

STEFANIA GALLI

Unit for Economic History
University of Gothenburg
stefania.galli@gu.se

[Research Gate](#)
[Google Scholar](#)
[personal website](#)

Socio-economic Inequality
Institutions

Trade
Development

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2023 – present **Assistant Professor** in Economic History – University of Gothenburg
- 2024 – present **Research Associate** – [Critical Ecology Lab](#) on *Ecological Scars of Plantation Slavery Initiative*
- 2020 – 2022 **LSE Fellow** in African Economic History – London School of Economic and Political Science (LSE)
Visiting researcher in Economic History – University of Gothenburg
- 2019 – 2020 **Postdoctoral Researcher and Associate Senior Lecturer** 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

- Rönnbäck, K. **S. Galli**, D. Theodoridis and K. F. Larsen (2025). Almost perfect inequality: Long-run evidence on wealth distribution from the Danish West Indies 1760-1914. [Chimetrica \(Early View\)](#)
- Rönnbäck, K., Theodoridis, D., and **S. Galli** (2025). Unsettling the slave master: resistance and transgressive behavior in a Caribbean slave colony. [Social Science History \(Early View\)](#)
- 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

CURRICULUM VITAE – STEFANIA GALLI

- 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** (cf. certificates attached)
- 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 [Data set]*’. University of Gothenburg. <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

WORK IN PROGRESS

- S. Galli.** 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
- Rönnbäck, K., Theodoridis, D., **S. Galli**, and K. Faust Larsen. The boom and bust of a sugar-rush economy: real estate prices on St. Croix, 1760s to 1860s (under review at *Slavery and Abolition*)

RESEARCH FUNDING AND EXPERIENCE

- | | |
|---------|---|
| 2026 – | Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse, SEK 1.993 mil, <i>Mapping Social Stratification in the Making of</i> |
| 2028 | <i>Modern Argentina, 1850–1900: a Micro-Level Analysis</i> (P25-0083). Principal Investigator |
| 2024 – | Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, SEK 2.2 mil, ‘ <i>Welfare Effects of Trade Policy Instruments (WETPOL)</i> ’ (P23- |
| present | 0059). Co-applicant |
| 2024 – | Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse, SEK 66 000, ‘ <i>Gender inequality in West Africa over the long-</i> |
| present | <i>run, 1800-2000</i> ’ (Fh23-0032). Sole applicant |

CURRICULUM VITAE – STEFANIA GALLI

- 2023 – Magnus Bergvall stiftelse, SEK 80 000. *‘Sticky persistence or fluid interactions? Exploring institutions “from below” and their long-term impacts on developmental outcomes in the Global South, 1800-2000’* (2021-04255). Sole applicant
- 2020 – Foundation for Economic Research in West Sweden, SEK 50 000, *‘Wealth in life and death. Assessing the representativeness of historical sources for wealth distribution studies – A Pilot study’*. Co-applicant
- 2022
- 2019 – Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse and Vetenskåpradet – Swedish Research Council, SEK 6.6 mil (2018-01840 and P18-0020). *‘Reversal of fortune or persistence of wealth? Institutions and wealth inequality in a Caribbean plantation economy, 1750s to 1917’*. Co-applicant
- 2023

GRANTS AND AWARDS

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

TALKS

2025 Universitat de Barcelona – Economic History Department (**invited speaker**); XX World Economic History Congress, Lund – session organizer *‘Gender in the Global South: the roots and consequences of gender inequality in developing countries’*, XX World Economic History Congress, Lund – contributor to sessions *‘Inequality and Social Mobility In The Long Run’*, *‘Power And Trade: The Political Roots Of Trade Interventions’*, *‘Denmark’s Imperial Identity: What Can Economic History Teach Us?’*. **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 *‘Institutions, colonialism and the distribution of wealth and resources’*. **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.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Historisk Tidskrift – Local editor

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, *Revista de Historia Industrial* – Industrial History Review, Discover Cities, Slavery & Abolition, Canadian Studies in Population, Explorations in Economic 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 (postgraduate course)
----------------	--

**Course responsible and examiner*

SUPERVISION

2025 – present	Assistant PhD supervisor: Shreeya Bhayana Assistant PhD supervisor: Brage Iyer Utne
2024 – 2025	1 Dissertation in Computer Science – Graduate 1 Dissertation in Economic History - Undergraduate
2023 – present	Assistant PhD supervisor : Giulia Martini – <i>Gender and Inequality in West Africa</i>
2022 – present	Assistant 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

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

SOFTWARE AND PLATFORM 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 from the Economic History Department at LSE

[Our Long Walk blogpost: Econhist papers I \(mostly\) admire](#) – December 2023

[Så kan vi minska studentfrånvaron](#) – Summary of research on Student Absenteeism at Göteborgs University