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## Personal Information:

Date of Birth: December 20, 1992  
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## Professional Employment

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

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

April 2024 Unemployment Insurance Generosity and Health: Evidence from Sweden

April 2024 Unequal Access to Medical Innovations: 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      [Työvoimapalvelujen 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 ( $\times 2$ ), 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 –      Research assistant for professors David Seim and Jesse Shapiro  
November 2020
- January 2020 –      Research assistant for professors David Seim and Arash Nekoei on several projects  
October 2021
- December 2018 –      Research assistant for professor Arash Nekoei  
February 2019

## 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      [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.

## Pre-Doctoral 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 (Labore)*  
August 2017      Research Trainee
- May 2016 –      *VATT Institute for Economic Research (VATT)*  
August 2016      Research Trainee

## Other Information

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