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EDUCATION

Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden - *PhD Programme in Sociological Demography*

SEPTEMBER 2023 →

I am currently in my first year of PhD studies in Sociological Demography. Given the programme's interdisciplinary nature, the combination of different disciplines to the study of demography is encouraged. My main focus is the intersection of demography and sociology, and my interest lies in topics regarding labour market transformation in relation to demographic processes, especially migration and fertility. In my research I also apply a life course perspective.

Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden - *Multidisciplinary Master's Programme in Demography*

SEPTEMBER 2021 - AUGUST 2023

I have recently finished my master's degree in demography at Stockholm University. In the programme, we look at the significant future challenges related to the changing structure of future populations, including fertility, mortality and migration.

Lund University, Lund, Sweden—*Bachelor's Degree in Sociology*

SEPTEMBER 2017 - JUNE 2020

I did my bachelor's degree in sociology at Lund University, graduating in the spring of 2020. During my studies in sociology, I focused on class, gender and ethnicity. Additionally, I studied development studies, economic history, political science and demography.

Universidade Estadual Paulista, São Paulo, Brazil — *Exchange*

JANUARY 2019 - JUNE 2019

In the spring term of 2019, I was on exchange in Brazil. In Brazil, I studied Brazilian economic history, Brazilian political history, social movements in Latin America and afro-Brazilian anthropology. The exchange was one of the most valuable academic experiences, giving me new insights and a more critical perspective.

THESIS PROJECTS

Doctoral Thesis in Sociological Demography

My doctoral research project focuses on the effects of labour market and employment uncertainty on fertility behaviour and intentions. I am especially interested in comparing the effects across migrants, children of immigrants and the native (Nordic) population. My research also includes a gender aspect – I am interested in studying how employment uncertainty and unemployment affect the childbearing and family planning of men and women differently depending on their background.

Master's Thesis in Demography

I wrote my master's thesis about the effect of precarious employment on fertility intentions, comparing migrants to the Swedish-born population, using the Swedish GGS-II. The thesis contributes both to the growing research of understanding the effect of subjective perceptions of uncertainty to fertility intentions, and to the field of migrant fertility intentions that have received little attention in academia. I received the highest grade (A) for my thesis, which can be found in this link.

Bachelor's Thesis in Sociology

I wrote my bachelor's thesis on the Finnish discourse of low fertility in the year 2019 when fertility was extremely low, spurring media attention. In the study I analysed the representations and framings of fertility, and the underlying norms, assumptions, power-structures and silences in the dominant fertility discourse in the news using discourse analytical tools. The central findings of the thesis were that despite its plurality, the Finnish fertility discourse was dominantly pronatalist, representing the increase of fertility as a necessity for the national economy, using the rhetoric of concern and fear to support this depiction. A nationalistic concern about the future of the Finnish nation persisted, too - fertility was understood as a public matter, a question of the nation. Furthermore, the discourse was predominantly gendered - women were seen to be responsible for reproduction. I received the highest grade (VG) for my thesis.

CONFERENCES

The Inequality of Uncertainty Conference, Bologna, Italy

OCTOBER 2023

Presentation of my Master's Thesis titled "Impact of a Precarious Employment Situation on Short-term Fertility Intentions: A Comparative Study of Migrants and Natives in Sweden".

Fertility and Family Dynamics in Migrant and Minority Groups, Wiesbaden, Germany

OCTOBER 2023

Presentation of my Master's Thesis titled "Impact of a Precarious Employment Situation on Short-term Fertility Intentions: A Comparative Study of Migrants and Natives in Sweden".

INTERNSHIPS, POSTS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND WORK EXPERIENCE

The Swedish Forum for Human Rights, Stockholm, Sweden — *Internship*

JANUARY 2021 - JUNE 2021

During the spring of 2021, I did an internship at the Swedish Forum for Human Rights, which is Scandinavia's most prominent venue for inspiration, debates, professional development and networking in the area of human rights. As an intern, my primary responsibilities were doing research and preparatory work for the upcoming conference under the theme of Human Rights and Democracy, planning and organising the live broadcast from the digital conference in Uppsala in April, and assisting with a large-scale grant application.

Tjejjouren i Lund, Lund, Sweden — *Chairwoman*

MARCH 2020 - MARCH 2021

The non-profit organisation Tjejjouren i Lund supports young women and trans people through chat and hotline and organises lectures and events. After being an active volunteer for several years, I was chosen to be the organisation's chairwoman in the spring of 2020. I was in charge of the organisation's outreach activities, such as publicity and marketing, lectures and activities, and networking and collaborations. During my term, I was also hired to work with a social media project to market our support services to young crime victims and spread information about their rights.

Amnesty International, Helsinki—*Interpreter, Translator*

AUGUST 2019 - DECEMBER 2019

First volunteering as an interpreter for the Salvadoran human rights activist Maria Teresa Rivera during the visit of the international women human rights defenders (WDHRs) in Helsinki. Later in the fall I was hired to translate and summarise her statements for the Amnesty report.

SKILLS

Language skills – First language Finnish, fluent in Swedish, English, Spanish and Portuguese

Statistical software – Stata, R, SPSS, Pajek

Quantitative methods
- ❖ Advanced applications of linear regression (such as interactions, transformations, marginal effects, testing hypothesis, decomposition methods, measurement errors), linear regression extensions (multilevel and panel data models), as well as models for discrete outcomes (binary, ordered and multinomial logit)
- ❖ Event-history analysis, univariate and multivariate (regression) methods for analysis of duration (event-history) data, data management skills that are specific to conducting event-history analysis
- ❖ Using, presenting and interpreting basic demographic methods, including the life table, standardisation, and population forecasting
- ❖ Network analysis

Qualitative methods
- ❖ Especially discourse, text and media analysis
- ❖ Systematic reviews

Creative and analytical – I am both artistically and academically creative, I have the ability to identify and define problems, think logically and use my theoretical knowledge

Independent teamplayer – I work efficiently on my own and carry my responsibility but enjoy working in a dialogue with others, bouncing ideas off each other