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RESEARCH INTERESTS

PRIMARY: Public Economics, Development Economics
SECONDARY: Labor Economics, Political Economics

REFERENCES

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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Global Earnings Inequality, 1970–2018 (with Daniel WALDENSTRÖM)

Economic Journal, forthcoming

We estimate trends in global earnings dispersion across occupational groups by constructing a new database that covers 68 developed and developing countries between 1970 and 2018. Our main finding is that global earnings inequality has fallen, primarily during the 2000s and 2010s, when the global Gini coefficient dropped by 15 points and the earnings share of the world's poorest half doubled. Decomposition analyses show earnings convergence between countries and within occupations, while within-country earnings inequality has increased. Moreover, the falling global inequality trend was driven mainly by real wage growth, rather than changes in hours worked, taxes or occupational employment.

The Impact of Social Beliefs on Microfinance Performance (with Katarzyna BURZYNSKA)

Journal of International Development 27(7): 1074–1097, 2015

We apply a panel of 331 microfinance institutions from 37 countries to investigate the relationship between social beliefs and microfinance financial performance over the period of 2003–2011. We find that microfinance institutions in countries with higher levels of trust and more collectivist culture have lower operating and default costs and charge lower interest rates. These results provide the first large cross-country evidence that social beliefs are important determinants of microfinance performance.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Cultural Assimilation of Individualism and Preferences for Redistribution

Job Market Paper

I analyze the relationship between individualism and preferences for redistribution, using variation in immigrants' countries of origin to capture the impact of cultural values and beliefs on personal attitudes towards income redistribution and equality. Using global individual-level survey data for almost one million individuals (including 65,000 migrants) in a large number of countries around the world, I find strong support for the hypothesis that more individualistic cultures are associated with lower preferences for redistribution. At the same time, cultural assimilation in this dimension seems to take place relatively fast, where the impact of the destination culture starts to dominate the origin culture when an individual has lived as long in the country of destination as she did in her country of origin. Moreover, I find no statistically significant effect of the origin culture on an individual's preferences for redistribution if migration took place before the age of 10. The results are confirmed using a variety of robustness checks, including the grammatical rule of a pronoun drop as an instrumental variable.

Distributional National Accounts in the Welfare State: Sweden, 1930–2016 (with Paula ROTH, Daniel WALDENSTRÖM and Gabriel ZUCMAN)

This paper presents new evidence on the evolution of income and wealth inequality in Sweden since 1930. The basis for the analysis is the distributional national accounts (DINA) methodology and to match individual register data with macroeconomic totals from the national accounts and thereby compute new estimates of pre- and post-tax/transfer distributions of income and wealth in Sweden. The paper makes several contributions to the literature on income and wealth distribution. It is the first paper to apply the recent DINA methodology using full-population administrative registers that cover multi-decadal panels. This allows for an extensive scrutiny of a range of the assumptions and method approaches used in past DINA-studies of, e.g., inequality in the US and France. Furthermore, the paper will be the first one that studies the DINA series for a Scandinavian welfare state, Sweden, over its entire evolution since 1930.

Social Networks and Immigrant Integration (with Mounir KARADJA and Akib KHAN)

The purpose of this project is to provide causal evidence on the potential effects of social networks on immigrant integration. This is done through a collaboration with a non-profit organization in Sweden, which matches established and new Swedes together for informal meetings. The effects of these meetings will be measured through a randomized controlled trial, and a combination of surveys and register data.

The Swedish Income Distribution, 1968–2016 (with Paula ROTH and Daniel WALDENSTRÖM)

We provide new evidence on income inequality levels and trends in Sweden from 1968 to 2016. By combining data from tax and population registers, we construct a new dataset that includes the distribution of pre-tax total, post-tax disposable, labor and capital incomes for the full Swedish population since 1968. As such, we can also compare income inequality for both individuals and various household concepts. Our estimates extend Statistics Sweden's official inequality series based on full-population registers (2011–) by more than four decades.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Femtio år av global ojämlikhet: Har världen blivit mer eller mindre jämlik?

