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Current Positions and Affiliations

Senior Researcher, ETLA Economic Research, Helsinki, Finland — Jan 2018–Present
Fellow, Helsinki GSE — Feb 2026–Present
Research Fellow, RFBerlin — Jun 2025–Present
Research Fellow, IZA Network at LISER — Apr 2024–Present

Research Interests

Labour Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Human Capital Development, Urban Economics, Health Economics

Education

Aalto University School of Business, Helsinki, Finland
Dr.Sc. (equivalent to PhD), Economics — 2018
M.Sc., Economics — 2012

University College London and CReAM, London, UK
Visiting PhD Student — 2015

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"Childhood Shocks and Fertility: Evidence from Parental Job Loss." *Journal of Population Economics*, 39 (2026).

"Who Gains from Agglomeration? The Wage, Productivity, and Cost Effects of Transport Improvements on Firms and Workers." With T. Väänänen. *Transport Policy*, 186 (2026).

"The Impact of an Early Career Shock on Intergenerational Mobility." With M. Kaila and E. Nix. *Journal of Labor Economics*, 43 (2025).

"Empirical Strategies and Data Requirements for Estimating Labour Market Impacts of Transport Projects." With T. Väänänen. *Journal of the Finnish Economic Association*, 6 (2025).

"Preference for Sons: Still a Trend? Evidence from Individual-Level Data from Finland, 1960–2015." *Review of Economics of the Household*, 22 (2024).

"Parental Job Loss and Children's Careers." With K. Huttunen. *Labour Economics*, 90 (2024).
Best Article Award, *Labour Economics*, 2024.

"The Costs of Job Loss and Task Usage: Do Social Tasks Soften the Drop?" With A. Kauhanen. *Empirical Economics*, 67 (2024).

"Decentralized Wage Bargaining and Health." With M. Haapanen, T. Maczulskij, and A. Kauhanen. *Economics & Human Biology*, 55 (2024).

"The Incidence and Effects of Decentralized Wage Bargaining in Finland." With A. Kauhanen and T. Maczulskij. *Journal of Labor Research*, 45 (2024).

"The Effects of Screening for Gestational Diabetes." *Empirical Economics*, 65, 1931–1964 (2023).

"Gender Differences in Multiple Choice Questions and the Risk of Losing Points." *Journal of the Finnish Economic Association*, 4(1), 36–45 (2023).

Working Papers and Research in Progress

"Gender Equality Bargaining: Evidence from Finland." With A. Kauhanen, *IZA Discussion Paper*, No. 18932 (2026).

"Experimental Evaluation of an Outreach Program for Lifelong Learning." With A. Kauhanen, H. Karhunen, J.-P. Ollikainen, T. Suhonen, and H. Virtanen.

"Information Provision and Lifelong Learning: Evidence from a Field Experiment." With A. Kauhanen, H. Karhunen, J.-P. Ollikainen, T. Suhonen, and H. Virtanen.

"The Effect of Access to Post-Compulsory Education: Evidence from Structural Breaks in School Supply." With H. Virtanen. Etla Working Paper No. 85 (2021).

Policy Reports and Other Publications

Policy reports and publications in Finnish

"Samapalkkaisuustyöstä vaikuttavampaa" (*Towards More Effective Equal Pay Policies*), Valtioneuvoston tutkimustoiminta, Policy Brief 2026:7 (2026). With P. Fornaro, E.-L. Inkeroinen, A. Kauhanen, M. Kauhanen, and M. Maliranta.

"Kaupungistuminen vauhdittaa kasvua" (*Urbanisation Accelerates Growth*). In A. Kangasharju & P. Rouvinen (eds.), *Suomi 2051*. Etlatieto Oy (ETLA B283), 120–125 (2026).

"Kannustaako koulutustiedon jakaminen kouluttautumaan? Kirjepostikokeilun ja hakevan toiminnan pilotin loppuraportti" (*Does Information Sharing Encourage Participation in Education? Final Report on the Letter Mail Experiment and the Outreach Pilot*), Etla Report No. 174 (2026). With H. Karhunen, A. Kauhanen, J. Kuhakoski, T. Suhonen, P. Vanhala, and H. Virtanen.

"Henkilökohtainen ohjaus puree, pelkkä kirje ei – hakeva toiminta lisää matalasti koulutettujen osallistumista aikuiskoulutukseen," Jatkuvan oppimisen ja työllisyyden palvelukeskuksen julkaisuja 2/2026 (2026). With H. Karhunen, A. Kauhanen, J. Kuhakoski, T. Suhonen, P. Vanhala, and H. Virtanen.

"Ulkomaiset osaajat Suomessa" (*Skilled Foreign Workers in Finland*), Etla Report No. 154 (2024). With A. Kauhanen, T. Maczulskij, and O. Ropponen.

"Kasautumisvaikutukset ovat todellisia mutta rajallisia" (*Agglomeration Effects Exist but Are Limited*), Etla Brief No. 132 (2024). With T. Haapamäki and T. Väänänen.

"Kasautumisen vaikutus tuottavuuteen: Työpaikkojen välisen saavutettavuuden vaikutus toimipaikkoihin ja työntekijöihin" (*Agglomeration and Productivity: The Effect of Job-to-Job Accessibility on Workers and Establishments*), Etla Report No. 144 (2024). With T. Haapamäki, O. Harjunen, A. Kauhanen, V. Kuivalainen, N. Valmari, and T. Väänänen.

