

# KRISHNA SRINIVASAN

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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Zurich	08/2018 - present
Expected completion date: 04/2024	
M.Sc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, Tilburg University	2016 - 2017
B.Sc. Economics, Mathematics, Statistics, Christ University	2013 - 2016

## Research Visits

Visiting Student, Norwegian School of Economics	08/2022 - 01/2023
Host: Bertil Tungodden	
Visiting Student, University of California - Berkeley	08/2021 - 12/2021
Host: Dmitry Taubinsky	

## Research and Teaching Fields

Primary fields: Behavioral Economics, Public economics  
Secondary fields: Experimental Economics, Political Economy

## Job Market Paper

“Who Should Get Money? Estimating Welfare Weights in the U.S.” (with Francesco Capozza)

Evaluating the desirability of a reform commonly involves weighing the gains of the winners against the losses of the losers using welfare weights. Welfare weights measure the relative social value of providing individuals with an additional dollar of consumption. These weights can capture various normative ideals, such as utilitarianism or libertarianism. We elicit the welfare weights assigned by the general population of the U.S. using a real-stakes experiment. The general population weights can be used to identify socially acceptable policies. We find that the general population weights are more progressive than the weights implied by tax and transfer policies in the U.S., indicating that the general population desires additional redistribution. The general population weights are less progressive than the weights frequently used in the optimal policy literature. We explore the implications of these weights for optimal income taxes.

## **Work in Progress**

“Who Deserves a Tax Break and Why? Evidence on Preferences for Taxing Personal Characteristics”  
(with Julien Senn)

“Paternalism: Determinants of Demand and Supply” (with Björn Bartling)

“Eliciting Funding Priorities Using Domain-Specific Welfare Weights” (with Francesco Capozza and Morten Støstad)

“What Motivates Censorship?” (with Francesco Capozza)

## **Research Grants**

UZH GRC Short Grant (with Julien Senn) - CHF 5000	2023
UZH URPP Equality of Opportunity Grant (with Francesco Capozza) - CHF 8680	2022
Russel Sage Foundation Small Grants (with Francesco Capozza) - \$7850	2018
UZH Director's Grant (with Francesco Capozza) - CHF 1500	2021

## **Scholarships**

UZH Doc.Mobility	2022
Departmental scholarship for Ph.D. students	2018 - 2024

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Teaching Assistant at University of Zurich**

Behavioral Public Economics (master's)	2022
Behavioral Economics (bachelor's)	2021
Introduction to Behavioral Economics (master's)	2020, 2021
The Economics of Paternalism (master's)	2020
Behavioral Theory (master's)	2019, 2020

### **Tutorship at MAK - Tilburg Univeristy**

Statistics 2 for International Business Administration (master's)	2016, 2017
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## **Professional Activities**

Refereeing: Journal of Public Economics

## **Presentations**

EEA Conference, Annual Congress of the IIPF, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences,	2023
Ludwig Erhard ifo Conference on Institutional Economics, Young Swiss Economist Meeting	
BREW-ESA, Spring School in Behavioral Economics (Poster), Fairness and the Moral Mind	2022
Workshop, In_equality Conference	

## **Summer Schools**

briq Summer School in Behavioral Economics,	2023
Spring School in Behavioral Economics, HCEO-FAIR Summer School on Socioeconomic	2022
Inequality	

## **Personal Details**

Date of birth	04 December 1994
Citizenship	Indian
Languages	English (Native)