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EDUCATION

Stockholm School of Economics

PhD in Economics

Spring 2025 (expected)

New York University

Visiting PhD Student

Jan. 2023 – May 2023

Tilburg University

Research Master (MSc) in Economics (*with distinction*)

Aug. 2017 – July 2019

University of Cologne

BSc in Economics

Oct. 2013 – Sep. 2016

REFERENCES

Prof. Lars Ljungqvist (Advisor)

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Heterogeneous Agents, Monetary & Fiscal Policy, Labor Markets, Numerical Methods

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

European Central Bank

PhD trainee in the Supply Side, Labor and Surveillance (SSL) division

Frankfurt, Germany

Jul. 2022 – Nov. 2022

German Council of Economic Experts

Intern at the Scientific Staff

Wiesbaden, Germany

May 2017 – Jun. 2017

ifo Institute for Economic Research

Intern at the ifo Center for Public Finance and Political Economy

Munich, Germany

Mar. 2017 – Apr. 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Firms, Misallocation and the Macroeconomy (MSc level)

Teaching Assistant for Ass. Prof. Sampreet Goraya

Spring 2022

Dynamic Macroeconomic Analysis (MSc level)

Teaching Assistant for Ass. Prof. Kelly Ragan

Spring 2021

Macroeconomics I (PhD level)

Teaching Assistant for Prof. Lars Ljungqvist

Spring 2021

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Student Coordinator

European Network for Training in Economic Research (ENTER)

Aug. 2020 - Jul. 2021

SKILLS

Software: Julia, Matlab, R, Stata, MS Office, L^AT_EX

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Swedish (intermediate), French (intermediate)

PUBLICATIONS

HÄNSEL (2024): “Solving the Diamond–Mortensen–Pissarides model: A hybrid perturbation approach”, *Economics Letters*, 236, 111621. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2024.111621>

WORKING PAPERS

Idiosyncratic Risk, Government Debt and Inflation [*Job Market Paper*]

Abstract: How does public debt matter for price stability? When the private sector holds it to insure against idiosyncratic risk, even temporarily higher government debt can exert upward pressure on interest rates and generate inflation. As I demonstrate analytically, the result holds under an active Taylor rule and does not require the absence of future fiscal consolidation. A quantitative 2-asset HANK model furthermore reveals that the magnitude of the inflation impact depends on the structure of the asset market: In order to match relevant evidence regarding the relationship between public debt and treasury returns, the markets for liquid and illiquid assets can neither be entirely segmented nor entirely integrated. The model suggests that in the US, public debt itself played a modest role in producing the inflation peak in 2022, but is crucial to inflation remaining elevated thereafter.

HANK faces Unemployment

(with Agostino Consolo, ECB) [ECB Working Paper 2953]

Abstract: Since the advent of Heterogeneous Agent New Keynesian (HANK) models, countercyclical unemployment risk has been deemed an important amplification mechanism for business cycles shocks. Yet, the aggregate effects of such “unemployment fears” are hard to pin down: We thus revisit this issue in the context of a rich two-asset HANK model, proposing new ways to isolate their general equilibrium effects and tackle the long-standing challenge of modelling wage bargaining in this class of model. While unemployment fears can exert noticeable aggregate effects, we find their magnitude to depend importantly on the distribution of firm profits. Households’ ability to borrow stabilizes the economy. Our framework has also implications for policy: In the aftermath of an adverse energy price shock, fiscal policy can help reduce the hysteresis effects on unemployment and most households gain if the central bank accommodates an employment recovery at the cost of higher inflation.

Solving Bewley Models with Bilateral Wage Bargaining [available upon request]

Abstract: Search-and-Matching models with incomplete markets à la Bewley appear challenging to solve, as standard wage bargaining protocols imply workers’ wages to depend on their wealth. In fact, I demonstrate that they can be analyzed quickly by building on the Endogenous Grid Method (EGM), particularly if one uses a novel *Match-Integrated Endogenous Grid Method* (MIEGM): Its key feature is that it obtains worker- and firm value functions jointly instead of solving an outer functional fixed point problem. I show that this fast algorithm can be applied to a variety of models, including set-ups with endogenous separations or intensive margin labor supply. Additionally, the joint solution procedure facilitates studying aggregate shocks and transition dynamics using recent Sequence Space methods.

Monetary Policy Transmission, Central Bank Digital Currency, and Bank Market Power

(with Hanfeng Chen and Hiep Nguyen, both Uppsala University) [Draft]

Abstract: Interest rates on new central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) can be expected to enter the monetary policy toolkit soon. Using an extended Sidrauski (1967) model featuring an oligopsonistic banking sector, we study the complex transmission of interest rates on CBDC, which generally involve both direct and indirect effects. This is because a CBDC rate cut does not only affect the rate on the CBDC itself, but also induces the non-competitive deposit providers to adjust their spreads, as the new substitute for their products becomes relatively less attractive. A calibration exercise suggests that the indirect effects depend strongly on the sources

of deposit market power: If driven by high concentration, they substantially amplify the aggregate effects of the CBDC policy rate, both in response to transitory shocks as well as regarding its long-run welfare effects. This contrasts them with policies directed at the banking sector which are weakened by a less competitive deposit market.

PRESENTATIONS

2024

- European Central Bank, DG Economics Seminar
- 17th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics
- 3rd Riksbank PhD Workshop in Money and Finance
- University of Mannheim, Doctoral Colloquium
- SSE PhD Workshop
- Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting
- ENTER Jamboree, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society
- XXVII Vigo Workshop on Dynamic Macroeconomics
- EEA-ESEM
- VfS Annual Conference
- European Central Bank, Research Task Force on Heterogeneity in Macroeconomics and Finance Conference

2023

- NYU PhD Student Macro Lunch Seminar
- SSE PhD Workshop
- Stockholm-Uppsala Doctoral Student Workshop in Economics (SUDSWEC)
- 12th National PhD Workshop in Finance, Swedish House of Finance (SHoF)
- Fed St. Louis-JEDC-SCG-SNB-Conference on Heterogeneity and Macroeconomics of Labor Markets (*Poster session*)
- Macro PhD Seminar, Uppsala University
- Brownbag seminar, Stockholm School of Economics

2022

- Brownbag seminar, Stockholm School of Economics
- SSE PhD Workshop
- IIES Macro Group, Stockholm University
- European Central Bank, Workshop on Heterogeneity in Macroeconomics
- European Central Bank, Supply Side, Labor and Surveillance (SSL) division

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK / TRAINING

Deep Learning for Solving and Estimating Dynamic Models	<i>Lausanne, Switzerland</i>
Econometric Society Summer School in Dynamic Structural Econometrics	August 2023
Heterogeneous-Agent Macro in the Sequence Space	<i>Mannheim, Germany</i>
EABCN Training School, taught by Ludwig Straub	June 2022
Modern Macro, Money, and International Finance	<i>online</i>
EABCN Training School, taught by Markus Brunnermeier	June 2021
Numerical Methods	<i>online</i>
SciencesPo PhD course, taught by Florian Oswald	Spring 2021

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Hedelius Scholarship , Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse	
SEK 500,000 grant for PhD studies abroad	2021
Koopmans Scholarship , CentER Graduate School	
Monthly scholarship for Research Master students at Tilburg University	Aug. 2017 – July 2019
Dean's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievements	
Best 5% of Economics B.Sc. cohort at the University of Cologne	2015