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Positions

September 2024 – Senior Researcher, *VATT Institute for Economic Research* (Helsinki, Finland)

Education

August 2018 – October 2024 (expected) PhD in Economics, *Stockholm University*
Dissertation: "*Essays in Labor, Public, and Health Economics*"
Primary supervisor: David Seim (Professor, Stockholm University)
Co-supervisor: Arash Nekoei (Associate Professor, Stockholm University)

June 2023 Price Theory Summer Camp, *Becker Friedman Institute at University of Chicago*

September 2015 – July 2017 Master of Social Sciences, *University of Helsinki*
Major: Economics (GPA 4.67/5), Thesis: ECLA (6/7)

August 2011 – September 2015 Bachelor of Social Sciences, *University of Helsinki*
Major: Economics (GPA 4.89/5), Thesis: 4/5
Minors: Mathematics (GPA 4.92/5), Statistics (GPA 4.80/5)

Publications

September 2024 [Essays in Labor, Public, and Health Economics](#) (*Doctoral dissertation*)
Dissertations in Economics 2024:4.
Stockholm, Sweden: Department of Economics, Stockholm University.

November 2022 [Labor Market Returns and the Evolution of Cognitive Skills: Theory and Evidence](#)
The Quarterly Journal of Economics 137(4): 2309–2361.
with Santiago Hermo, David Seim, and Jesse Shapiro
Coverage: [The Guardian](#), [Rate.com](#), [Marginal Revolution](#), [VoxEU](#), [WEF](#), [Talous & Yhteiskunta](#)

Research in Progress

- September 2024 Unemployment Insurance Generosity and Health: Evidence from Sweden
with Arash Nekoei and David Seim
- September 2024 Adoption of Medical Innovations Across Hospitals and Socioeconomic Groups:
Evidence from Sweden
with Fabian Sinn
- April 2021 Family-Level Stress and Children's Educational Choice: Evidence from Parent Layoffs
with Julia Tanndal

Policy Work

- June 2020 [Työvoimapolvelujen vaikuttavuus taloustieteellisessä tutkimuskirjallisuudessa](#)
(The effectiveness of active labor market policies in the economics literature)
Report commissioned by the National Audit Office of Finland.
- December 2018 [Palkkatuen vaikuttavuus – palkkatukijärjestelmän ja sen uudistuksien arviointi](#)
(The impact of wage subsidies – an evaluation of the wage subsidy system and its reforms)
Publications of the Government's analysis, assessment and research activities 75/2018.
with Rita Asplund, Antti Kauhanen, and Pekka Vanhala

Scholarships and Awards

- December 2019 Scholarship, *Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse*
Hedelius Scholarship for exchange studies in the United States.
(Declined after multiple postponements due to the COVID-19 pandemic.)
- December 2017 *Faculty of Social Sciences Prize*
Best Master's thesis of the year in economics at the University of Helsinki

Seminar Presentations

- 2023 *Labor Fika* seminar, Stockholm University
- 2022 *Labor Fika* seminar (×2), Stockholm University
- 2020, 2021 Brown Bag seminar, Stockholm University (Department of Economics)
- 2018 The Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (ETLA)
- 2017 Labour Institute for Economic Research

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2020, EC7411 – Econometrics 2 (Master level, Stockholm University)
Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant for Professor Per Pettersson Lidbom
- Fall 2021 EC7410 – Econometrics 1 (Master level, Stockholm University)
Teaching Assistant for Professor Peter Skogman Thoursie

Research Assistance

June 2020 – November 2020	Research assistant for professors David Seim and Jesse Shapiro
January 2020 – October 2021	Research assistant for professors David Seim and Arash Nekoei on several projects
December 2018 – February 2019	Research assistant for professor Arash Nekoei

Languages and Software

Languages:	Finnish (native), English (fluent), Swedish (good), Spanish (basics), French (basics)
Software:	Stata, R, Python, L ^A T _E X, Git

Pre-Doctoral Research

October 2017	The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Graduating During a Recession: Evidence from Finland VATT Working Papers 96. VATT Institute for Economic Research: Helsinki, Finland. Coverage: <i>Helsingin Sanomat</i> , <i>Uutisuomalainen</i> , <i>Työelämän tutkimus</i>
May 2017	The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Graduating During a Recession: Evidence from Finland Master's Thesis, University of Helsinki.

Pre-Doctoral Work Experience

August 2017 – August 2018	<i>The Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (ETLA)</i> Research Assistant (May 2018 – August 2018) Research Trainee (August 2017 – May 2018)
May 2017 – August 2017	<i>Labour Institute for Economic Research (Labore)</i> Research Trainee
May 2016 – August 2016	<i>VATT Institute for Economic Research (VATT)</i> Research Trainee

Other Information

September 2021 – June 2023	Co-organizer of the <i>Labor Fika</i> seminar series at Stockholm University.
January 2014 – December 2014	KTTO ry Editor, <i>Kapitaali</i> magazine Served as the editor of <i>Kapitaali</i> , the magazine of KTTO ry, the association of economics students at the University of Helsinki.
July 2012 – March 2013	Karjalan Prikaati, Vekaranjärvi Mandatory Finnish military service
August 2008 – June 2011	<i>Helsingin yliopiston Viikin normaalikoulu</i> General upper secondary education (<i>lukio</i>)
August 2001 – May 2010	<i>Itä-Helsingin musiikkiopisto</i> Studies in music theory and classical guitar