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## Positions

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

## Education

August 2018 – October 2024 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

- October 2024      Unemployment Insurance Generosity and Health: Evidence from Sweden  
*with Arash Nekoei and David Seim*
- October 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 Lidsbom
- 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 <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Git

## Pre-Doctoral Research

October 2017	<a href="#">The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Graduating During a Recession: Evidence from Finland</a> VATT Working Papers 96. VATT Institute for Economic Research: Helsinki, Finland. Coverage: <a href="#">Helsingin Sanomat</a> , <a href="#">Uutisuomalainen</a> , <a href="#">Työelämän tutkimus</a>
May 2017	<a href="#">The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Graduating During a Recession: Evidence from Finland</a> 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