

# JAN BIETENBECK

## Contact Information

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## Academic Employment and Affiliations

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2015 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lund University  
2015 – present Research Affiliate, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

## Education

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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

## Publications

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“Africa's Skill Tragedy: Does Teachers' Lack of Knowledge Lead to Low Student Performance?”  
*Journal of Human Resources*, forthcoming (with Marc Piopiunik and Simon Wiederhold)  
“Teaching Practices and Cognitive Skills,” *Labour Economics*, 30, 143-153, October 2014.

## Working Papers and Work in Progress

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“The Long-Term Impacts of Low-Achieving Childhood Peers: Evidence from Project STAR,”  
Working Paper, September 2016  
“The Effect of Working Hours on Health,” Working Paper, December 2016 (with Inés Berniell)  
“Preschool Attendance, Cognitive Skills, and Educational Attainment in Africa,” Work in Progress  
(with Sanna Ericsson and Fredrick Wamalwa)

## Awards and Honors

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2017 Prize for the Best Dissertation in Economics of Education 2015/16, German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik)  
2017 Member of the Standing Field Committee for Economics of Education, German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik)  
2012 IEA Bruce H. Choppin Memorial Award (best master's thesis category)  
2011 UAM-Accenture Award in Economics and Management of Innovation

## Grants and Scholarships

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2016 Travel stipend, Stiftelsen Partnerskap, Lund  
2016 Research grant, Stiftelsen för främjande av ekonomisk forskning, Lund  
2015 – 2018 Tore Browaldh Stipend, Handelsbankens forskningsstiftelse, Stockholm  
2012 Research and travel grant, Geld und Währung Foundation, Frankfurt  
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 at Academic Conferences and Seminars**

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- 2017 University of Copenhagen, DIW Berlin, RES conference (Bristol), Fundación Europea Sociedad y Educación Madrid, KORA Workshop on Public Policies and Health (Copenhagen), University of Glasgow, Essen Health Conference
- 2016 RES conference (Sussex), Copenhagen Education Network Workshop, SOLE conference (Seattle), Lund-Copenhagen Workshop in Applied Economics, ESPE conference (Berlin), University of Duisburg-Essen, RWI Essen
- 2015 Lund University, CERGE-EI, IZA, ZEW, University of New South Wales, Melbourne Institute, University of Frankfurt, LMU Munich, Uppsala University
- 2014 IZA Summer School (Buch am Ammersee), SOLE conference (Arlington), EALE conference (Ljubljana), University of Zurich, SAEe (Palma de Mallorca), European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society (Madrid)
- 2013 MIT Labor Lunch, SOLE conference (Boston), EALE conference (Turin)

### **Policy Talks**

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- 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

### **Teaching Experience**

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- 2016 – present Advanced Health Economics (graduate course), Lund University
- 2015 – present Intermediate Health Economics (undergraduate course), Lund University
- 2011 – 2013 TA for Labor Economics (graduate course; instructor: David Dorn), CEMFI

### **Refereeing of Journal Articles**

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Economic Development and Cultural Change, Health Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics

### **Media coverage**

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Germany: Tagesspiegel; Spain: El Mundo, ABC

### **Languages Spoken**

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

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