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INTERESTS

Inequality
Trade

Institutions
Development

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2023 – present **Assistant Professor** in Economic History – University of Gothenburg
- 2020 – 2022 **LSE Fellow** in African Economic History – London School of
Economic and Political Science
- 2019 – 2020 **Associate Senior Lecturer** and **Postdoctoral Researcher** in Economic
History – University of Gothenburg

EDUCATION

- 2019 **Ph.D.** Economic History – University of Gothenburg
Visiting researcher at Stellenbosch University – South Africa (2017)
- 2014 **M.Sc.** International Business and Trade (*Summa Cum Laude*) – University of
Gothenburg
Exchange studies at Thammasat University - Thailand (2013)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Galli, S., D. Theodoridis, and K. Rönnbäck (2024). Elite persistence and Inequality in the West Indies, 1760-1914. [*Explorations in Economic History*, 94\(2\)](#)
- Galli, S., K. Rönnbäck, and D. Theodoridis (2024). ‘Reconstructing a Slave Society: Building the DWI Panel, 1760-1914’. [*Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, 57\(3\), 163–184.](#)
- Rönnbäck, K. S. Galli, and D. Theodoridis (2024). ‘Numeracy and the legacy of slavery: Age-heaping in the Danish West Indies before and after emancipation from slavery, 1780s–1880s’. [*European Review of Economic History*](#) (Early view)
- Theodoridis, D., Rönnbäck, K. and S. Galli (2024). ‘The failed promise of freedom: Emancipation and wealth inequality in the Caribbean’. [*The Economic History Review*](#) (Early view)
- Galli, S., D. Theodoridis and K. Rönnbäck (2023). ‘Historical economic inequality in Latin America and Africa: Can a comparison of historical trajectories help to understand underdevelopment?’ [*Economic History of the Developing Regions*, 38\(1\), 41 - 64](#)
- Galli, S. (2022). ‘Socio-economic status and group belonging: Evidence from Early Nineteenth-century Colonial West Africa’. [*Social Science History*, 46\(2\), 349-372](#)
- Rönnbäck, K, O. Broberg and S. Galli (2022). ‘A Colonial Cash Cow: The Return on Investments in British Malaya, 1889-1969’. [*Cliometrica*, 16, 149-173](#)
- Galli, S. and K. Rönnbäck (2021). ‘Land distribution and inequality in a black settler colony: the case of Sierra Leone, 1792–1831’. [*The Economic History Review* 74\(1\), 115-137](#)

Most Downloaded/Cited Article 2021-2022 in EHR

CURRICULUM VITAE – STEFANIA GALLI

- Galli, S.** and K. Rönnbäck (2020). ‘Colonialism and Rural Inequality in Sierra Leone: An Egalitarian Experiment’. *European Review of Economic History* 24(3), 468-501
- Galli, S.** (2019) ‘Marriage Patterns in an Alleged Egalitarian Society: Evidence from Early Nineteenth-century Sierra Leone’. *The History of the Family* 24(4), 744-768
- Rönnbäck, K., S. Öberg and **S. Galli** (2019). ‘Working in the ‘White Man’s Grave’: Epidemiological Risk and Compensating Wage Differentials on the 18th century Gold Coast’. *Journal of Migration History* 5(3), 438-465

DATASETS

- Rönnbäck, K., **S. Galli**, and Theodoridis, D. (2024). ‘*The Danish West Indies Panel (Version 1) [Data set]*’. University of Gothenburg. Available at <https://doi.org/10.5878/kr6s-5y43>
- Rönnbäck, K., **S. Galli**, and Theodoridis, D. (2024). ‘*The Danish West Indies Panel (Version 2) [Data set]*’. University of Gothenburg. Available at <https://doi.org/10.5878/05g8-5n03>

DISSERTATION

- Galli, S.** (2019) *A Black Utopia? Social Stratification in Nineteenth Century colonial Sierra Leone*. Göteborg Studies in Economic History 22, 2019

WORKING PAPERS

- Galli, S.** (2024). The occupational structure of a peculiar colony: Sierra Leone and Freetown in 1831. *Göteborg Studies in Economic History*, 34
- Rönnbäck, K., **S. Galli**, D. Theodoridis, and K. F. Larsen (2024). The persistence of wealth: Economic inequality in a Caribbean slave colony in the very long- run. *Göteborg Studies in Economic History*, 35 (R&R Economic History of the Developing Regions)
- Rönnbäck, K., Theodoridis, D., and **S. Galli** (2024). Slavery, Resistance and Repression: a Quantitative Empirical Investigation. *Göteborg Studies in Economic History*, 38 (R&R Social Science History)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- S. Galli** and K. Rönnbäck. Inter- and Intra-generational mobility in post-emancipation West Indies – 1846 to 1914. Unpublished manuscript
- Abebe, B. and **S. Galli**. Female empowerment in modernizing Ethiopia: Evidence from marriage records, Addis Ababa 1943-1984. Unpublish manuscript.
- Absell C. and **S. Galli**. Who gained from the decline of British imperial preference? Unpublished manuscript

RESEARCH FUNDING AND EXPERIENCE

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| 2024 – present | Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, ca. €220 000 (SEK 2.2 mil), with Dr. Christopher Absell ‘ <i>Welfare Effects of Trade Policy Instruments (WETPOL)</i> ’ |
| 2024 – present | Magnus Bergvall stiftelse, ca. €8000 (SEK 80t). ‘ <i>Sticky persistence or fluid interactions? Exploring institutions “from below” and their long-term impacts on developmental outcomes in the Global South, 1800-2000</i> ’ |

