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Research interests

Education Policy, Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics

Education

2017- **HARVARD UNIVERSITY**
Ph.D. candidate, Education Policy & Program Evaluation

2017 **UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI**
M.Soc.Sci. Social & Public Policy

2014 **TUFTS UNIVERSITY**
B.A. Economics, Philosophy, summa cum laude

2012-2013 **UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**
Visiting Student, Philosophy, Politics, & Economics

Working papers

Hard and soft skills in vocational training (with Felipe Barrera-Osorio and Adriana Kugler)
NBER working paper 7/2020.

Labor market returns to vocational secondary education (with Hanna Virtanen)
ETLA working paper 3/2019. Revise & resubmit, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.
**Society of Labor Economists 2019 Best Poster Award*

Targeted funding, immigrant background, and educational outcomes
VATT working paper 8/2017. Adapted from master's thesis.

In progress

Sibling spillovers, education, and the labor market (with Hanna Virtanen)

Informal social interactions, academic achievement, and behavior (with Matt Lenard)

Education and social worlds (with Hanna Virtanen)

Public childcare and the labor market (with Juuso Mäkinen)

Preventing the social exclusion of immigrants (with Michela Carlana, Matti Sarvimäki, and Marco Tabellini)

Affiliations and experience

2018- *Research visits*, VATT Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki, Finland

2018- *Graduate Student Affiliate*, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University

2018- *Graduate Student Affiliate*, Center for European Studies, Harvard University

2016-2017 *Researcher*, VATT Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki, Finland

2015 *Research trainee*, CERI, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France

Selected honors, awards, and grants

2021 Krupp Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship, Harvard University CES

- 2020 ECMC Doctoral Student Fellowship
- 2019 J-PAL ESII project grant (350,000 euros, Co-PI w/ Michela Carlana, Matti Sarvimäki, and Marco Tabellini)
- 2019 Society of Labor Economists, Fellows Best Poster Award
- 2019 Yrjö Jansson Foundation Doctoral Grant
- 2019 IQSS Travel Grant, Harvard University
- 2018 Jens Aubrey Westengard Summer Research and Travel Grant, Harvard University
- 2016 City of Helsinki Master's Thesis Prize
- 2015 Finlandia Foundation National Scholarship Award, Top Applicant
- 2014 The Helen Morris Cartwright Memorial Prize in Philosophy, Tufts University
- 2013 Hopkins Summer Scholar, Tufts University

Teaching

Instructor

- 2020 *Causal Inference*, Department of Social and Public Policy, University of Helsinki (January term) (4.6/5)

Teaching fellow

- 2019-2020 *Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems*, Harvard University (Raj Chetty) (4.6/5)
- 2018-2019 *Microeconomics: A Policy Tool for Education*, Harvard University (Felipe Barrera-Osorio) (4.4/5)
- 2020 *Intermediate and Advanced Statistical Methods*, Harvard University (Andrew Ho)
- 2019 *Introductory and Intermediate Statistics*, Harvard University (Joseph McIntyre)

Presentations

- 2020 VATT Institute for Economic Research, IZA Summer School in Labor Economics (*cancelled*)
- 2019 Association for Public Policy and Management, European Economics Association/Econometric Society, Association for Education Finance and Policy, Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics, Georgia State University (CTEx), Harvard Center for European Studies, IZA Economics of Education Workshop*, Society of Labor Economists*
- 2018 Harvard Graduate School of Education, Helsinki Center for Economic Research, Association for the Economics of Education, VATT Institute for Economic Research*, London School of Economics (CVER)*, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development*
- 2014-2017 Helsinki Center for Economic Research, Institute for Research on the Finnish Economy, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture, University of Helsinki, Tufts University

*Co-author presented

Refereeing

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management

Computers & languages

Stata, R, LaTeX

English (*native*), Finnish (*native*), Spanish (*fluent*), French (*proficient*), Swedish (*very bad*)

Citizenship: United States, Finland, India (OCI)

Birth: Cambridge, MA | United States