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## EDUCATION

**Stockholm School of Economics, Ph.D. Economics, 2026 (expected)**

· Advisors: Prof. Abhijeet Singh (main), Prof. Robert Östling

**University of California, Berkeley, Visiting Scholar, 2024–25**

· Sponsor: Prof. Christopher Walters

Stockholm School of Economics, M.Sc. Economics, 2021

· Grosshandlare Johan Lovéns Stipendiefond (top of class)

· SSE Honor's List for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Stockholm University, B.Sc. Politics, Philosophy and Economics, 2019

· Cassel Prize in Economics

## REFERENCES

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|---------------------|--|--|
| Mauricio Romero     | Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México | <a href="mailto:mtromero@itam.mx">mtromero@itam.mx</a>             |
| Abhijeet Singh      | Stockholm School of Economics            | <a href="mailto:abhijeet.singh@hhs.se">abhijeet.singh@hhs.se</a>   |
| Christopher Walters | University of Chicago                    | <a href="mailto:crwalters@uchicago.edu">crwalters@uchicago.edu</a> |
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of education, labor economics, public economics

## JOB MARKET PAPER

[Schooling for Profit: The Long-run Effects of Private Providers in Public Education](#)

**Abstract:** *I estimate the long-run earnings impacts of for-profit and non-profit charter high schools in Sweden, which as of 2023 enroll nearly half of all high school students in urban areas. Unlike in many other settings, there are no schools operating outside of the public system: all schools rely on equal public funding, cannot charge top-up fees, and are subject to the same regulation. Using a combination of quasi-experimental and value-added methods, I find that charter schools lower earnings by 2% on average—comparable to the returns to half a year of schooling in similar settings. My results suggest that for-profits generate these losses by hiring less-educated, lower-paid teachers, non-profits by specializing in arts and humanities programs. In a discrete choice framework using rank-ordered school applications, I show that students' preferences are weakly related to schools' earnings impacts and instead center on location and program offerings, which explain most of the charter market share.*

## PUBLISHED WORK AND R&R's

[The Productivity of Public and Private Preschools \(and Schools\): Evidence from India](#) (with Abhijeet Singh and Mauricio Romero). Forthcoming, *The Economic Journal*

[Myths of Official Measurement: Limits to Test-Based Education Reforms with Weak Governance](#) (with Abhijeet Singh). *Journal of Public Economics*, 2024

[Can Ratings Mitigate Consumer Inattention? Evidence From the Swedish Housing Market.](#) R&R, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*

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| WORK IN<br>PROGRESS   | Reacting to Rejection: Information Shocks in High School Choice (with Lucas Tilley)   |
| TEACHING              | 2023: Econometrics, M.Sc. (TA to Jaakko Meriläinen, SSE)<br>2022: Econometrics, M.Sc. (TA to Abhijeet Singh, SSE)   |
| RELEVANT<br>POSITIONS | Research Assistant, 2020–21 (Abhijeet Singh, SSE)   |
| PRESENTATIONS         | 2025: Stockholm School of Economics, <i>SUDSWEC 2025</i><br>UC Berkeley Department of Economics, <i>Labor Seminar</i><br>2024: UC Berkeley IRLE, <i>Labor Seminar</i><br>2023: Uppsala University, <i>SUDSWEC 2023</i><br>Tilburg University, <i>ENTER Seminar</i><br>Stockholm School of Economics, <i>Stockholm–NYU PhD Conference</i><br>2022: Stockholm School of Economics, <i>Brown Bag Seminar</i><br>Lund University, <i>PhD Workshop in Economics of Education</i> |
| REFEREING             | AEJ: Applied, JPE Micro   |