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Personal Information

Languages: English, Swedish, German (Conversational).

Citizenships: Norway, Sweden, United States.

Marital Status: Married with children.

Parental Leave: August-December 2020 and 2024.

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor (Tenure Track), Department of Economics, Norwegian School of Economics, Fall 2018-

Fellow, CESifo Research Network, 2014-

Research Fellow, Markets and Choice Research Unit, WZB Berlin, Fall 2012-2018.

Visting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Columbia University, Winter 2015.

Max Weber Fellow, European University Institute, Fall 2011-Fall 2012.

Education

Duke University, Department of Economics, Durham, NC.

Ph.D. in Economics, September 2011.
Committee: Rachel Kranton (Chair), John Aldrich, Bahar Leventoglu, Michael Munger, Curtis Taylor.

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.

B.S. in Economics and Mathematics, *Minor*: Political Science, June 2004.

Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy, Development and Behavioral Economics.

Publications

"Fairness Perceptions of Redistribution and Predistribution" with Krishna Srinivasan and Weijia Wang. (2026) Accepted at the *Journal of Public Economics*.

"Strategic Communication in Committees with Mixed Motives" (2024) with Yves Breitmoser, *RAND Journal of Economics*.

"When voters like to be right: An analysis of the Condorcet Jury Theorem with mixed motives" (2021) with Rune Midjord and Tomás Rodríguez Barraquer, *Journal of Economic Theory.*

"Optimal Decision Rules in Multilateral Aid Funds" (2021), with Axel Dreher and Jenny Simon, *Review of International Organizations*, 16, pp. 689–719.

"Social Polarization and Political Selection in Representative Democracies" (2019), with Dominik Duell, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 168, pp. 132-65.

"Dynamic Reform of Public Institutions: A Model of Collective Reputation and Motivated Agents" (2018), *Journal of Public Economics*, 168, pp. 94-108.

"Voting in Large Committees with Disesteem Payoffs: A 'state of the art' model" (2017) with Rune Midjord and Tomás Rodríguez Barraquer *Games and Economic Behavior*, 104, 430-443.

"Centralized Fiscal Spending by Supranational Unions" (2017) with Jenny Simon *Economica*, 84, pp. 78-103.

"A Note on Empathy in Games" (2014) with Steffen Huck and Jan Grohn, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 108, pp. 383-388.

"Get Out The Vote: How Encouraging Voting Changes Political Outcomes," (2012), *Economics and Politics*, 24, pp. 346-373.

Working Papers

"Underrepresentation, Quotas and Stigma: An argument for dynamic reform" with Malin Arve. (R & R at *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*)

"Why do Committees Work?" with Yves Breitmoser. (Reject and resubmit at *Experimental Economics*)

"Fairness Preferences, Inequality Acceptance and Default Effects" with Pauline Vorjohann and Weijia Wang.

"The Impact of Forced Migration on In-Group and Out-Group Social Capital" with Anselm Hager.

Teaching and Certifications

NHH "Master's Students' Prize for Excellence in Teaching" for the class Applied Microeconomic Theory (2020; prize awarded to one professor annually).

Norwegian School of Economics (NHH)

Behavioral Economics (Fall 2025).
The Comparative Political Economy of Scandinavia v. the US (Spring 2026).
Applied Microeconomic Theory.
Development Economics.
PhD Microeconomics II.
Methods Camp.

Hertie School of Governance, Masters in Public Policy.

Development Economics. (Fall 2016)
Efficiency in the Public Sector (Fall 2015)

Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences, Lecturer (2014).

James Madison University, European Union Policy Studies MA Program.

The Economics of European Integration. (Winter 2012)

Duke University, Department of Economics.

Economic Principles. (Summer 2008)

Max Weber Programme Teacher Training Certificate, EUI.

Ph.D. supervision: Monica Beeder (2nd advisor). Initial placement Lecturer, University of Southampton.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

2009: Midwest Political Science Association National Conference. **2010:** University of Georgia (Georgia Political Economy Group), University of Gothenburg (Department of Economics), California Institute of Technology (Department of Humanities and Social Science), University of North Carolina (Triangle Political Methodology Group). **2011:** Max Planck Institute on Collective Goods. **2012:** Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, "End of Federalism?" (organized by WZB and MPI). Oxford University, University of Oslo (Department of Economics), WZB (Market and Politics). **2013:** European Public Choice Society, Max Weber Fellows (EUI), European Economic Association, ECB workshop on Public Finance. Stockholm School of Economics (SITE), Aachen University. **2014:** American Economic Association, Milan Political Economy Workshop, CESifo Conference: Public Sector Economics, European Economic Association. Lund University, MPI for Public Finance, Humboldt University (Berlin). **2015:** European Political Science Association, NGO Network Conference, European Economic Association, SITE Conference on Corruption in Developing Nations. Queen's University Belfast, Development Economics Network Berlin. **2016:** German Development Economics, Nordic Development Economics, SEIO, European Political Science Association, ESA Europe. **2017:** Political Economics of International Organizations. **2018:** University of Vienna, Hanken Business School, University of Bristol, Deakin University, University of Southern Denmark, NHH. **2019:** Carlos III. **2022:** EUI Alumni Conference. **2023:** Engage EU Think Tank on Gender Economics. BI. **2024:** ESA Europe. **2025:** Ifo Conference on Institutional Economics. Oslo Met.

Refereeing (Subset)

American Journal of Political Science, Journal of the European Economic Association, The Economic Journal, Journal of Public Economics, International Economic Review, European Economic Review, Experimental Economics, Games and Economic Behavior, Public Choice, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization.

Organizational Activities

Awards and Grants

NHH "Master's Students' Prize for Excellence in Teaching"
WZB Seed Grant, 2017 (39,000 euro).
DFG Conference Funding, 2016 (6,000 euro, DFG Grant HU 787/3-1).
DFG Conference Funding, 2015 (12,960 euro, DFG Grant KU 1971/4-1)

CESifo Distinguished Research Affiliate Prize, 2014.
Klaus Liebscher Award, 2013.
Department Summer Fellowship, Duke University, 2010.
Fellowship, Program for Advanced Research in Social Sciences, Duke University, 2009-2010.
Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University, 2009.