

Malte Jacob Rattenborg

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

University of Cologne

Postdoctoral Researcher

Since January 2026

Cologne, Germany

- Research Group: Behavioral Foundations

RESEARCH STAYS

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

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

Wage Expectations and Job Search

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

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

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

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

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

2025 Journal of the European Economic Association

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

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

Microeconomics 3

September 2022 - January 2023

Teaching Assistant

University of Copenhagen

COMMITTEE WORK

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

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

- 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);
- 2022** European Economic Association (EEA);
DGPE Workshop;
European Association of Labour Economists (EALE);
European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)
- 2021** DGPE Workshop

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 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

- 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 Dittriglia,
(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

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