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Positions

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
with Arash Nekoei and David Seim

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 (×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, Spring 2021 EC7411 – Econometrics 2 (Master level, Stockholm University)
Teaching Assistant for Professor Per Pettersson Lidbom
- Fall 2021 EC7410 – Econometrics 1 (Master level, Stockholm University)
Teaching Assistant for Professor Peter Skogman Thoursie

Research Assistance

- June 2020 – November 2020 Research assistant for professors David Seim and Jesse Shapiro
- January 2020 – October 2021 Research assistant for professors David Seim and Arash Nekoei on several projects
- December 2018 – February 2019 Research assistant for professor Arash Nekoei

Languages and Software

- Languages: Finnish (native), English (fluent), Swedish (good), Spanish (basics), French (basics)
Software: Stata, R, Python, L^AT_EX, 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