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CURRENT POSITION	Senior researcher at VATT Institute for Economic Research, 2022 -	
PREVIOUS POSITIONS	Postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Economics, Aalto University, 2019-2022 <i>Visiting researcher, Department of Economics and Finance, Catholic University of Milan, January-June 2022</i> <i>Visiting researcher, Department of Economics, Management, and Quantitative Methods, University of Milan, July-September 2022</i>	
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics, Uppsala University, 2014 - 2019 <i>Visiting scholar, Harvard University, Fall 2016</i>	
	M.Sc in Public Policy and Development, Toulouse School of Economics, 2011 - 2013	
	B.A., Economics, Washington and Lee University, 2007 - 2011 <i>Summa cum laude, Minors in Mathematics and German</i>	
AFFILIATIONS	RFBerlin, 2025 - Uppsala Urban Lab, Uppsala University, 2020 - Uppsala Center for Labor Studies, Uppsala University, 2020 - Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies, Uppsala University, 2015 -	
PUBLICATIONS	Bratu, C., L. Martén, and L. Ottosson (2025). “Individualized benefits and access to active labor market programs boost refugee women’s economic integration.”. Accepted, <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i>	
	Bratu, C., O. Harjunen and T. Saarimaa (2023). “JUE insight: City-wide effects of new housing supply: Evidence from moving chains.” <i>Journal of Urban Economics</i> , 133, 103528.	
	Bratu, C., V. Bolotnyy (2023). “Immigrant intergenerational mobility: A focus on childhood environment.” <i>European Economic Review</i> , 151, 104353.	
	Bratu, C., M. Dahlberg, M. Engdahl and T. Nikolka (2020). “Spillover effects of stricter immigration policies.” <i>Journal of Public Economics</i> , 190, 104239.	

**WORKING
PAPERS**

Bratu, C., M. Dahlberg, S. Kohl and M. Valeyattheepillay (2025). “[Age at arrival and immigrant segregation: A between-siblings analysis.](#)” *Revise and Resubmit, International Migration Review*

Åslund, O., C. Bratu, S. Lombardi, and A. Thoresson (2021). “[Firm productivity, manager origin, and immigrant-native earnings disparities.](#)” IFAU working paper 2021:18. [latest version]

OTHER WRITING

Bratu, C., T. Lyytikäinen (2024). “[The Urban Wage Premium in Finland.](#)” Background report for the Finnish Economic Policy Council.

Bratu, C., M. Dahlberg and T. Nikolka (2022). “[Spillover Effects of Stricter Immigration Policies.](#)” SNS Research Brief 86.

Bratu, C., O. Harjunen and T. Saarimaa (2021) “[City-wide effects of new housing supply: Evidence from moving chains.](#)” Urbaria Summaries Series 2021/13.

Bratu, C. (2021) “[The effects of increasing housing supply through market-rate construction.](#)” Urbaria Summaries Series 2021/11.

**SEMINARS AND
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**

2025: UIL Urban Lab HEFUU workshop (Sigtuna), Second Nordic Meeting in Urban Economics (Helsinki)

2024: ERMAS (Cluj-Napoca)

2023: Finnish Economic Association Annual Meeting, Aalto University, Turku School of Economics, Wages, Employment and Inequality workshop (Helsinki), EALE (Prague), ETLA (Helsinki)

2022: Catholic University of Milan, VATT(Helsinki), University of Milan

2020: Finnish Economic Association Annual Meeting, EALE-SOLE-AASLE (virtual), VATT (Helsinki), Örebro University, Uppsala Urban Lab

2019: IRVAPP (Trento), JRC (Ispra), Ministry of Finance (Stockholm), EARN Workshop on Integration (Copenhagen), Opportunities, Mobility and Well-Being (Warsaw), EALE (Uppsala), VATT (Helsinki)

2018: Early stage research seminar (Uppsala), European Network for Housing Research (Uppsala), Department seminar (Uppsala)

2017: U4 Cluster Conference Social Sciences, Economics and Law (Uppsala); Early stage research seminar (Uppsala); UCLS Phd Student Workshop (Uppsala)

2016: UCLS PhD Student Workshop (Uppsala); CEMIR Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research (Munich)

2014: COMPIE (Rome)

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Co-instructor, Applied Econometrics I, Master’s, Aalto University, 2023- Thesis supervisor, Bachelor’s and Master’s, Aalto University, 2020 - 2022 Teaching assistant, Urban Economics, Aalto University, Bachelor’s, 2020 -

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- Teaching assistant, Econometric Theory, Uppsala University, Master's, Spring 2019
Teaching assistant, Applied Econometrics, Master's, Uppsala University, Spring 2016
Teaching assistant, Microeconomics II, PhD, Uppsala University, Spring 2016
Teaching assistant, Analytical Methods, Master's, Uppsala University, Fall 2015
Teaching assistant, Microeconomics I, PhD, Uppsala University, Fall 2015

GRANTS AND HONORS	Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation, 2023 Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation, 2020 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse, 2015 Phi Beta Kappa, 2010
REFEREEING	<i>The Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Housing Economics, Housing Policy Debate, International Migration Review, Race and Social Problems, European Sociological Review, European Journal of Population, Social Science Research</i>
ACTIVITIES	Pre-examiner and member of the PhD Defense Committee: KU Leuven, 2023 (Stijn Dreesen); Uppsala, 2024 (Gabriella Kindström) Co-organizer, Labor and Public PhD workshop, Helsinki GSE, 2019 -
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Trainee, Econometrics and Applied Statistics Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Ispra, Italy, October 2013 - July 2014
PROGRAMMING SKILLS	Stata (advanced), L ^A T _E X(advanced), R (intermediate), Python (beginner)
LANGUAGE SKILLS	English (fluent), Romanian (native), Italian (fluent), French (intermediate), German (intermediate), Finnish (basic)