"Selvitys tehokkaan tiheyden mittarista" (*Report on an Indicator for Effective Density*), Traficom Research Reports 8/2021 (2021). With P. Blomqvist, A. Kauhanen, and H. Metsäranta.

"Koulutuksen keskittäminen muuttaa nuorten koulutus- ja urapolkuja" (*Regional Availability of Post-Compulsory Education and Schooling Choices*), Etla Brief No. 94 (2021). With H. Virtanen.

"Isommat palkankorotukset paikallisesti sopien? Sopimusjärjestelmän hajautumisen vaikutukset palkkojen tasoon ja niiden hajontaan" (*Does Local Bargaining Lead to Larger Wage Increases? The Impact of Decentralization of Collective Bargaining on the Level and Dispersion of Wages*), Etla Brief No. 92 (2020). With A. Kauhanen and T. Maczulskij.

"Kasautumisvaikutusten arvioinnin menetelmät liikennejärjestelmän kehittämisen vaikutustarkastelussa" (*Methods to Evaluate Agglomeration Effects in Transport System Appraisal Frameworks*), Etla Report No. 101 (2020). With T. Haapamäki, A. Kauhanen, S. Laakso, H. Metsäranta, M. Ojanperä, and T. Väänänen.

"Liikennehankkeiden työmarkkinavaikutusten arviointikehikko – ehdotus" (*The Labor Market Impacts of the Transport System – A Proposal for an Evaluation Framework*), Etla Muistio No. 85 (2020). With A. Kauhanen and H. Metsäranta.

"Liikennejärjestelmän työmarkkinavaikutukset ja niiden arviointi" (*The Impacts of Transport System Changes on Labor Markets and Their Evaluation*), Valtioneuvoston selvitys- ja tutkimustoiminnan julkaisusarja 2019:69 (2019). With H. Metsäranta, A. Kauhanen, and P. Fornaro.

"Työmarkkinoiden eriytyminen ja tasa-arvo Suomessa" (*Gender Equality and Occupational Segregation in Finland*), in *Näkökulmia sukupuolten tasa-arvoon: Analyysejä tasa-arvobarometrista 2017* (2019). With A. Kauhanen.

"Perhe, lapsuus ja tulevaisuuden tulemat," *Kansantaloudellinen aikakauskirja*, 2/2019.

"Koulutuspolitiikan kehittämistarpeet," *Muistioita tulevalle hallitukselle – Talouspolitiikan linjaus keväällä 2019*, ETLA (2019). With A. Kauhanen.

Other publications

Essays on Family Economics and Human Capital Development. Aalto University Doctoral Dissertations 204/2018 (2018).

"Liikennehankkeiden työmarkkinavaikutukset – mitä niistä tiedetään ja voidaan tietää?" (*Labor Market Impacts of the Transport System – What Do We Know about Them?*), *Suhdanne*, ETLA Yearbook 2019:2.

Grants and Awards

Best Article Award, *Labour Economics* (for best article published in 2024)	2025
Nominated for Best Poster Award, 29th EALE Conference	2017
HSE Support Foundation Grant	2017
Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation Grant	2012, 2015, 2016, 2017
OP-Pohjola Group Research Foundation Grant	2013–2016

Finnish Cultural Foundation Grant 2015

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, Aalto University
Labor Economics I (graduate level), co-taught with Olivia Masi — Spring 2026
Teaching evaluation: 4.8/5

Teaching Assistant, Aalto University
Econometrics 3: Microeconometrics (PhD level) — Spring 2017
Microeconomics (undergraduate level) — Falls 2013, 2014
International Trade (graduate level) — Fall 2012

Professional Service

Refereeing

Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Review of Economics of the Household; Economics of Education Review; Applied Economics Letters; Empirical Economics; Applied Economics; Scandinavian Journal of Public Health; Socio-Economic Review; Frontiers in Education; Journal of the Japanese and International Economies; Kansantaloudellinen aikakauskirja.

Other service

Expert review, Finnish Work Environment Fund (Työsuojelurahasto) — 2025
Organizer, ETLA seminars — 2021–2024
Teacher tutor of B.Sc. students in Economics — 2012

Presentations

2026: EALE Conference; ESPE Conference; Annual Meeting of the Finnish Economic Association

2025: ETLA–IFN Conference

2023: Annual Meeting of the Finnish Economic Association; ESPE Conference; EALE Conference

2019: JSBE Research Seminar; EALE Conference; ESPE Conference; Tasks V (BIBB, IAB, ZEW)

2018: EALE Conference; IZA Summer School in Labor Economics; SOLE Conference; Annual Meeting of the Finnish Economic Association

2017: Labour Institute for Economic Research; Econometric Society European Winter Meeting; VATT Institute for Economic Research; EALE Conference; ESPE Conference; Nordic Summer Institute in Labour Economics; National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL); HECER Lunch Seminar; Annual Meeting of the Finnish Economic Association; FDPE Workshop in Public Economics and Labour Economics

2016: HECER Lunch Seminar; Workshop in Human Capital Development, NHH; Nordic Summer Institute in Labour Economics, NHH; FDPE Workshop in Public Economics and Labour Economics

Previous Position and Career Breaks

Research Associate, Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), London, UK — Oct 2015–Mar 2016

Parental leave — Feb 2021–Jan 2022; Jun 2024–Jun 2025

Additional Skills

Software: Stata (advanced), SQL (intermediate), Matlab (intermediate), LaTeX
Languages: Finnish (native), English (fluent), Swedish (good), Spanish (intermediate), French (intermediate)