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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

Further Academic Roles

2017 – present	Research Fellow at RFBerlin (since 2025), IZA (since 2017), and DIW Berlin (since 2017) and Research Affiliate at CESifo (since 2019)
2017 – present	Member of the Standing Field Committee for Economics of Education, German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik)
Fall 2023	Visiting researcher at the University of Duisburg-Essen

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

Research: Publications and Working Papers

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

"Autonomous Schools, Achievement, and Segregation" (with Natalie Irmert, Linn Mattisson and Felix Weinhardt). ***ILR Review***, accepted.

"Cultural Origins of Preventive Health Care Utilization" (with Lukas Maschmann, Therese Nilsson, and Devon Spika). ***Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization***, 249, article 107679, 2026.

"Individualism and Working from Home" (with Natalie Irmert and Therese Nilsson). ***Economic Inquiry***, 64(2), 491-507, 2026.

"Recession Experiences During Early Adulthood Shape Prosocial Attitudes Later in Life" (with Uwe Sunde and Petra Thiemann). ***Journal of Public Economics***, 243, article 105327, 2025.

"Do Motivated Classmates Matter for Educational Success?" ***Economic Journal***, 135 (665), 36-58, 2025.

"Revisiting the Effect of Growing Up in a Recession on Preferences for Redistribution" (with Petra Thiemann). ***Journal of Applied Econometrics***, 38(5), 786-794, 2023.

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

"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

"Exposure to Inequality, Human Capital Investment, and Labor Market Outcomes" (with Matthew Collins, Petter Lundborg, Kaveh Majlesi, and Adrian Nieto Castro)

"Human capital shocks and innovation: Evidence from Britain's Lost Generation" (with Davide Cipullo, Ted Pinchbeck, and Luca Repetto)

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

2025	***Labour Economics*** Best Reviewer Award
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)

Major Grants Received

2025	Riksbankens Jubileumsfond: "De livslånga konsekvenserna av intellektuell funktionsnedsättning och anpassad grundskola: Kausala effekter på inkomst, utbildning och hälsa" Role: Co-investigator; amount: 6,353,557 SEK

2025	Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse samt Tore Browaldhs stiftelse: "Long-Term Effects of Intellectual Disability Diagnosis and Special Needs Education" Role: Principal Investigator; amount: 1,000,000 SEK
2025	Crafoord Foundation: "De livslånga konsekvenserna av intellektuell funktionsnedsättning och anpassad grundskola: Kausala effekter på inkomst, utbildning och hälsa" Role: Principal Investigator; amount: 1,000,000 SEK
2024	KEFU: "Special Needs Education and Mental Health: Long-Term Outcomes for Youth with Intellectual Disabilities" Role: Principal Investigator; amount: 209,830 SEK
2024	Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse samt Tore Browaldhs stiftelse: "Culture and the Gender Gap in Entrepreneurship" Role: Principal Investigator; amount: 850,000 SEK
2023	Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse samt Tore Browaldhs stiftelse: "Research visit to the University of Duisburg-Essen" Role: Sole applicant; amount: 130,000 SEK
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
2015 – 2021	Tore Browaldh stipend, Handelsbankens forskningsstiftelserna, Stockholm

Presentations

Invited Seminar Talks

2026	Erasmus University Rotterdam, USI Lugano
2024	IFAU
2023	FU Berlin, University of Duisburg-Essen, RWI Essen
2021	Angela Duckworth Lab, Higher School of Economics, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
2020 and before	IFN Stockholm, Universidad Nacional de la Plata, University of Zurich, SOFI Stockholm, ifo Center for the Economics of Education, University of Groningen, Tinbergen Institute, University of Copenhagen, DIW Berlin, Fundación Europea Sociedad y Educación Madrid, University of Glasgow, University of Duisburg-Essen, RWI Essen, LMU Munich, Uppsala University

Presentations at Conferences and Workshops (past 5 years)

2026	Swedish Health Economics Association; Arne Ryde Workshop on Culture, Institutions, and Development
2024	EALE
2023	ASSA
2022	"Future of Labor" Workshop (Hamburg)

Policy/Outreach Talks

2023	"The Effect of Working Hours on Health" Sveriges läkarförbunds ordförandekonferens, Båstad
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)

2016 – present	Co-supervisor of Ph.D. students (* = main supervisor): • Natalie Irmert* (defended 2026, first job at IFN) • Linn Mattisson* (defended 2023, first job at Socialstyrelsen) • Devon Spika (defended 2023, first job at ETH Zurich) • Jonas Lundstedt (defended 2023, first job at Universitetskanslersämbetet) • Matthew Collins (defended 2022, first job at NUI Galway) • Thomas Hofmarcher (defended 2019, first job at IHE Lund)
2016 – present	Supervision of 40+ master's theses in empirical microeconomics
2016 – present	Advanced Health Economics (graduate course)
2020 – present	Advanced Labor Economics (graduate course)
2015 – 2019	Intermediate Health Economics (undergraduate course)

Service to the Profession and the University

Academic Journals

Co-editor of the *Economics of Education Review* (September 2022 – December 2023)

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*, *JPE: Microeconomics*, *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 four workshops of the Copenhagen Education Network at LU in March 2018, March 2020, November 2021, and February 2023

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

Administrative Roles

2019 – 2023	Program Director for the MSc in Economics, LU
2024	External member of the Junior Hiring Committee, University of Zurich
2021	External member of the Junior Hiring Committee, Viadrina European University
2020, '21, '23	Member of the Junior Hiring Committee at the Department of Economics, LU
2019 – 2020	Minor Field Studies program: evaluator of proposals at LU (department + faculty)

Media Coverage

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

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