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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. student, Institute for International Economic Studies, Expected Completion: June 2026

Visiting Ph.D. student, Paris School of Economics, 2023

Ph.D. student, Department of Economics, Stockholm University, 2020–2022

M.Sc. in Economics, Stockholm University, 2017–2019

B.Sc. in Economics, Stockholm University, 2014–2016

### **DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

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### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS**

Primary field: Health Economics.

Secondary fields: Behavioral Economics, Public Economics.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2017–18 Economics I Micro & Macro (Bachelor level), TA,  
2018 Math workshop (Bachelor level), TA, 2018  
2019 International economics (Bachelor level), TA  
2022 Econometrics II (Master level), TA, 2022

### **SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

2024 Research grant (with Monir Bounadi), Carl Mannerfelt Foundation, 30,950 SEK

## **REFeree ACTIVITIES**

Health Economics, EAYE Annual Meeting 2025.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

2019      Research assistant for Professor Mahmood Arai  
2022      Research assistant for Assistant Professor David Schönholzer  
2022–23    Local coordinator for European Network for Training in Economic Research  
2024–25    Student representative, Board of the Institute for International Economic Studies (IIES)

## **SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

SUDSWEC annual conference 2021, ASWEDE workshop 2021, SUDSWEC annual conference 2023, Paris School of Economics 2023, SWECOV 2023, ENTER Jamboree 2023, SUDSWEC annual conference 2024, Université Libre de Bruxelles 2024, Danish Historical Political Workshop 2025

## **RESEARCH PAPERS**

### **Adverse Health Events and Vaccine Hesitancy *with Svenja Miltner***

**Abstract:** This paper studies how previous experiences with adverse health events affect vaccine hesitancy. We use unique and nationwide Swedish register data on adverse drug reactions and vaccination uptake to examine how narcolepsy--a severe neurological disease linked to a vaccine deployed during the 2009 swine flu pandemic--affected immunization during the COVID-19 pandemic more than a decade later. In a stylized framework of selective memory, we propose that individuals inform unprecedented vaccine decisions using past similar experiences. We find that exposure to narcolepsy had a detrimental effect on immunization outcomes among affected individuals and their close family members. Neither high health literacy nor extensive prior healthcare contact moderates the effect, suggesting that even well-informed individuals revise their beliefs after serious side effects. We conclude that exposure to adverse events leaves a long-lasting impact on attitudes toward vaccines. The effects of exposure to adverse events are domain-specific: individuals rely most heavily on prior experiences that closely mirror the vaccination decision at hand when deciding whether to vaccinate. We extend the analysis to serious adverse events from all drugs and vaccines to quantify the social costs of routine adverse events on future vaccine uptake. Adverse reactions to non-vaccine drugs have only a negligible impact on the decision to vaccinate. In contrast, the effects from adverse events from other vaccines are large, underscoring how an additional severe vaccine-related adverse event decreases subsequent uptake of vaccines against infectious diseases. In the final part of the paper, we examine how exposure to adverse events affects uptake of routine childhood vaccinations. We find negative effects on these well-established vaccines, which we interpret not as experience-

based learning but as suggestive evidence of declining trust in the risk assessments communicated by public health authorities.

**The Costs of Narrative in Public Health: How Inaccurate Information Shapes Vaccine Hesitancy**

*with Anton Arbman Hansing and Svenja Miltner*

**Dynastic Human Capital, Ethnic Capital, and Intergenerational Mobility of Migrants**

*with Adrian Adermon, Mikael Lindahl, and Mårten Palme*

**The Great Reduction of 1680**

*with Monir Bounadi*