Ekonomisk Debatt 48(4): 5–12, 2020

WORKING PAPERS

Global Earnings Inequality, 1970–2015 (with Daniel WALDENSTRÖM)

CEPR Discussion Paper 12019, *IFN Working Paper* 1166, *IZA Discussion Paper* 10762, *Uppsala University Department of Economics Working Paper* 7, 2017

EDUCATION

<i>Ph.D. Student</i> , Department of Economics, Uppsala University	2013–
Expected Defence of Ph.D. Thesis (Opponent: Ingvild ALMÅS)	JUNE 2021
Final Seminar (Opponent: Andreas BERGH)	OCTOBER 2020
Supervisors: Daniel WALDENSTRÖM, Niklas BENGTTSSON	
<i>Visiting Ph.D.</i> , University of California, Berkeley (Host: Gabriel ZUCMAN)	SPRING 2020
<i>Visiting Ph.D.</i> , Columbia University, New York (Host: Wojciech KOPCZUK)	FALL 2017
Ph.Lic. Economics, Uppsala University (Opponent: Markus JÄNTTI)	SPRING 2017
M.Sc. Business and Economics, Lund University (Major: Economics)	2007–2012
Specialization: <i>Spanish Language and Culture</i> (Supervisor: Sonja OPPER)	
B.Sc. Development Studies, Lund University (Major: Political Science)	2009–2012
B.Sc. Politics and Economics, Lund University (Major: Economics)	2008–2011
Global Issues Programme, Universitas 21	2010–2011
Cours de Civilisation Française de la Sorbonne, Paris	FALL 2010
Exchange Program, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires	SPRING 2009
Spanish Language Courses, Mexico and Costa Rica	SPRING 2007
English Examination Program, Brisbane, Australia	SPRING 2006
Natural Science Programme, Katedralskolan, Linköping	2001–2004
Specialization: <i>Mathematics and Computer Science</i>	

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Uppsala Immigration Lab (UIL), Uppsala University	2020–
Affiliated Researcher, IMCHILD, NORFACE DIAL	2018–
Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN)	2017–
Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies (UCFS), Uppsala University	2017–
Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (UCLS), Uppsala University	2017–
Association of Swedish Development Economists (ASWEDE)	2014–

TEACHING

<i>Lecturer</i> , Economics of Development, Uppsala University	SPRING 2020
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Political Economics, Uppsala University	FALL 2018
<i>Seminar Teacher</i> , Principles of Micro- and Macroeconomics, Uppsala University	2014–2015

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

To Present Science in Words and Images (2 weeks), Uppsala University	FALL 2019
Supervising Students for Degree Projects (2 weeks), Uppsala University	SPRING 2019
Academic Teacher Training Course (5 weeks), Uppsala University	FALL 2016

PRESENTATIONS

2020: Junior Migration Seminar (Zoom), IMCHILD Online Workshop (Zoom), SUDSWEC (Uppsala), Webinar (Nationalekonomiska Föreningen/Zoom), UCLS Annual Virtual Meeting (Zoom), Internal Seminar (Uppsala/Zoom), EEA Virtual Congress (Zoom), IIPF Annual Congress (online), EALE SOLE AASLE World Conference (virtual), Scandinavian PhD Seminar (Zoom), PhD Workshop (Uppsala/Zoom), UCFS Study Group Meetings (Uppsala/Zoom), Public Finance Seminar (Berkeley), Economic History Lunch (Berkeley)

