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## Academic Employment

2021 – present Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, Lund University  
2015 – 2021 Assistant Professor (tenure track), Department of Economics, Lund University

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## Further Academic Affiliations

2019 – present Affiliate, CESifo Network  
2017 – present Research Fellow, DIW Berlin  
2017 – present Research Fellow, IZA Institute of Labor Economics  
2017 – present Member of the Standing Field Committee for Economics of Education, German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik)

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## Education

2011 – 2015 Ph.D. in Economics, CEMFI, Madrid, Spain  
Visiting Ph.D. student at MIT during the spring of 2013  
2009 – 2011 M.Sc. in Economics and Finance, CEMFI, Madrid, Spain  
2008 – 2009 M.Sc. in Economics, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
2004 – 2007 B.A. in European Studies, Maastricht University, The Netherlands  
Visiting student at the University of Bologna during the fall of 2006

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## Research: Publications and Working Papers

### Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Revisiting the Effect of Growing Up in a Recession on Preferences for Redistribution” (with Petra Thiemann). Accepted for publication at the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*.

“Tuition Fees and Educational Attainment” (with Andreas Leibing, Jan Marcus and Felix Weinhardt). *European Economic Review*, 154, article 104431, 2023.

“New Evidence on the Importance of Instruction Time for Student Achievement on International Assessments” (with Matthew Collins). *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, 38(3), 423-431, 2023.

“The Long-Term Impacts of Low-Achieving Childhood Peers: Evidence from Project STAR” *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 18(1), 392-426, 2020.

“The Effect of Working Hours on Health” (with Inés Berniell). *Economics and Human Biology*, 39, article 100901, 2020. Special mention of the [Premio ANCE Julio H. G. Olivera 2019](#).

“Birth Weight and Vulnerability to a Macroeconomic Crisis” (with Prashant Bharadwaj, Petter Lundborg, and Dan-Olof Rooth). *Journal of Health Economics*, 66, 136-144, 2019.

“Preschool Attendance, Schooling, and Cognitive Skills in East Africa” (with Sanna Ericsson and Fredrick M. Wamalwa). *Economics of Education Review*, 73, article 101909, 2019.

“Africa's Skill Tragedy: Does Teachers' Lack of Knowledge Lead to Low Student Performance?” (with Marc Piopiunik and Simon Wiederhold). *Journal of Human Resources*, 53(3), 553-578, 2018 (lead article). Winner of the [ifo Institute Research Prize 2018](#).

“Teaching Practices and Cognitive Skills” *Labour Economics*, 30, 143-153, 2014. Winner of the IEA Bruce H. Choppin Memorial Award 2012 and the UAM-Accenture Award in Economics and Management of Innovation 2011.

### **Working Papers**

- “Peer Motivation and Educational Success” Revise & resubmit at the *Economic Journal*
- “Teacher Quality and Cross-Country Differences in Learning in Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Natalie Irmert and Mohammad H. Sepahvand). Revise & resubmit at the *Economics of Education Review*
- “Recession Experiences Shape Prosocial Attitudes” (with Uwe Sunde and Petra Thiemann)

### **Policy-focused and Popular Science Publications**

- “Traditionella normer och föräldrars investering i humankapital” (with Steve Berggreen and Gunes Gokmen). *Ekonomisk Debatt* 51(2), 34-41, 2023.
- “Temporäre Erhebung allgemeiner Studiengebühren: Mehr Studierende schlossen ihr Studium ab, aber weniger schrieben sich neu ein” (DIW Wochenbericht 15/2021, with Jan Marcus and Felix Weinhardt)

### **Awards and Honors**

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- 2011 – 2019 Winner of several best paper awards, see Research section above
- 2018 Berge Stipendiat (young faculty award at the Department of Economics at Lund)
- 2017 Prize for the Best Dissertation in Economics of Education 2015/16, German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik)