CURRICULUM VITAE – STEFANIA GALLI

2024 – present	Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse, ca. €6000 (SEK 66t), ‘ <i>Gender inequality in West Africa over the long-run, 1800-2000</i> ’
2020 – 2022	Foundation for Economic Research in West Sweden, ca. €5000 (SEK 50t), with Dr. Per Hallén. ‘ <i>Wealth in life and death. Assessing the representativeness of historical sources for wealth distribution studies – A Pilot study</i> ’
2019 – 2023	Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse and Vetenskåpradet – Swedish Research Council, ca. €650 000 (SEK 6.6 mil), with Prof. Klas Rönnbäck and Dr. Dimitrios Theodoridis ‘ <i>Reversal of fortune or persistence of wealth? Institutions and wealth inequality in a Caribbean plantation economy, 1750s to 1917</i> ’
2017 – 2020	<u>AFCHOS -African comparative history of occupational structure</u> – PIs Gareth Austin and Leigh Shaw-Taylor, Cambridge University
2017 – 2018	Research Assistant – <i>Imperial Profits - The globalization of financial markets and the return on British investments in Africa during the colonial era</i> , PIs Prof. Klas Rönnbäck, Dr. Oskar Bröberg, funded by Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse, Stiftelsen för Ekonomisk Forskning i Västsverige, Malmstenska fonden

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022	LSE Class Teacher Awards – London School of Economics and Political Science	
2018	Adlerbertska Foundation – Travel Grant	€2000
	Internationalization grant, University of Gothenburg	€1500
2017	European Economic History Society - Conference bursary	€350
2016	Internationalization grant, University of Gothenburg	€ 700
	Helge Axelsson Johnson Foundation – Travel Grant	€1500
	Jan Wallanders and Tom Hedelius Foundation – Travel Grant	€6000
2015	Knut and Alice Walleberg Foundation – Travel grant	€ 500
	European Economic History Society – Conference bursary	€350
2014	Autostrada del Brennero – Best Master thesis award	€1500
	Elio Todeschi foundation – Award of merit	€300
2013	University of Trento – Award of merit	€2100

TALKS

2025 (forthcoming)	Universitat de Barcelona – Economic History Department (invited speaker) XX World Economic History Congress, Lund – session organizer ‘ <i>Gender in the Global South: the roots and consequences of gender inequality in developing countries</i> ’
2023	Universidad Carlos III – Social Science Department (invited speaker) European Economic History Society Conference, Vienna Swedish Economic History Meeting, Lund
2022	XIX World Economic History Congress, Paris Session co-organizer ‘ <i>Institutions, colonialism and the distribution of wealth and resources</i> ’

CURRICULUM VITAE – STEFANIA GALLI

2021	LSE – Cambridge African Economic History workshop Tel-Aviv University – Labour Studies Department (invited speaker)
2019	‘Africa and Latin America. A shared Economic History?’ Lund University ‘Political change, social mobility and wealth distribution in historical perspective’, Bocconi University
2018	VIII Annual Meeting of the African Economic History Network, Bologna XVIII World Economic History Congress, Boston
2017	European Economic History Society Conference, Tübingen Swedish Economic History Meeting, Stockholm
2016	African Studies Association Biennial Conference, Cambridge European Society for Historical Demography, Leuven VI African Economic History Network Meeting, Sussex University
2015	European Economic History Society Conference, Pisa African Economic History Network Meeting, Wageningen

ACADEMIC REFEREEING

The Economic History Review, European Review of Economic History, The Journal of African History, Economic History of the Developing Regions, The History of the Family, Routledge Inequality Studies Series, Business History

TEACHING EXPERIENCE *

2016 – present	Quantitative Methods (Basic, Intermediate, Advanced) Macroeconomics: Economic Growth, Development, Trade, Migration Topical courses: African Development, Scandinavian Development and Welfare, Gender inequality (PhD-level course)
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* *Lecturer, seminar leader, course coordinator unless otherwise stated*

SUPERVISION

2024/2025	1 Dissertation in Computer Science - Graduate
2023 – present	PhD supervisor: Giulia Martini – <i>Gender and Inequality in West Africa</i>
2022 – present	PhD supervisor: Bezawit Abebe – <i>Living Standards and Development in Ethiopia</i>
2021/2022	8 Dissertation in Economic History/Political Economy – Graduate 5 Dissertation in Economic History/Political Economy - Undergraduate
2020/2021	7 Dissertation in Economic History/Political Economy – Graduate 1 Dissertation in Economic History/Political Economy – Undergraduate
2019/2020	1 Dissertation in Political Science – Graduate
2018/2019	2 Dissertations in Economic History – Undergraduate

CURRICULUM VITAE – STEFANIA GALLI

LANGUAGE SKILLS

<i>Native</i>	<i>Fluent</i>	<i>Conversational</i>	<i>Limited proficiency</i>
Italian	English	Swedish Spanish	French German

SOFTWARES AND PLATFORMS PROFICIENCY

STATA, ArcGIS, R, Moodle, Canvas, Ladok

COMMUNITY INTERACTION

[Research for the World](#) – November 2021 Special Issue on Race Equity

[Q&A for LSE website](#) – Showcase research in economic history from the Economic History Dept. at LSE

[Our Long Walk blogpost: Econhist papers I \(mostly\) admire](#) – Prof. Johan Fourie Blog post, December 2023