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Why are there such large inequalities in health and survival, and how have these changed over the last decades, or even centuries? I study these questions from the perspective of the family, using population registers and survey data. I study indicators such as lifespan, cause-specific mortality, reproductive outcomes, stature, and morbidity. My research has been supported by the European Research Council (ERC Starting Grant), FORTE (the Swedish Research Council for Health, Working life and Welfare) and Riksbankens Jubileumsfonden. I also teach courses in Economic History and Historical Demography.

Academic positions

Centre for Economic Demography, Department of Economic History, Lund University, Sweden
 From 2025 Senior Lektor (Associate professor, tenured)
 2022 - 2025 Biträdande Lektor (Assistant professor on the tenure track)
 2019 – 2022 Postdoctoral Researcher, Researcher

Family History and Historical Demography, Department of History, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands
 2014 – 2019 Doctoral candidate

Population Science, Huntsman Cancer Centre, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, US
 2017 / 03-06 Visiting researcher

Career breaks

2023–24 7 months parental leave

Academic degrees

2023 Docent (Associate Professor, *ius promovendi*), Economic History, Lund University
 2019 Ph.D., History. Radboud University. Dissertation: Death and the Family
 Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Angelique Janssens & Prof. Dr. Jan Kok
 2014 M.Sc., Sociology. Radboud University. *Cum laude*
 2012 B.Sc., Sociology. Radboud University

Publication metrics

14 peer-reviewed publications, 2 chapters, 377 citations, H-index 9, i10-index 9 (Google Scholar, November '24)

Funding (selection; **As Principal Investigator**)

My active projects are Relative Health (European Research Council - ERC Starting Grant, 2025-2030) and Short Lived Equality (Forte, 2025-2028). My research has also been funded by Riksbankens Jubileumsfonden (2021) and other funding agencies.

****2024**** **Relative Health: Long-Run Inequalities in Health and Survival Between Families and Across Generations.** European Research Council Starting Grant (ERC StG) (1.5m EUR)
****2024**** **Short-Lived Equality? Intergenerational persistence of survival and SES, Sweden 1850-today.** Forte Project Grant 2025-2028. Co-applicants Luciana Quaranta and Gabriel Brea Martinez. 5 million SEK (435.000EUR)
 2024 **Birth Inequity: Legacies of Colonial Maternal Health and Child Welfare Services in Africa.** PI Jeanne Cilliers. Co-applicants Jutta Bolt & me. 4.8 million SEK (420.000EUR)
 2023 **The Great Leap: Multidisciplinary approaches to health inequalities, 1800-2022.** EU COST Action. PI Janssens. Role: Management Committee for Sweden

- **2022** Long Live the Family: The Rise of Familial Health Advantages in Sweden 1813-2022.** Crafoord Foundation (Crafoordska Stiftelse). 1.8m SEK (160.000eur)
- **2021** An Age-Old Advantage? Healthy aging in two centuries of Swedish and Dutch long-lived families (1813-2021).** Bank of Sweden Foundation (Riksbankens Jubileumsfonden). Co-applicant: Niels van den Berg, LUMC Netherlands. 4m SEK (360.000eur)

Supervision at the PhD level

Main supervisor of Isa Barraclough, 2022 – 2026 (expected). Assistant supervisor: Martin Dribe. Topic: Intergenerational persistence of health and mortality in Sweden 1850 – 2022.

Presentations (selection)

2025 Invited seminar, GENPOP, University of Bologna, IT
 2025 Invited seminar and research stay, CEDAR, Umeå, SWE
 2024 Invited seminar, “Relative Health”, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, SWE
 2023 Invited seminar “Family Differences in Health and Mortality”, Norwegian Institute for Public Health, Oslo, NO
 2023 Keynote lecture “Changes in Health and Mortality from a Family Perspective”. ESHD conference, Nijmegen, NL
 2021 Invited seminar. ESHD digital seminar series

Positions of trust

2024 – today HisPeR Historical Person Registry in Denmark, Social Science Advisory Research Panel
 2024 – today Generations and Gender Program (GGP) steering committee Sweden
 2023 – today Management Committee of the COST Action ‘The Great Leap’

PhD opponent and thesis committee tasks

- Dissertation Examination Committee of Dr. Baojing Li, Public Health Sciences, Stockholm University (2025)
- Dissertation Examination Committee & Opposition Committee of Dr. Thompson, Health Economics, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands (2022)

Awards and honours

2021 Interstellar Initiative for early career researchers on healthy ageing. Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED) and the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS). Declined
 2021 Best Poster Award at the Conference of the PAA (with Quaranta and Nilsson)
 2019 Graduate School of the Humanities Radboud University Nijmegen Dissertation Award

