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Education

August 2018 – June 2024 (expected)	PhD in Economics, <i>Stockholm University</i> Primary supervisor: David Seim (Professor, Stockholm University) Co-supervisor: Arash Nekoei (Associate Professor, Stockholm University)
June 2023	Price Theory Summer Camp, <i>Becker Friedman Institute at University of Chicago</i>
August 2015 – July 2017	Master of Social Sciences, <i>University of Helsinki</i> Major: Economics (GPA 4.67/5), Thesis: ECLA (6/7)
August 2011 – September 2015	Bachelor of Social Sciences, <i>University of Helsinki</i> Major: Economics (GPA 4.89/5), Thesis: 4/5 Minors: Mathematics (GPA 4.92/5), Statistics (GPA 4.80/5)
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

Publications

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

November 2023	Costs and Causes of Slow Technology Adoption: Evidence from Medical Innovations with Fabian Sinn
April 2021	Family-Level Stress and Children’s Educational Choice: Evidence from Parent Layoffs with Julia Tanndal

Pre-PhD 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: [Helsingin Sanomat](#), [Uutisuomalainen](#), [Työelämän tutkimus](#)
- May 2017 [The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Graduating During a Recession: Evidence from Finland.](#)
Master's Thesis, University of Helsinki.

Policy Work

- June 2020 [Työvoimapolvelujen vaikuttavuus taloustieteellisessä tutkimuskirjallisuudessa.](#)
(*The effectiveness of active labor market policies in the economics literature.*)
Report (in Finnish) 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

Relevant Work Experience

- August 2017 – *The Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (ETLA)*
August 2018 Research Assistant (May 2018 – August 2018)
Research Trainee (August 2017 – May 2018)
- May 2017 – *Labour Institute for Economic Research (Palkansaajien tutkimuslaitos)*
August 2017 Research Trainee
- May 2016 – *VATT Institute for Economic Research (VATT)*
August 2016 Research Trainee

Scholarships and Awards

- December 2019 Scholarship, *Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse*
Hedelius Scholarship for exchange studies in the United States.
(*Did not use 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

Languages and Skills

Finnish (native), English (fluent), Swedish (good), Spanish (basics), French (basics)
Stata, R, Python, L^AT_EX

Research Assistance

June 2020 – November 2020	RA for professors David Seim and Jesse Shapiro RA (and co-author since Nov. 2020) for project "Labor Market Returns and the Evolution of Cognitive Skills: Theory and Evidence" .
January 2020 – October 2021	RA and proofreader for professors David Seim and Arash Nekoei for projects "Income Mobility, Luck/Effort Beliefs, and the Demand for Redistribution: Perceptions and Reality" "Mandatory Advance Notice of Layoff: Evidence and Efficiency Considerations" "How Do Inheritances Shape Wealth Inequality? Theory and Evidence from Sweden" "Bounds on a Slope from Size Restrictions on Economic Shocks" "Will Markets Provide Humane Jobs? A Hypothesis"
December 2018 – February 2019	RA for professor Arash Nekoei Early-stage RA work for the project "Seven Facts about Temporary Layoffs" .

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 <i>Served as the editor of Kapitaali, the magazine of KTTO ry, the association of economics students at the University of Helsinki.</i>
July 2012 – March 2013	Karjalan Prikaati, Vekaranjärvi Mandatory Finnish military service