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Basic Information

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Current Positions

Senior Researcher, *VATT Institute for Economic Research*, September 2024 – present

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Department of Economics, *Stockholm University*, October 2024

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

Master of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, *University of Helsinki*, July 2017

Bachelor of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences, *University of Helsinki*, September 2015

Professional Experience

September 2024 – present, Senior Researcher, *VATT Institute for Economic Research*

June – November 2020, Research Assistant for Professors David Seim and Jesse Shapiro

January 2020 – October 2021, Research Assistant for Professors David Seim and Arash Nekoei

December 2018 – February 2019, Research Assistant for Professor Arash Nekoei

August 2017 – August 2018, Research Assistant, *The Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (ETLA)*

May – August 2017, Research Trainee, *Labour Institute for Economic Research (Labore)*

May – August 2016, Research Trainee *VATT Institute for Economic Research*

Publications

- (1) "Essays in Labor, Public, and Health Economics", *Dissertations in Economics* 2024:4. Stockholm, Sweden: Department of Economics, Stockholm University, September 2024
- (2) "Labor Market Returns and the Evolution of Cognitive Skills: Theory and Evidence" (with Santiago Hermo, David Seim, and Jesse Shapiro), *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 137(4): 2309–2361, November 2022

Working Papers

"Unemployment Insurance Generosity and Healthcare Use: Evidence from Sweden", October 2025 (single-authored)

Work in Progress

"Multidimensional Skills in General Equilibrium: Theory and Evidence" (single-authored)

"The Polarization of Skills Across Space and Time" (with Mikko Silliman and Pablo Warnes)

"Decomposing Trends in the PISA Study" (with Jani Kuhakoski and Roope Uusitalo)

"Adoption of Medical Innovations Across Hospitals and Socioeconomic Groups: Evidence from Sweden" (with Fabian Sinn)
"Family-Level Stress and Children's Educational Choice: Evidence from Parent Layoffs" (with Julia Tanndal)

Other Work

- (1) "Työvoimapalvelujen vaikuttavuus taloustieteellisessä tutkimuskirjallisuudessa", Report commissioned by the National Audit Office of Finland, June 2020
- (2) "Palkkatuen vaikuttavuus – palkkatukijärjestelmän ja sen uudistuksien arviointi" (with Rita Asplund, Antti Kauhanen, and Pekka Vanhala), Publications of the Government's analysis, assessment and research activities 75/2018, December 2018
- (3) "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, October 2017
- (4) "The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Graduating During a Recession: Evidence from Finland", Master's Thesis, University of Helsinki, May 2017

Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

Grant (24,000 EUR) for research project "Psychological Traits, Decision-Making, and the Labor Market"
(co-PI with Ramin Izadi, Toni Juuti, Martti Kaila, and Mikko Silliman), *Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation*, December 2024
Hedelius Scholarship (declined), *Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse*, December 2019
Faculty of Social Sciences Prize, Best Master's thesis in Economics at the University of Helsinki, December 2017

Seminars (* = *scheduled*)

2025: VATT Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki GSE Lunch seminar, ifo Institute/LMU Munich *Big Data* seminar*
2024: VATT Institute for Economic Research
2023: *Labor Fika* seminar, Stockholm University
2022: *Labor Fika* seminar (×2), Stockholm University
2020: Brown Bag seminar, Stockholm University
2021: Brown Bag seminar, Stockholm University
2018: The Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (ETLA)
2017: Labour Institute for Economic Research

Referee Service

Academic journals: *Journal of Labor Economics* (×1), *Journal of Public Economics* (×1)

Teaching Experience

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

Languages and Software

Languages: Finnish (native), English (fluent), Swedish (good), Spanish (basics), French (basics)
Software: Stata, R, Python, L^AT_EX, git, Adobe InDesign

References

Available upon request.