Teaching

2019 – 2025 Lund University

From 2025 Ekonomisk historia: Teori och metod (Bachelor, instructor)
 From 2023 Advanced Topic in Economic Demography: Family and Health (Master). Coordinating lecturer
 From 2023 Research Design (Bachelor, instructor)
 From 2021 Master thesis examination (8 theses)
 From 2020 Master thesis supervision (11 theses)
 From 2020 Population and Living Standard (Master). Lecturer (2020-22), coordinating lecturer (2023-24)
 2024 Bachelor thesis supervision (2 theses)
 2024 Bachelor thesis examination (4 theses)
 2022 Consequences of Demographic Change, lecturer
 2020 Econometrics II, coordinating lecturer
 2020 Econometrics I, examination

Peer-reviewed publications

- 2024 **Van Dijk**, Nilsson & Quaranta. [Disease exposure in infancy affects women's reproductive outcomes and offspring health in southern Sweden 1905–2000](#). *Social Science & Medicine*, 347 (116767)
- 2023 Hedefalk, **Van Dijk** & Dribe. [Childhood neighborhoods and cause-specific adult mortality in Sweden 1939-2015](#). *Health & Place*, 84 (103137)
- 2023 Van den Berg, Rodriguez-Gironde, **Van Dijk**, Beekman & Slagboom. [Increasing levels of ancestral mortality reveal up to 13 year healthspan differences and beneficial metabolomics profiles](#). *Nature Communications*, 14 (4518)
- 2023 Quanjer, **Van Dijk** & Rosenbaum-Feldbrügge. [Short Lives. The impact of parental death on early life mortality and height in the Netherlands 1860-1940](#). *Demography*, 60 (1): 255-279
- 2022 Rijpma, **Van Dijk**, Schalk, Zijdemán & Mourits. [Unequal excess mortality during the Spanish Flu pandemic in the Netherlands](#). *Economics and Human Biology*, 47 (101179)
- 2021 **Van Dijk** & Kok. [Kept in the Family. Remarriage with Kin among Widows and Widowers in the Netherlands 1812 – 1937](#). *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. 52 (3): 313–349
- 2021 **Van Dijk**, Van den Berg, Mourits. [Maternal Age and Child Reproductive Success](#). *Historical Life Course Studies* 10(3): 112-118
- 2021 **Van Dijk**, Van den Berg, Mourits, Slagboom, Janssens, Mandemakers. [Families in Comparison: An individual-level comparison of life course and family reconstructions between population and vital event registers](#). *Population Studies*. 75 (1): 91-110
- 2019 Van den Berg, Rodriguez-Gironde, **van Dijk**, Mourits, Janssens, Mandemakers, Beekman, Smith, Slagboom. [Longevity defined as top 10% survivors and beyond is transmitted as a quantitative genetic trait](#). *Nature Communications*, 10 (35)
- 2019 **Van Dijk**, Janssens, Smith. [The Long Harm of Childhood: Childhood Exposure to Mortality and Subsequent Risk of Adult Mortality in Utah and the Netherlands](#). *European Journal of Population* 35(5): 851-871
- 2019 **Van Dijk**. [Mortality Clustering in Families: A Review of the Literature](#). *Population Studies*, 73(1), 79-99
- 2018 **Van Dijk** & Mandemakers. [Like mother, like daughter: Intergenerational transmission of infant mortality clustering in Zeeland 1833 – 1912](#). *Historical Life Course Studies*, 7(2), 28-46
- 2015 Thijs, **van Dijk**, Stoof & Notten. [Adolescent problem behaviour: The gender gap in European perspective](#). *European Journal of Criminology*, 12, 5, 598-615
- 2014 Thijs, **van Dijk**, Stoof & Notten. [Gendersverschillen en deviant gedrag](#). *Mens & Maatschappij*, 89, 3, 305-335

Book chapters, database, data, code books, dissertation

- 2024 **Van Dijk**, Lazuka & Quaranta. [Maternal and infant health development in southern Sweden, 1905-2015: Understanding the role of institutions and medical innovations](#). In: *Urban Lives*, edited by Dribe, Nilsson & Tegunimataka. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Book chapter (peer reviewed)
- 2024 **Van Dijk** & Dribe. [A Healthy Marriage? Emerging Marital Status Differences in Mortality in Scania, 1815 – 2015](#). In: *Urban Lives*, edited by Dribe, Nilsson & Tegunimataka. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Book chapter (peer reviewed)
- 2022 Rijpma, **Van Dijk**, Schalk, Zijdemán & Mourits. [HSNDB index: occupational exposure to infectious disease](#). IISG Amsterdam. Code
- 2020 Mourits, **Van Dijk** & Mandemakers. [From LINKS to database](#). *Historical Life Course Studies* 9, 46-69. Code book, code
- 2020 Mandemakers, Hornix, Mourits, Muurling, Boter, **Van Dijk**, Maas, van de Putte, Zijdemán, Lambert, van Leeuwen, van Poppel and Miles. [HSN standardized, HISCO-coded and classified occupational titles, HSN release 2020.02](#), IISG Amsterdam. Code book, code