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Basic Information

Date of Birth: December 20, 1992

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Appointments

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

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 – , 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

[2] "Essays in Labor, Public, and Health Economics", Dissertations in Economics 2024:4. Stockholm, Sweden: Department of Economics, Stockholm University, September 2024

[1] "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

Work in Progress

"Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skills in General Equilibrium: Theory and Evidence"

"Skills and Urban-Wage Premium" (Mikko Silliman and Pablo Warnes)

"Disability Insurance and Health: Evidence and Implications" (with Arash Nekoei, David Seim, and Jens Wikström)

"Unemployment Insurance Generosity and Health: Evidence from Sweden" (with Arash Nekoei and David Seim)

"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

[4] "Työvoimapalvelujen vaikuttavuus taloustieteellisessä tutkimuskirjallisuudessa", Report commissioned by the National Audit Office of Finland, June 2020

[3] "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

[2] "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

[1] "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 the project "Psychological Traits, Decision-Making, and the Labor Market" (co-PI), *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

2024: VATT Institute for Economic Research

2023: *Labor Fika* seminar, Stockholm University

2022: *Labor Fika* seminar ($\times 2$), 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* ($\times 1$)

Academic conferences: *2025 Annual Meeting of the European Association of Young Economists*

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

Other Information

Co-organizer of the *Labor Fika* seminar series at Stockholm University, September 2021 – June 2023

Editor, *Kapitaali* magazine, KTTO ry, University of Helsinki, January – December 2014

Mandatory Finnish military service, Karjalan Prikaati, Vekaranjärvi, July 2012 – March 2013

August 2008 – June 2011, General upper secondary education (*lukio*), *Helsingin yliopiston Viikin normaalikoulu*

Studies in music theory and classical guitar, *Itä-Helsingin musiikkiopisto*, August 2001 – May 2010