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RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Gender Economics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2026- **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN)

EDUCATION

2021- 2026 **PhD Economics**
Lund University
Supervisors: Jan Bietenbeck, Petter Lundborg, Pol Campos-Mercade

2019- 2021 **MSc Economics**
Lund University

2017- 2019 **BSc Economics**
Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
Visiting student in Paris in fall 2018

2014- 2017 **BA Business Administration**
University of Applied Sciences Leipzig

RESEARCH VISITS

Fall 2024 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**
Host: David Autor

PUBLICATIONS

"Autonomous Schools, Achievement and Segregation." (with Jan Bietenbeck, Linn Mattisson, and Felix Weinhardt), accepted at ***ILR Review***

"Individualism and Working from Home." (with Jan Bietenbeck and Therese Nilsson), ***Economic Inquiry***, 64(2), 491–507, **2026**.

"Teacher Quality and Cross-Country Differences in Learning in Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa" (with Jan Bietenbeck and Mohammad H. Sepahvand), ***Economics of Education Review*** (special issue: Education in Low-Income Settings), 96, article 102437, **2023**.

WORKING PAPERS

"Bound by Tradition: Cultural Gender Norms and Occupational Choice." (single-authored, **JMP**)

"Does AI Help or Hurt Learning?" (with Catalina Franco and Siri Isaksson)

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Men Working in Care Jobs." (with Anne Brenøe, Louisa Roos, and Daphne Rutnam)

"The Long-run Effects of Occupational Experience Programs in Primary School" (with Petter Lundborg)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026	IFAU (Uppsala), Universität Potsdam, WZB (Berlin), IWH (Halle), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Aix-Marseille University
2025	Copenhagen Education Network (Aarhus), Brown Bag Seminar (Lund), Mend the Gender Gap Workshop (Rome), Ratio Institute (Stockholm), Conference on Gender Issues in Education and the Labor Market (Zurich), NHH FAIR Seminar (Bergen), XVII COSME Gender Economics Workshop (Madrid), CESifo / ifo Junior Workshop on the Economics of Education (Munich), Stockholm Uppsala Education Economics Workshop (Uppsala), Workshop on Future Inequalities: Boys & Men in Focus (Stockholm), IFN (Stockholm)
2024	Nordic PhD Workshop for Economics of Education (Bergen), Brown Bag Seminar (Lund), Economics PhD Conference (Warwick), International Workshop in Migration and Family Economics (Paris), ESPE (Rotterdam), MIT Labor Lunch (Cambridge, US)
2023	Spring workshop of the Copenhagen Education Network (Lund), AEDE (Santiago de Compostela), CNEE autumn workshop (Copenhagen)
2022	Spring workshop of the Copenhagen Education Network (Copenhagen), PhD Lunch Seminar (Lund), Nordic PhD Workshop for Economics of Education (Lund), ESPE (Cosenza), AEDE (Porto), EALE (Padua)

HONOURS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2025	Funding for conference participation in 2025, Centre for Economic Demography at Lund University, SEK 15,000 (EUR 1,400); Funding for conference participation in 2025, Stifelsen Carl Swartz minnesfond, SEK 18,000 (EUR 1,600) and Stiftelsen för främjande av ekonomisk forskning vid Lunds universitet, SEK 25,000 (EUR 2,400); Research scholarship, Stiftelsen för främjande av ekonomisk forskning vid Lunds universitet, SEK 52,500 (EUR 5,000)
2024	Ratio award 'Young Researcher of the Year', SEK 50,000 (EUR 4,400); Funding for conference participation in 2024, Centre for Economic Demography at Lund University, SEK 15,000 (EUR 1,400); 'Culture and the Gender Gap in Entrepreneurship' (co-applicant with Jan Bietenbeck), Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse, SEK 850,000 (EUR 73,000); 'Generative Artificial Intelligence and Education' (co-applicant with Roel van Veldhuizen, Pol Campos-Mercade, and Lukas Maschmann), Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse, SEK 2,442,000 (EUR 210,000)
2023	Funding to visit MIT, Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse, SEK 300,000 (EUR 28,000); Funding for conference participation in 2024, Stiftelsen för främjande av ekonomisk forskning vid Lunds universitet, SEK 15,000 (EUR 1,400)
2021	Winner of the Econometric Game with Team Lund
2018	Erasmus scholarship for semester in Paris
2015 - 2017	Scholarship of the German Ministry of Education

PRE-PHD WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 - 2021	Research Assistant, ifo Center for the Economics of Education, Munich
2020	Research Intern, ifo Center for the Economics of Education, Munich

TEACHING

All at Lund University, Department of Economics:

2023- present	Data Science Lab, Lab Coordinator and Teacher
2022- 2026	Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant
2022	Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

SERVICE

Refereeing:

Economics of Education Review (2x), Education Economics (2x), Journal of African Economies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Labour Economics, Aquaculture

Positions of trust at Lund University, Department of Economics:

2025	Member of the junior hiring committee
2023	PhD student representative in PhD admissions committee Assistant to the junior hiring committee Mentor for incoming PhD students
2022	Assistant to the junior hiring committee

LANGUAGES

German (native), English (fluent), French (good), Swedish (basic)

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