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POSITION

PhD Research Fellow, Department of Economics, University of Oslo

2021–present

Research on fiscal policy, wage formation, and fertility using Norwegian registry data. Advisor: Martin Blomhoff Holm. Expected PhD completion: autumn 2027 (position extended by parental leave).

EDUCATION

MA in Economics, University of Oslo

2017–2019

Coursework in public economics, monetary policy, statistics, and the PhD course in applied microeconometrics. Thesis on the employment effects of chatbots.

BA in International Studies, University of Oslo

2013–2017

Specialization in economics; thesis on Bitcoin and monetary theory.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Field of Study and Fertility

The causal effect of field of study on women's fertility timing, identified from admission cutoffs in Norway's centralized university admission system. Working paper coming soon.

Permanent Local Fiscal Multipliers (with Amund H. Kordt and Martin B. Holm)

Local government spending multipliers estimated from municipal fiscal shocks in Norwegian administrative data. Working paper coming soon.

Wage Determination and Coordination (with Amund H. Kordt)

The role of coordination in wage setting for aggregate outcomes; a minimal model tested on Norwegian and OECD data.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adviser, Norwegian Ministry of Finance

2019–2021

National budget work in the Budget Department, covering the portfolio of the Ministry of Education and Research; drafted and presented the ministry's assessments of budget proposals for government deliberation.

Part-time positions during studies

2015–2019

Research assistant, Monetary Policy Department, Norges Bank (2017–2019, contributed to the Monetary Policy Report); coordinator and speaker, NHO (2015–2017); journalist, Vårt Land and Universitas (2016–2017).

TEACHING

Seminar teaching, University of Oslo

2017, 2021–2026

Master's level: macroeconomics, monetary policy, econometrics, labor economics, and corporate governance. Bachelor's level: Macroeconomic Analysis and a bachelor thesis course in international studies.

SERVICE

Board member, Department of Economics, University of Oslo

2023–2027

Representing temporary academic staff.

LANGUAGES

Norwegian (native) · English (fluent) · German (proficient)