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POSITION

Jan 2025 Lecturer (Assistant Professor), University of Southampton, UK

EDUCATION

Oct 2024 Ph.D. in Economics, NHH - FAIR The Choice Lab
Jun 2020 Master in Economics in Economics, University of Bergen
Jan 2016 Bachelor in Political Economy, University of Bergen

VISITING ACTIVITIES

2024 Visiting researcher at BECC at Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Germany
2023 Visiting PhD Student at CLEAN and LEAP Università Bocconi, Italy
2022 Visiting (short) Universidad de los Andes, Colombia
2017 Master Student Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal
2015-2016 Erasmus Exchange Student Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Development Economics, Economics of Conflict, Economics of Crime
Secondary: Political Economy, Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics

REFERENCES

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026	Dissertation: Research Topics, Soton (Undergraduate)
2025	Exploring the Social World, Soton (Undergraduate)
2025	Dissertation: Research Topics, Soton (Undergraduate)
2025	Statistics for Economics, Soton (Undergraduate)
2021-2024	Business Cycle Analysis, NHH (Graduate), TA
2022-2023	Personnel Economics, NHH (Graduate), TA
2022	Competitive Strategy, NHH (Graduate), TA
2021-2022	Krakk og kriser (Economic History of crises), NHH (Graduate), TA
2019	Political Economy, UiB (Undergraduate), TA

Guest Lectures

2025	Development Economics: Gender, University of Southampton
2025	Development Economics: Crime, University of Southampton
2024	Economics of Crime, Hertie School in Berlin

PUBLICATIONS

Mass Reproducibility and Replicability: A New Hope (With Abel Brodeur et al. 2026)
I4R Discussion Paper Series 107, The Institute for Replication (I4R)

Accepted in Nature

Effects of jobs on ethnic switching: evidence from a field experiment in Ethiopia
(Together with Lovise Aalen, CMI, Andreas Kotsadam, The Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research, and Espen Villanger, CMI)

Journal of Development Studies, 2025

WORKING PAPERS

Throwing gasoline on the cocaine production: the effect of a supply shock on violence (Job Market Paper)

Does drug production lead to violence? In this paper, I exploit an exogenous supply shock in smuggled gasoline from Venezuela, an input factor needed to produce cocaine and analyze the effect on violence in coca-producing areas of Colombia. Using a difference-in-differences strategy, I compare areas closer and farther away from the border with Venezuela. The shock led to an increase in coca leaf cultivation and an increase of between 22 and 31 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants, corresponding to about 40% to 50% increase in the homicide rate. The main results are robust to various tests, such as controlling for immigration and the former territories of FARC. Hence, when it becomes cheaper to produce cocaine, production areas experience more violence. By focusing on the economic aspects of the drug market rather than

enforcement measures, I demonstrate that price changes in the cocaine market can significantly impact violence levels. The paper also contributes to the literature by studying the interaction between two illegal markets: the smuggling of gasoline and cocaine production.

Comparing Human-Only, AI-Assisted, and AI-Led Teams on Assessing Research Reproducibility in Quantitative Social Science (With Abel Brodeur et al. 2024)

The Institute for Replication (I4R). No. 195, The Institute for Replication (I4R) R&R decision at PNAS

Replication Report: Checking and Sharing Alt-Facts (Together with Erik Ø Sørensen NHH/FAIR)

I4R Discussion Paper Series 34, The Institute for Replication (I4R)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Interpersonal and ethnic bias in Ethiopia

R&R decision at Journal of Development Studies

In this paper, I study how 1200 women from five different regions in Ethiopia discriminate against other women from other ethnic groups. I also examine how their husband or partners discriminate. Two randomized vignette experiments were conducted to test ethnic bias toward politicians and a local villager. I find that the women and their partners have a significant ethnic bias against politicians of another ethnicity. However, I do not find that the women have any ethnic bias against the villager. Surprisingly, their partners show strong ethnic bias against the villager from a different ethnic group. There are heterogeneous effects where some ethnic groups discriminate more than others. I contribute to the literature on ethnic bias and discrimination by showing that discrimination against ethnicity can vary depending on the situation. Discrimination against politicians of different ethnicity does not necessarily mean discrimination against regular citizens from other groups. Further, I show that in the period leading up to the current civil war, women did not discriminate against other women in their area. Lastly, I contribute to the literature by showing that men might discriminate more than women, even when controlling for men and women living together, and thus assumed to have more similar attitudes.

