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Born: June 6, 1996—Helsinki, Finland

Nationality: Finnish

Languages: Finnish (native), English (fluent), Swedish and German (intermediate)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Microeconomic theory and its applications to industrial organization, environmental economics, and public economics

EDUCATION

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|-----------|---|
| 2021–2026 | Aalto University
Doctoral Candidate (Economics) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Graduate-level economics and mathematics courses, GPA 5.0/5.0– Advisors: Profs. Matti Liski, Juuso Välimäki, and Pauli Murto |
| 2023–2024 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Visiting PhD Candidate (Economics) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Hosted by Prof. Bengt Holmström |
| 2019–2021 | Aalto University
Master of Science (Economics), with distinction <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Research Master Track, GPA 4.9/5.0 |
| 2015–2019 | Aalto University
Bachelor of Science (Economics and Business Administration), with distinction <ul style="list-style-type: none">– GPA 4.7/5.0 |

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

- 2024 Advanced Microeconomics I (PhD, Decision Theory) with Prof. Juuso Välimäki
– Mean TA evaluation by students: 4.3/5.0
- 2021; '22; '24 Advanced Microeconomics II (PhD, Social Choice) with Prof. Juuso Välimäki
– Mean TA evaluation by students: 4.4/5.0
- 2024 Math Camp with Prof. Daniel Hauser
– TA evaluations not collected
- 2021; '23 Advanced Microeconomics III (PhD, Game Theory) with Profs. Daniel Hauser (2021) and Pauli Murto (2023)
– TA evaluations not collected

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020–2021 **Aalto University, Department of Economics**
Research Assistant to Prof. Matti Liski
- 2018–2020 **Aalto University, Department of Finance**
Research and Course Assistant
- Summer 2019 **Finnish Prime Minister's Office**
Intern in the Ownership Steering Department
- Summer 2017 **Statistics Finland**
Intern in the Department of Prices and Costs at the national statistical institution

PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Inequality-aware Market Design Days (Warsaw)
1st Berlin Micro Theory and Behavioral Economics PhD Conference
Nordic Economic Theory Meeting (Copenhagen)
Toulouse Theory Breakfast
Annual Meeting of the Finnish Economic Association (Tallinn)
- 2024 MIT Public Finance Lunch
Nordic Economic Theory Meeting (Helsinki)
Yale Theory Breakfast

WORKING PAPERS

Gieselmann, Jana and Mäkimattila, Mikael and Pekkarinen, Teemu, Pig in a Poke (2025). Available at SSRN.

Ahlvik, Lassi and Liski, Matti and Mäkimattila, Mikael, Pigouvian Income Taxation (2024). CESifo Working Paper No. 11174.

Mäkimattila, Mikael and Shang, Yucheng and Shirakawa, Ryo, The Design and Price of Certification (2024). Available at SSRN.

Mäenpää, Eero and Mäkimattila, Mikael, Fake It Till You Exit (2024). Available at SSRN.

AWARDS

2023	Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award
2021	Best Master's Thesis in Energy Economics (Finnish Association of Energy Economists)
2019	Best Bachelor's Thesis in Finance (Aalto University)
2018	Ilkka Kontula Foundation Award (Aalto University, awarded to the best undergraduate students)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Referee work for Journal of Economic Theory

Organizer of Helsinki GSE Microeconomics reading group (2022–2023)

Board member in Helsinki GSE PhD Students' Association (2024–2025)

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