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EDUCATION

PhD, Economics, **Stockholm School of Economics** — May 2027 (Expected)
Committee: Lars Ljungqvist, Arash Nekoei, Abhijeet Singh

Visiting Research Fellow, University of California Berkeley — 2025
Host: Benjamin Schoefer

M.Sc., Economics, **University of Bonn** — 2020

B.Sc., Economics, **University of Bonn** — 2017

Exchange Student, Keio University, Tokyo — 2019

FIELDS

Labor Economics, Macroeconomics

REFERENCES

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WORKING PAPERS

"Search Effort, Worker Attachment, and Labor Market Power" **(Job Market Paper)** [Draft]

This paper studies how search frictions and heterogeneous preferences over jobs jointly shape labor supply to firms. Using a nationally representative survey linked to Swedish employer–employee records, I show that on-the-job search declines along the job ladder but remains substantial at top-ranked firms, where nonpecuniary motives predominate. Search is persistent and concentrated among a small group of workers. Guided by these facts, I estimate a dynamic model in which workers choose whether to incur a fixed cost of search, and preferences over jobs evolve over time. Higher pay retains workers both by reducing their willingness to accept competing offers and by lowering their exposure to those offers through reduced search effort. Allowing search to adjust raises the firm's labor supply elasticity from 3.66 to 4.98, an increase of 36 percent. Search responses are concentrated among workers near the search threshold, whose matches remain relatively fragile. Accounting for heterogeneity in offer acceptance and match duration makes the contribution of search 44 percent smaller than implied by the average search response. Relative to a model with exogenous offer arrival, endogenous search lowers the implied markdown from 27 to 20 percent of pay.

"The Economic Burden of Burnout" (with Arash Nekoei and Jósef Sigurdsson),
Revise and resubmit, ***American Economic Review*** [Draft]

We study work-related stress using linked Swedish administrative and survey data. Stress symptoms emerge, intensify over a year, and culminate in diagnosed burnout. Post-burnout earnings losses are large, persistent, and similar across genders, despite women's threefold higher incidence. Spousal earnings, especially wives', also fall, as do children's educational outcomes, particularly in less-educated families. In aggregate, these losses prove substantial. But burnout is predictable: stressful tasks increase risk, disproportionately among stress-intolerant workers, and frequent stress surveys improve prediction further, enabling targeted prevention. Beyond burnout, severe stress precedes lower earnings even among undiagnosed workers, highlighting the broader economic burden of work-related stress.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Stressful Jobs, Resilient Workers, and the Limits of Sorting"
(with Jakob Beuschlein, Arash Nekoei, and Jósef Sigurdsson)

"Learning in the Age of AI" (with Chiara Motta and Jinci Liu)

"Firm Search and Worker Search"

"Firm Inequality, Search Behavior and Sorting" (with Simon Handreke)

EMPLOYMENT

Research assistant for Benjamin Schoefer, UC Berkeley	2025
Pre-Doctoral Researcher, University of Bonn	2020 - 2021
Research assistant for Moritz Schularick, University of Bonn	2017 - 2018, 2019 - 2020

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation - Travel Scholarship (360,000 SEK)	2023
Jan Wallanders and Tom Hedelius Foundation, Tore Browaldhs Foundation Full PhD Scholarship	2022 - 2026
Google Research Grant (30,000 SEK)	2024

CONFERENCES

2026: Mannheim Macro CRC Seminar, European Search and Matching Network, EALE Annual Conference, IWH Senior Workshop on the Future of Labor Markets (FLAME), 2nd PhD Workshop in Labor and Behavioral Economics

2025: UC Berkeley IRLE Seminar, Sophia University, SOLE World Labor Conference, Econometric Society World Congress, 1st Aarhus Workshop on Labor Markets

2024: DIW SOEP, Econometric Society European Winter Meeting, NBER Labor Studies Program Meeting, Stockholm-Uppsala Workshop, Stockholm University (Labor)

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics

TEACHING

Stockholm School of Economics
Advanced Microeconomic Theory (M.Sc.), Teaching Assistant for Paul Segerström (Fall 2022)
Applied Time Series Econometrics (M.Sc.), Teaching Assistant for Rickard Sandberg (Spring 2023, 2024)

SKILLS

Software: Julia, Python, Stata
Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Japanese (advanced)