economics; Job Search; Microeconometrics; Field Experiments

WORKING PAPERS

Which Occupations Do Unemployed Workers Target? Insights from Online Job Search Profiles (IZA Discussion Paper) (SSRN)
joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt and Alexander Sebald

Abstract: Our study investigates the occupational directions of job search based on the online search profiles of more than 60,000 unemployed workers. We find substantial heterogeneity in how job seekers allocate their search activities across different professions, and this heterogeneity persists throughout the duration of their unemployment spell. Notably, a considerable proportion of unemployed workers (approximately 30%) search in occupations where they lack relevant experiences. Those aiming for professions unrelated to their prior experience tend to exhibit the lowest levels of employment and earnings, despite the fact that they target occupations with generally favorable conditions.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Misguided Job Search
single-authored

Expected Re-employment Wages and Job Search
joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt, Alexander Sebald, Sonja Settele and Johannes Wohlfart

Supply and Demand on Job Search Platforms: Descriptive Evidence
joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Alexander Sebald and Hannah Simon

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT & AFFILIATIONS

Ph.D. Fellow in Economics Since September 2021
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

- Project title: Essays on Job Search and Occupational Transitions
- Supervisors: Steffen Altmann & Robert Mahlstedt
- Expected date of completion: August 2025

Visiting Fellow Since September 2024
Cornell University,
School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR), USA

- Supervisor: Philipp Kircher

RESEARCH STAYS

IZA - Institute of Labor Economics June 2024
Bonn, Germany

PAST EDUCATION

M.Sc. in Economics September 2019 - August 2023
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

	<i>B.Sc. in Economics</i>	September 2015 - March 2019
	University of Mannheim, Germany	
	<i>Exchange Semester</i>	January 2018 - May 2018
	Stockholm University, Department of Economics, Sweden	
TEACHING	<i>Microeconomics 3</i>	September 2022 - January 2023
	Teaching Assistant	
	University of Copenhagen, Denmark	
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY	<i>Student Research Assistant</i>	February 2021 - September 2021
	University of Copenhagen, Denmark	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Group: Behavioral Economics and Labor Market Performance • Supervisors: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt & Alexander Sebald 	
	<i>Student Research Assistant</i>	October 2019 - February 2021
	University of Copenhagen, Denmark	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Group: The Impact of Family Assets on Corporate Structures and Outcomes (FAMBUSS) • Supervisor: Morten Bennedsen 	
	<i>Internship</i>	February 2019 - June 2019
	Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels, Belgium	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Group: Economic Policy Unit • Supervisor: Mikkel Barslund 	
	<i>Student Research Assistant</i>	January 2017 - December 2017
	Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Group: Labor Markets, Human Resources and Social Policy • Supervisor: Martin Lange 	
PHD COURSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics, June 2024 • Reading Group: Theoretical Microeconomics, University of Copenhagen, Spring 2024 • Allocation and Wages in Labor Markets, Aarhus University, May 2023 - Rasmus Lentz • Reading Group: Job Choices, University of Copenhagen, Autumn 2022-Spring 2023 - Daphne Skandalis & Nikolaj Harmon • Economics Writing Group, University of Copenhagen, Autumn 2022 - Niels Johannsen • Oxford Economics Summer School, University of Oxford, September 2022 Courses: (i) Treatment Effects: Beyond the Basics - Francis Ditraglia (ii) An Introduction to the Foundations of Machine Learning - Maximilian Kasy • Reading Group: Micro Data Aspects on Unemployed Job Search, University of Copenhagen, Autumn 2021-Spring 2022 - Daphne Skandalis & Nikolaj Harmon 	

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

- **Cornell University, The Work In Progress Seminar**, September 2024
- **IZA - Institute of Labor Economics, Brown Bag Seminar**, June 2024
- **Aarhus University, Labour and Public Policy Seminar**, March 2024
- **Copenhagen Labor Economics (CoLab) Lunch Workshop**, February 2024
- **Rockwool Foundation**, Copenhagen (Denmark), November 2023
- **DGPE Workshop 2023 (Danish Graduate Programme in Economics, Skælskør (Denmark))**, November 2023
- **Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS)**, Regensburg (Germany), September 2023
- **European Economic Association (EEA)**, Barcelona (Spain), August 2023
- **‘Copenhagen Labor Economics’ (CoLab) Summer Workshop**, Copenhagen (Denmark), May 2023
- **Styrelsen for Arbejdsmarked og Rekruttering (STAR)**, Copenhagen (Denmark), April 2023
- **De Økonomiske Råd (DØRS)**, Copenhagen (Denmark), March 2023
- **KU Leuven HIVA - Research Institute for Work and Society**, Leuven (Belgium), January 2023
- **DGPE Workshop 2022 (Danish Graduate Programme in Economics, Vejle (Denmark))**, November 2022
- **34th Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (EALE)**, Padua (Italy), September 2022
- **IZA - Institute of Labor Economics, Brown Bag Seminar**, June 2022
- **35th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)**, Calabria (Italy), June 2022
- **Copenhagen Labor Economics (CoLab) Lunch Workshop**, May 2022
- **University of Copenhagen, Economics PhD Seminar**, April 2022
- **DGPE Workshop 2021 (Danish Graduate Programme in Economics, Ringsted (Denmark))**, November 2021
- **Wittgenstein Centre Conference 2019**, Vienna (Austria), November 2019: Mikkel Barslund (**presenting**) & Malte Jacob Rattenborg, ‘Effect of Early Retirement on Subjective Wellbeing: Evidence from a German Early Retirement Reform’
- **Danish Finance Institute Annual Conference 2019**, Copenhagen (Denmark), October 2019
- **CEPS Ideas Lab 2019**, Brussels (Belgium), February 2019

**KNOWLEDGE
& ACTIVITIES**

Software Skills

- *STATA*
- *R*
- *Python*
- *SAS*
- *LaTeX*
- *MATLAB*
- *Dynare*

Languages

- *German* - Native speaker
- *English* - Fluent
- *Danish* - Fluent
- *French* - Basic knowledge

Extra Curricular Activities

- PhD Representative for the Department of Economics in the Faculty PhD Committee, University of Copenhagen (January 2022 - Present)