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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Labor Economics

Secondary: Immigration Economics, Family Economics, Economics of Education

EDUCATION

Uppsala University

PhD Economics, 2018–2024.

Thesis title: Essays in Labor Economics: Parenthood, Immigration, and Education

Advisor: Olof Åslund; Co-advisor: Mounir Karadja

Expected completion date: April 2024.

Lic. Economics, 2023.

Opponent: Karin Hederos.

Harvard University

Visiting Fellow, Fall 2021.

Stockholm School of Economics

MSc Economics, 2018.

BSc Business & Economics, 2016.

Sciences Po

Visiting Student, Spring 2018.

ACADEMIC VISITS

Guest PhD Student, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), August 2023–.

AFFILIATIONS

Uppsala Immigration Lab (UIL), 2019–.

Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (UCLS), 2019–.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy (IFAU), October 2023–.
Research Assistant, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University,
June–August 2018.
Swedbank, Stockholm, Seasonal 2015–2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics III (PhD level course), Uppsala University, 2020,
2021. Average rating: 4.9/5 (2020), 4.9/5 (2021).
Seminar Teacher, Macroeconomics (BSc level course), Uppsala University, 2019/2020.
Average rating: N/A.

WRITING IN SWEDISH

Få men fler kvinnor inom svensk nationalekonomi (with Elin Boström), *Ekonomisk Debatt* (Journal of the Swedish Economic Association), No. 4, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

2023: Fatherhood and Families Conference, Stockholm University; Brown Bag Seminar, SOFI, Stockholm University; Forte Network Day, Stockholm.
2021: Brown Bag Seminar, Uppsala University.
2018: *Nationalekonomiska Föreningen* (Swedish Economic Association), Stockholm; Department of Economics, Lund University.

AWARDS

Bertil Ohlin Award for Outstanding Essay in Economics (MSc thesis), 2019.
Eli F. Heckscher Award for Outstanding Essay in Economics (BSc thesis), 2016.

GRANTS

Anna Maria Lundin Travel Grant, 2021.
Tom Hedelius Research Grant for Graduate Studies Abroad, 2020.

SKILLS

Programming: Stata, \LaTeX
Language: Swedish (native); English (fluent)

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairperson of the Economics Association at Uppsala University, 2019/2020 (vice-chairperson 2020/2021).
Project Leader for Last Lecture Series, Student Association at the Stockholm School of Economics (SASSE), 2014/2015.

JOB MARKET PAPER

The Fatherhood Earnings Penalty in Sweden: Existence, Trends and Child Gender

This study examines the impact of parenthood on men's labor market outcomes using annual income data spanning 1960 to 2021 in Sweden. Employing an event study design, I find a discernible fatherhood penalty for the most recent cohorts of men, in contrast to earlier cohorts that experienced a fatherhood premium. The observed penalty is due to a short-term reduction in labor supply (primarily due to the use of paternity leave) and enduring effects of lower wages and hours worked. The size of the penalty varies with the use of paternity leave and across regions in Sweden, but this variation largely disappears when socioeconomic factors are held constant. Moreover, I show that the fatherhood penalty is higher for men having sons relative to daughters and child gender corresponds to 11% of the long-run fatherhood penalty.

WORKING PAPERS

Recent Migrant Peers and the School Performance of Incumbent Students (with Demid Getik and Anna Sjögren)

We study the impact of exposure to recent migrants and asylum seekers on compulsory school students in Sweden from 2008 to 2022, an environment with a particularly high migrant and refugee population. We use administrative student registers with data on school assignments and test scores for all Swedish compulsory school students. Using a combination of school and family fixed effects, we find a small positive effect of exposure to recent migrants on the academic performance of native students, but signs of negative effects on students with immigrant background. Reductions in class size and differential impact on resources available to native and immigrant student are suggestive mechanisms. An event study analysis of the more acute exposure to refugees during the 2015–2016 refugee crisis, corroborates the main finding of small positive effects on student outcomes of recent migrant exposure.

Origin, Norms, and the Motherhood Penalty (with Olof Åslund and Arizo Karimi)

We explore the effect of gender equality norms and shared institutional and economic contexts on the size of the motherhood penalty, studying child migrants and children of immigrants in Sweden. While there are results pointing to a robust negative association between the gender equality rank of the region of origin and the labor market impact of parenthood, the overall picture is more one of similarity across highly diverse groups. Within-household reductions in female earning shares are not systematically related to gender equality background. Patterns for estimated fatherhood penalties signal the potentially group-specific impact of parent related restrictions and methodological concerns related to differential selection into parenthood at different ages.

The Labor Market Impact of a Taxi Driver's License (with Mounir Karadja)

We study the economic effects of gaining access to the taxi labor market. Comparing individuals who pass the necessary written exams for a taxi license with those who have not yet done so, we find that immigrants increase their monthly earnings by nearly 50 percent between 1 and 3 years later, reducing reliance on social insurance programs. Natives experience smaller benefits at approximately 10 percent. Recently arrived immigrants reap the largest benefits, suggesting their outside options are limited, leading to a greater impact from taxi driving on their earnings.

REFERENCES

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