Military drones and radicalization in an African context

Military drones are becoming an increasingly used method of bombing across the world. It is widely used against terrorism cells in the Middle East and Africa. However, are there spillover effects of the government using drones to fight terrorism? In this paper, I study how drone strikes affect civilians' attitudes towards public and traditional institutions. Combining rich data from the Afrobarometer and the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project, I use a quasi-experimental regression discontinuity (RD) analysis to compare respondents in areas

before and after the bombing that were close to an attack. My preliminary findings show that strikes can adversely affect trust and perceived threat by terror organizations; however, the analysis is inconclusive due to the lack of data close in space and time.

Exploitation of young immigrant workers (Together with Julia Teufel, Max Planck)

Justification of exploitation (Together with Hannes Rusch and Julia Teufel, Max Planck)

Exploitation of workers (Together with Hannes Rusch and Lennart Reddmann, Max Planck, Till Vater and Thomas Meissner, Maastricht University)

Spillover of violence in Venezuela (Together with Ramon Rey, Freiburg)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: *Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Economic Development and Cultural Change, National Identities*

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-	International Election Observer for Norway (Kazakhstan, Guatemala, Guyana)
2019-2020	Research assistant for Eirik André Strømland and Amanda Kvarven, UiB
2019-2020	Research assistant for Prof. Espen Villanger, CMI
2017-2018	Museum Guide for The Hanseatic Museum
2017	Trainee at The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Brazil
2015-2016	Project coordinator for European Students Union (ESU) Board Meeting
2008-2012	Newspaper columnist for Bergens Tidende

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026	Workshop on the Economics of gender (Invited speaker), University of Sheffield, UK; ESA Asia/Pacific Meeting, The University of Melbourne, Australia (planned); LASA2026: Republic and Revolution, France (planned)
2025	Economic Seminar, University of Southampton, UK; Portsmouth-Southampton Behavioural and Experimental Economics Workshop, UK; Nordic Development Conference, Oslomet, Norway; CEPR Workshop on "Ethnicity, Identity and Conflict", joint with IDnomics and UCLouvain, Belgium (planned); Sixth World Labor Conference hosted by Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Canada; Gender issues and development workshop, University of Reading, UK
2024	Bergen Global, CMI/UIB, Norway; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Stanford, USA; CSAE Economic Development in Africa, Oxford, UK; Al Capone, Harvard, USA; 3rd Workshop on the Econ of Crime for Junior Scholars, LSE, UK; Experimental Economics workshop, Universidad de Piura, Peru; Max Planck Institute lab meeting criminology, Germany; Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, ETH Zurich, Switzerland; Hertie Shool Berlin, Germany; Southern Economic Association, USA; Female Factory Workers and the Impact of Jobs Workshop, Ethiopia
2023	Latin America Peace Science 4th Annual Conference, EAFIT, Colombia; Frischseminar, Frishcenter, Norway; Akademisk aften (public dissemination about research), Bergen Public Library, Norway; Redd Barna Bergen (local Save the Children Meeting), Norway; University of Bergen PhD workshop, Norway; Nordic Conference in Development Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden; Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan; Internal seminar CLEAN, University Bocconi, Italy; LEAP coffee meeting, University Bocconi, Italy
2022	FAIR Development Workshop, NHH, Norway; Bergen Seminar in Development Economics, CMI, Norway; Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries, La Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Colombia; Workshop on the Political Economy of Conflict, Royal Holloway and Queen Mary, UK; Summer School on The Economics Crime over Time and Space, University of Southampton, UK; FORSKER GRAND PRIX 2022 (Norwegian Research presentation competition), Bergen, Norway; 44th Meeting of the Norwegian Association of Economists, University of Stavanger, Norway
2021	Econometric Game, the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

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| 2026 | “Ethiopian women and safety” Op-Ed, <i>The Conversation</i> , Jan |
| 2024 | “Cocaine chaos: Ecuador’s drug war” Panelist , <i>Bergen Global</i> , Jan |
| 2023 | “Cost of cocaine” podcast, <i>VG (biggest newspaper in Norway)</i> , June |
| 2023 | “Analysis cocaine and violence in Colombia” podcast, <i>Bergen Public Library</i> , Feb |
| 2022 | “Addressed social harms from cocaine” Op-Ed , <i>Bergens Tidende</i> , Oct |
| 2022 | “Forsker Grand Prix” Interview , <i>Khrono</i> , Sep |

OTHER

- Coding:* R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Git, QGIS, Matlab, VBA
- Language:* Norwegian: Mother tongue. English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese: Professional proficiency. Danish and Swedish: Conversational proficiency. Italian: Basic
- Citizenship:* Norwegian