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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Stockholm School of Economics	2021 – present
EUDN Research Associate	2023 – present
Visiting Research Fellow RPDE, Princeton University	2023 – 2024

Education

PhD in Economics, cum laude, UPF	2016 – 2021
Master in Economics, Barcelona GSE	2015 – 2016

Research Fields. Macroeconomics, Growth and Development, Climate Change

Papers

1. How Does Caste Affect Entrepreneurship? Birth versus Worth
Journal of Monetary Economics, Volume 135, April 2023, Pages 116–133
2. The Rise of Intangible Capital and the Macroeconomic Implications, *with Andrea Chiavari*
Conditionally Accepted *AEJ: Macroeconomics*

Working Papers

1. Skill Concentration Among Large Firms, June 2026
with Horng Chern Wong and Anders Akerman
2. Climate Change, Firm and Aggregate Productivity, August 2025
with Andrea Chiavari, Andrea Caggese and Carolina Villegas-Sanchez
R&R Journal of the European Economic Association
3. Identity, Market Access, and Demand-led Diversification, April 2026
with Akhil Ilango
4. The Return on Capital in Disaggregated Economies: Theory and Measurement, September 2025 *with Andrea Chiavari and Julia Faltermeier*

5. The Political Economy of Decentralization: Evidence from Bank Bailouts, April 2024 *with Bo Bian, Rainer Haselmann, Thomas Kick and Vikrant Vig*
6. Worker Absenteeism and Firm Outcomes: Evidence from the Indian Manufacturing Sector, September 2025 *with Suanna Oh, Nandita Krishnaswamy and Yogita Shamdasani*
7. Absent but Not Idle: the Social Roots of Demand for Flexible Work, September 2025 *with Suanna Oh and Yogita Shamdasani*
8. Public Procurement, Competition and Markups, July 2021 *with Jurica Zrnc*

Scholarships and Grants

2026–2028 Grant by Handelsbankens Forskningsstiftelser SEK 500,000

2024–2025 Visiting Fellowship at Foundations of Law and Finance, Goethe University
EUR 15,450

2021–2024 Firm Competitiveness, Growth & Digitalisation, European Investment Bank
EUR 300,000

2023 Stiftelsen Louis Fraenckels Stipendiefond SEK 24,000

2019 CEPR – PEDL Exploratory Research Grant GBP 5,000

2019–2021 Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness ~ EUR 35,000

2015 MSc Grant from Barcelona Graduate School of Economics ~ EUR 7,500

Seminar, Conference, and Workshop Presentations

2026

Seminars: Universitat Tübingen

Conferences: ASSA, Annual STEG Conference, CEPR Development Economics Annual Symposium.

2025

Seminars: UC San Diego 21st Century India Center, Warwick, University of Bonn, Tilburg University, Sciences Po Paris, UNU-WIDER Helsinki, IMF, IIM Bangalore.

Conferences: CEPR Firms, Labor Markets, and Development; SED Copenhagen, Lisbon Macro; Firms, Trade, and Development Conference Yale; Nobel Symposium on Social Norms; Migration and Development Conference Paris; Workshop on Networks and Development Naples, ISI New Delhi.

2024

Seminars: IES Princeton, NYU, University of Toronto, Johns Hopkins SAIS, University of California Merced, CREST-ENSAI, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Goethe University, Bundesbank, Université Libre de Bruxelles,

PSE.

Conferences: STEG CEPR NYUAD, NBER, Turku School of Economics, SOLE, RES, SED Barcelona, EALE NHH, CEPR Annual Meeting Bonn, CEPR Manchester, ASWEDE Stockholm.

2023

Seminars: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Princeton University, University of Mannheim, Paris School of Economics.

Conferences: Firm Heterogeneity and Macroeconomics (Bonn), Oxford PEDL, Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings*, RIDGE Environment Economics*, Firms, Trade, and Development Conference, Barcelona Summer Forum.

2022

Conferences/Seminars: NBER Conference on Entrepreneurship, 4th European Midwest Micro/Macro Conference (Frankfurt), University of Helsinki (Department of Economics), NORMAC Helsinki.

2021

Conferences/Seminars: Bristol, Essex, NYU Abu Dhabi, SSE, ISB, IIM Ahmedabad, RES, SED, EUDN Amsterdam, ASWEDE, Delhi School of Economics, World Bank ETIFE, Royal Economic Society Conference, MWIEDC Northwestern, Nordic Macro Seminar, Uppsala (Department of Economics), Universität Würzburg (Department of Economics), SMN Alicante.

2020

Conferences/Seminars: EEA Congress, SAEe, European WMES, NuCamp Virtual Workshop, European Economic Association Meeting, Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society, Spanish Economic Association Meeting, PhD-EVS, North East Universities Development Consortium (Dartmouth), INET Young Scholar Initiative.

2019

Conferences/Seminars: Catalan Economic Society Conference, V Winter Macro Workshop, CREI Macro Seminar, UNU-WIDER Transforming Economies Conference.

Referee Activity and Professional Service

Refereeing: American Economic Review, Econometrica, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy: Micro, AEJ: Macroeconomics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Management Science, Bell Journal of Macroeconomics, IMF Economic Review, The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Economic Modelling, World Bank Economic Review.

Committee Service: Member of the Programme Committee for EEA Development Economics 2025-2026; Member of the Scientific Committee for Firms in a Changing Background conference in 2022-2023, 2025-2026.

Teaching Experience

- 2025**– PhD Topics course in Macro-development @ Stockholm School of Economics
- 2025**– PhD Core course in Macroeconomics @ Stockholm School of Economics
- 2021–2023** Firms, Misallocation and the Macroeconomy @ Stockholm School of Economics
- 2025** Introduction to Firm Dynamics @ Indian School of Business
- 2023** Structural Estimation Workshop @ Bahujan Economics
- 2020–2021** Course in Mathematics, Statistics and Computational Tools @ Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Conference Organization and Professional Activities

- 2025-, 2023** BSE Summer Forum – “Firms in a Changing Background: New Technologies, and Climate Change”
- 2025** ENTER Jamboree Conference, Stockholm
- 2024** ENTER Network Coordinator
- 2022** BSE Summer Forum Rise of Intangibles: Implications for Technology Diffusion, Firm Dynamics, and Aggregate Outcomes
- 2021–2023, 2024–to present** SSE Departmental Seminar Series
- 2022, 2025** PhD placement coordinator

Research Visits

- January 2025** ISB, Hyderabad, India
- November 2024** Goethe University, Frankfurt
- May 2024** Stanford King Center on Global Development
- October 2023** Goethe University, Frankfurt
- May 2023** University of Mannheim
- Spring 2023** Paris School of Economics

Awards

- 2022** Winner of the Ola Bengtsson Best Discussion Award

Languages: Punjabi (Native), Hindi, English, Spanish