

# 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

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**Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics**  
University of Copenhagen

since December 2023

## Education

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<b>Ph.D. Economics</b> – University of Copenhagen	November 2023
Supervisor: Pablo Selaya	
Dissertation: <i>Empirical Essays on the Political Economy of Social Exclusion</i>	
Committee: Søren Leth-Petersen (University of Copenhagen), Johanna Rickne (Stockholm University), James Robinson (UChicago)	
<b>M.Sc. Economics</b> – University of Copenhagen	July 2020
<b>B.Sc. Economics</b> – University of Mannheim	July 2017

## Research Visits

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<b>Stanford University, Department of Political Science</b>	Fall 2025
Host: Vicky Fouka	
<b>Bocconi University, LEAP (Italy)</b>	Spring 2022
Host: Eliana La Ferrara	
<b>Stockholm University, SOFI (Sweden)</b>	Fall 2021
Host: Johanna Rickne	

## Experience

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<b>Short Term Consultant</b>	December 2020 - July 2022
World Bank, Tom Bundervoet	
<b>Graduate Assistant</b>	January - April 2018
Georgia Tech, Michael E. Kummer	
<b>Intern &amp; Graduate Assistant</b>	January - July 2017
Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Digital Economy, Irene Bertschek	

## Teaching and Supervision

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<b>Interdisciplinary Field Research</b> – Field work in Nepal (2023) and Bolivia (2024)	Spring 2023 & 2024
Master's level course at University of Copenhagen, Global Development	
<b>Advanced Development Economics: Microeconomic Aspects</b>	Spring 2020 & 2023
Master's level course at University of Copenhagen, Department of Economics	
<b>Advanced Microeconomics</b>	Fall 2019
Master's level course at University of Copenhagen, Department of Economics	
<b>Social Data Science</b>	Summer 2019
Summer School at University of Copenhagen, Department of Economics	
<b>Economic Growth and Inequality</b>	Fall 2019
Master's level course at University of Copenhagen, Global Development	

## Referee Work

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

## Grants

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<b>Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN)</b>	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	
<b>Rockwool Foundation</b>	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	
<b>Rockwool Foundation</b>	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	
<b>Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN)</b>	2023
Project funding for <i>Early integration of Ukrainian refugees in Denmark with Mette Foged (PI)</i>	
Granted amount: 471,200 DKK	
<b>Agustinus Fonden</b>	2021-2022
Travel grants for research visits to Stockholm and Milan	
Granted amount: 23,094 DKK	

## Presentations, Workshops, Conference Participation (incl. planned)

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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

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

## Ongoing Work

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**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

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**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? Erwerbstätigkeitenquoten aus Dänemark im Vergleich mit Deutschland**

October 2024

*with Mette Foged, Karen-Inge Karstoft*

ifo Schnelldienst, 10/2024: Return or Integration

## Skills

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

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