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RESEARCH INTEREST

Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy, Economics of Education, Economic History.

CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Researcher

2026–present

University of Gothenburg, Department of Economics

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Stockholm University

2026

Parental leave

2023, 2025

Visiting Fellow, Harvard University

2022–2023

MSc in Economics, Stockholm University

2019

BA in Economics, Stockholm University

2015

PAST EMPLOYMENT (SELECTION)

Political Advisor, Swedish Parliament

2017–2018

Research Assistant, IIES, Stockholm University

2016–2017

Trainee, Embassy of Sweden in Washington DC

2015–2016

PUBLICATIONS

Nibourel, C., & Folkestad, M. (2025). Starting young: How age limits shape political participation. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 87, 102672.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Female Teachers and the Emancipation of Women (with Monir Bounadi, IIES)

Wind Power and Veto Power (with Stephan Schneider, Caltech)

Redistributing school resources:

Evidence from a funding reform (with Lisa Laun, IFAU & Lena Hensvik, UU)

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant in Political Economics II, (PhD program), Stockholm University

2022, 2024

Teaching Assistant in Mathematics II, (PhD program), Stockholm University

2020, 2021

Teaching Assistant in Econometrics I, (Master's Program) at Stockholm University

2018

PRESENTATIONS

Female Teachers: The Roots of Women's Emancipation

Swedish Conference in Economics

Nov 2024

Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop

Jun 2024

IOG–BFI Summer Conference	Jun 2024
Harvard Political Economy Tea	Apr 2023

Wind Power and Veto Power

IFN Brown Bag	Sep 2024
IIES Brown Bag	Sep 2024

Does Money Matter? The Impact of a Redistributive School Funding Formula on School Spending and Student Outcomes

IIES Brown Bag	May 2021
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Preschool or Parental Care? The Effect on School Performance at Age Sixteen: Evidence from a Swedish Childcare Reform

IIES Brown Bag	Apr 2020
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GRANTS

Stiftelsen Carl Mannerfelts fond	2021, 2025
Stiftelsen Karl Staaffs fond	2021

AFFILIATION

Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies, Uppsala University.

TECHNICAL

Python, Stata, R, GIS, $\text{\LaTeX}$

LANGUAGE

Swedish (native), English (fluent), Russian (beginner).