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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024 – Assistant Professor in Economics, Department of Economics, **Stockholm University**

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## EDUCATION

2018 – 2024 Ph.D. in Economics, **University of Mannheim**  
2023 Visiting Ph.D. Student, **Northwestern University**  
2016 – 2018 M.A. in Development Economics, **University of Göttingen**  
2017 Visiting Student, **Stellenbosch University**  
2011 – 2016 B.A. in International Cultural and Business Studies, **University of Passau**  
B.Sc. in Business Administration and Economics, **University of Passau**  
2012 – 2013 Visiting Student, **Laval University**

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## RESEARCH FIELDS

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

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## PUBLICATIONS

**The Economics of Women's Rights**, with M. Tertilt, M. Doepke, and A. Hannusch, *Journal of European Economic Association*, 2022, 20(6), 2271-2316.

**Accidents Caused by Kerosene Lamps—New Evidence from African Household Data.**, with L. Lenz and M. Sievert, *Wiley Interdisciplinary Reviews: Energy and Environment*, 2018, 7(4).

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## WORKING PAPERS

**The Power of Faith: Effects of an Imam-led Information Campaign on Labor Supply and Social Interactions**, with A. Avdeenko, J. Gärtner, M. Gillaizeau, G. Karbala, G. Montresor, A. Pasha, and G. Zudenkova, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 19724, 2024.

**Fiscal Exchange and Tax Compliance: Strengthening the Social Contract Under Low State Capacity**, *Job market paper*, 2023.

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## WORK IN PROGRESS

**On the Road to Female Empowerment? Evidence from the Free Public Transport Program in New Delhi**, with G. Borker and C. Cibiru

**Public Service Provision and Political Participation**

**Gender Matters. Biases in Self-Reported Plot Size Data**

**Easy, Informative, and Cheap? On the Effectiveness of Interactive Voice Response Calls**, with A. Avdeenko, J. Gärtner, M. Gillaizeau, G. Karbala, G. Montresor, and A. Pasha

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## RESEARCH GRANTS

International Growth Centre (IGC) Small Project Funding, project code SLE-21175 (£19,996)

International Growth Centre (IGC) Early Career Grant, project code SLE-22083 (£16,491)

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## CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS (\* = scheduled)

**2025:** EUDN conference (Namur)

**2024:** 9th Zurich Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries, ASWEDE Conference, CEPR Development Economics Annual Symposium (London), Kiel-CEPR African Economic Development Conference (Berlin), German Development Economics Conference (Hannover), CSAE conference (Oxford), CERGE-EI, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, University of Exeter, Stockholm University, Geneva Graduate Institute, University of Glasgow, Vienna University of Economics and Business, University of Vienna

**2023:** University of Mannheim Alumni Conference (Mannheim), CRC Retreat, OXDEV workshop (Oxford), Meeting of Young Economists (Turin), EEA-ESEM Congress (Barcelona), International Conference on Development Economics (ICDE, Paris), Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE, Gothenburg), Northwestern University Development Lunch Seminar, Northwestern University Applied Micro Lunch Seminar

**2022:** Frankfurt-Heidelberg-Mannheim Workshop in Development Economics (Heidelberg), CRC Retreat, Conference on Applied Development Economics (Lahore, online), HeiKaMaxY (Mannheim), IGC/ACES Summer School in Political Economy (London)

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## REFEREEING

*The Quarterly Journal of Economics, Economics Letters, Annals of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Economic Growth*

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## TEACHING

2024 – Public Finance, *Undergraduate*, Stockholm University  
2024 – Development Economics, *Ph.D. (joint lecture)*, Stockholm University

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## AFFILIATIONS

2020 – 2024 Member of the Collaborative Research Center Transregio 224 (CRC TR 224)

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

2022, 2024 Women go abroad scholarship, University of Mannheim  
2019 – 2021 Scholarship for doctoral studies funded by the Freudenberg foundation  
2018 – 2019 DFG Scholarship for doctoral studies

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## LANGUAGES

German (Mother tongue), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Spanish (Advanced), Italian (Intermediate)

## COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata, LaTeX, R, SurveyCTO, Kobo

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## REFERENCES

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