### **Grants and Scholarships**

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- 2022 – 2025 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse samt Tore Browaldhs stiftelse: “Scars of War: The Legacy of World War 1 Deaths on British Communities”  
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: Luca Repetto); amount: 1,509,000 SEK
- 2020 – 2023 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse samt Tore Browaldhs stiftelse: “The Causal Determinants of International Differences in Student Achievement”  
Role: Principal Investigator; amount: 1,032,000 SEK
- 2019 – 2023 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse samt Tore Browaldhs stiftelse: “Organization of Workshops in the Copenhagen-Lund Education Network”  
Role: main applicant together with Petra Thiemann; amount: 158,000 SEK
- 2012 – 2018 Several smaller research and travel grants from Stiftelsen Partnerskap (Lund), Stiftelsen för främjande av ekonomisk forskning (Lund), Stiftung Geld und Währung (Frankfurt)
- 2015 – 2021 Tore Browaldh stipend, Handelsbankens forskningsstiftelserna, Stockholm
- 2011 – 2015 Predoctoral research grant, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
- 2009 – 2011 Scholarship for the Master in Economics and Finance program, CEMFI, Madrid

### **Presentations**

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#### **Invited Seminar Talks**

- 2023 IFAU Uppsala, FU Berlin
- 2021 Angela Duckworth Lab, Higher School of Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- 2020 IFN Stockholm, Universidad Nacional de la Plata

2019 University of Zurich, SOFI Stockholm, ifo Center for the Economics of Education  
2018 and University of Groningen, Tinbergen Institute, University of Copenhagen, DIW  
before Berlin, Fundación Europea Sociedad y Educación Madrid, University of Glasgow,  
University of Duisburg-Essen, RWI Essen, LMU Munich, Uppsala University

### **Conferences and Workshops (past 5 years)**

2023 ASSA  
2022 “Future of Labor” Workshop (Hamburg)  
2021 SOLE  
2020 EALE / SOLE / AASLE World Conference, IZA Workshop on the Economics of  
Education, CESifo Area Conference on the Economics of Education  
2019 South Africa Sweden University Forum (Stellenbosch), Arne Ryde Workshop on  
the Economics of Education (Lund), “Future of Labor” workshop (Berlin), SAEe  
(Alicante)

### **Policy Talks**

2017 “Evaluating Teacher Quality”  
Fundación Europea Sociedad y Educación and Fundación Ramón Areces, Madrid  
2013 “Teaching Practices and Cognitive Skills”  
Spanish Ministry of Education (part of the Congreso PIRLS-TIMSS), Madrid

### **Supervision and Teaching Experience (all at LU)**

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2016 – present Co-supervisor of Ph.D. students:

- ongoing: Jonas Lundstedt, Linn Mattisson, Devon Spika, Natalie Irmert
- Matthew Collins (defended 2022, first job at NUI Galway)
- Thomas Hofmarcher (defended 2019, first job at IHE Lund)

2016 – present Supervision of 30+ master's theses in empirical microeconomics

2016 – present Advanced Health Economics (graduate course)

2020 Advanced Labor Economics (graduate course; part on human capital)

2015 – 2019 Intermediate Health Economics (undergraduate course)

### **Service to the Profession and the University**

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#### **Academic Journals**

Co-editor of the Economics of Education Review (since September 2022)

Refereed papers for AEJ: Applied Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, European Economic Review, Health Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Labour Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, and Quarterly Journal of Economics, among others.

#### **Organization of Workshops**

Co-organizer of three workshops of the Copenhagen Education Network at LU in March 2018, March 2020, and November 2021

Organizer of the Arne Ryde Workshop in Economics of Education at LU, June 2019

**Administrative Roles**

- 2019 – present Program Director for the MSc in Economics, LU  
2021 External member of the Junior Hiring Committee, Viadrina European University  
2021 Junior Hiring Committee at the Department of Economics, LU  
2020 Postdoctoral Hiring Committee at the Department of Economics, LU  
2019 – 2020 Minor Field Studies program: evaluator of proposals at LU (department + faculty)

**Media Coverage**

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Germany: Hamburger Abendblatt, Berliner Morgenpost, Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, Tagesspiegel, Deutschlandfunk, among others; Spain: El Mundo, ABC, Nada es Gratis; Sweden: Dagens ETC; online: the Conversation, The Academic Times, among others

**Language Skills**

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German (native); English, Italian, Spanish, Swedish (fluent); Dutch, French (some)