

Edith Zink

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<https://zinked.github.io/>

My PhD was centered on the political economy of social exclusion, with case studies that showed policy implications in Tunisia, Tanzania, and Denmark. I am an applied microeconometrician and have worked with Danish register data, collected my own survey data, web-scraped and analyzed text data. As a post-doc, I have since successfully developed this research, in an interdisciplinary approach with political scientists and psychologists, to study the social and economic integration of refugees in Denmark. In the future, I want to contribute to a better understanding of the social fabric of our societies — with a focus on immigrant integration in Europe.

Employment

Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics
University of Copenhagen

since December 2023

Education

Ph.D. Economics – University of Copenhagen

November 2023

Supervisor: Pablo Selaya

Dissertation: *Empirical Essays on the Political Economy of Social Exclusion*

Committee: Søren Leth-Petersen (University of Copenhagen), Johanna Rickne (Stockholm University), James Robinson (UChicago)

M.Sc. Economics – University of Copenhagen

July 2020

B.Sc. Economics – University of Mannheim

July 2017

Research Visits

Stanford University, Department of Political Science

Fall 2025

Host: Vicky Fouka

Bocconi University, LEAP (Italy)

Spring 2022

Host: Eliana La Ferrara

Stockholm University, SOFI (Sweden)

Fall 2021

Host: Johanna Rickne

Experience

Short Term Consultant

December 2020 - July 2022

World Bank, Tom Bundervoet

Graduate Assistant

January - April 2018

Georgia Tech, Michael E. Kummer

Intern & Graduate Assistant

January - July 2017

Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Digital Economy, Irene Bertschek

Teaching and Supervision

Interdisciplinary Field Research – Field work in Nepal (2023) and Bolivia (2024)

Spring 2023 & 2024

Master's level course at University of Copenhagen, Global Development

Advanced Development Economics: Microeconomic Aspects

Spring 2020 & 2023

Master's level course at University of Copenhagen, Department of Economics

Advanced Microeconometrics

Fall 2019

Master's level course at University of Copenhagen, Department of Economics

Social Data Science

Summer 2019

Summer School at University of Copenhagen, Department of Economics

Economic Growth and Inequality

Fall 2019

Master's level course at University of Copenhagen, Global Development

Referee Work

International Migration Review; Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education; Scandinavian Journal of Economics

Grants

Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN)	2025
Project funding for <i>Refugee Hosting and Early Housing Strategies: Evidence from the Ukrainian Displacement Crisis with Mette Foged</i>	
Granted amount: 300,000 DKK	
Rockwool Foundation	2025
Project funding for <i>Barriers to Language Acquisition and Labor Market Integration of Refugees with Mette Foged (PI), Jakob Nielsen Arendt, Giovanni Peri, Sébastien Willis, Bernt Bratsberg, Oddbjørn Raaum</i>	
Granted amount: 6,400,000 DKK	
Rockwool Foundation	2023
Project funding for <i>The Danish Refugee Cohort (DARECO) – Early Integration and Mental Health with Mette Foged (PI), Camilla Hvidtfeldt, Karen-Inge Karstoft</i>	
Granted amount: 8,823,000 DKK	
Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN)	2023
Project funding for <i>Early integration of Ukrainian refugees in Denmark with Mette Foged (PI)</i>	
Granted amount: 471,200 DKK	
Agustinus Fonden	2021-2022
Travel grants for research visits to Stockholm and Milan	
Granted amount: 23,094 DKK	

Presentations, Workshops, Conference Participation (incl. planned)

ASREC Europe Conference	2025
IPL, <i>Bi-weekly meeting, Stanford</i>	
WU Vienna, <i>Workshop on Wealth Inequality, Intergenerational Mobility, and Equality of Opportunity</i>	2024
Norwegian University of Science and Technology, <i>Department of Economics</i>	
CESifo, Munich, <i>CEMIR Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research 2024</i>	
Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen, <i>Workshop on Migration and Culture</i>	
MZES, University of Mannheim, <i>Politics of Residential mobility workshop</i>	
IAB, Nuremberg, <i>Investigating social inequalities using survey and register data</i>	
EDGE Jamboree, <i>Aix-Marseille School of Economics</i>	2023
Applied Young Economist Webinar - Political Economy Workshop	
EDGE Jamboree, <i>Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen</i>	2022
Nordic Conference in Development Economics	2021

Working Papers

PTSD and Refugees' Underemployment — Evidence from People Displaced from Ukraine	
with Mette Foged (UCPH), Karen-Inge Karstoft (UCPH) Rockwool Foundation Berlin Discussion Paper 019/26	
How Initial Accommodation Shapes Refugee Integration: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Ukrainian Displacement Crisis in Denmark	
with Mette Foged (UCPH, RFF), Jens Hainmüller (Stanford), Mikkel Stahlschmidt (UCPH, RFI) Rockwool Foundation Berlin Discussion Paper 154/25	
The Making of a Ghetto — Place-Based Policies, Labeling, and Impacts on Neighborhoods and Individuals	
with Jack Melbourne (Bocconi), Sara Signorelli (CREST), Yajna Govind (Copenhagen Business School) Rockwool Foundation Berlin Discussion Paper 83/25	

Ongoing Work

Power Struggles After Autocracy – Evidence from Post-Uprising Tunisia

Motivations for female political representation – Exploring preferences and perceptions in Tanzania

with Pablo Selaya (University of Copenhagen), Sina Smid (Bocconi University)

Reports and policy briefs

Størstedelen af Ukrainerne ønsker at blive i Danmark

February 2025

with Mette Foged, Karen-Inge Karstoft

[Rockwool Fonden Forskning - Analyse](#)

[Rockwool Foundation Berlin](#) in English, German, Polish, and Ukrainian

Status for Ukrainernes arbejdsmarkedsintegration

December 2024

with Mette Foged, Jacob Nielsen Arendt

[Rockwool Fonden Forskning - Analyse](#)

Arbeiten ukrainische Geflüchtete mehr als andere Geflüchtete? Erwerbstätigenquoten aus Dänemark im Vergleich mit Deutschland

October 2024

with Mette Foged, Karen-Inge Karstoft

[ifo Schnelldienst, 10/2024: Return or Integration](#)

Skills

Languages German (native), English (fluent), Danish (C1), Spanish (B1)

Software Python, Stata, T_EX, Microsoft Office, Markdown, Github, R (basic), Matlab (basic)