2019: Brown Bag Seminar (Uppsala), Political Economy Workshop (Uppsala), PHD Talk (Pareto), Doctoral Student Forum Workshop (Uppsala), EUDN PhD Workshop (Leuven), EALE Conference (Uppsala), UCLS 10-Year Anniversary Conference (Krusenberg), EEA-ESEM (Manchester), IIPF Annual Congress (Glasgow), RCYSS (Ratio), ifo Institute Conference (Warsaw), NCDE (Copenhagen), UCFS PhD Workshop (Uppsala), MicroWave Workshop (IIES), UCLS PhD Student Workshop (Uppsala), Housing and Society Seminar (IBF), Department Meeting (Uppsala), ASWEDE Conference (Uppsala), Brown Bag Seminar (Uppsala), Economics Seminar (Örebro), Development Economics Seminar (Gothenburg), Higher Seminar in Economics (Södertörn), UCLS Members Meeting (Uppsala), Winter School (Alba di Canazei)

2018: Brown Bag Seminar (Uppsala), Paris-Uppsala Workshop (PSE), MicroWave (IIES), International Workshop (LISER), IMCHILD Meeting (LISER), ASWEDE Workshop (SSE), National Conference in Economics (Växjö), Brown Bag Seminar (IFN), PhD Workshop (Uppsala), ASWEDE Conference (Uppsala)

2017: Early Stage Research Lunch (Uppsala), Stone Center Inequality Seminar Series (CUNY), Applied Micro Research Methods Colloquium (Columbia), Development Colloquium (SIPA), Brown Bag Seminar (IFN), Research Seminar (Uppsala), MicroWave (IIES)

2016: Research Seminar (Uppsala)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Doctoral Student, Department of Economics, Uppsala University	2013–
<i>Parental Leave (10 months)</i>	2019–2020
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Graduate Student, IFN, Stockholm	2019–
Junior Analyst, Oxford Research, Stockholm	2013–2014
Internship, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm	2012–2013
Task Force, EF Education, Barcelona, Spain	SUMMER 2010
Translator, Ordbogen.com, Malmö	2008–2009
Insurance Officer, SOS International, Copenhagen	SUMMER 2008
Warehouse Worker, Menigo Foodservice Norge, Oslo	SUMMER 2007
Security Inspector, Adecco Norge, Oslo Airport	FALL 2006
Waiter, Prego Pasta & Pizza and Hungry Jack's, Brisbane, Australia	SPRING 2006
Production Worker, GPG Norge, North Cape, Norway	2005–2006
Postman, Posten Sverige and Corren Distribution, Linköping	2004–2006
Salesman, Manpower Facility Management, Linköping	FALL 2004
Library Assistant, Rimforsa Bibliotek, Kinda kommun	SUMMER 2003
Archive Worker, Universitetssjukhuset Linköping, Landstinget Östergötland	SUMMER 2002

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Mentor, Ph.D. Student Association, Department of Economics, Uppsala	2016–
Member of the Board, Uppsala Economics Association, Uppsala	2014–
Treasurer and Member of the Board, Kompisbyrå, Stockholm	2014–2019
Team Leader, Lundakarnevalen, Lund	2010
Delegate, Student Council of LundaEkonomerna, Lund	2009–2010
Head of Committee and Member of the Board, Östgöta Nation, Lund	2008

COMPUTER SKILLS

GOOD: Stata, EViews, SPSS Statistics, Microsoft Office, L^AT_EX
BASIC: MATLAB, R, Python, ArcGIS, SAS, Java, HTML, Adobe Photoshop

LANGUAGES

FLUENT: Swedish, English, Spanish
GOOD: French, Norwegian, Danish
BASIC: Portuguese, German, Icelandic

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellowship for Internationalisation for PhD Students, Sylff (87 000 SEK)	2019–2020
Anna Maria Lundin's Travel Grant, Smålands Nation in Uppsala (241 000 SEK)	2017–2020
Annika and Gabriel Urwitz' Foundation (150 000 SEK)	2018–2019
Hedelius' Scholarship, Handelsbanken's Research Foundations (332 000 SEK)	2017
Nilsson-Aschan's Scholarship for Östgöta Nation (72 000 SEK)	2009–2012

REFEREEING

Journal of Economic Inequality (3), *Journal of Public Economics* (1)

PERSONAL DETAILS

NATIONALITY: Swedish BORN: September 17, 1985 FAMILY: Married, three children