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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Primary**  
Applied Microeconomics; Economics of Education, Public Policy and Inequality  
**Secondary**  
Behavioral Economics

## EDUCATION

**PhD in Economics**, University of Oslo 2017-2024 (expected)  
Visiting: Humboldt University and WZB 1/1919-11/1919  
Maternity leave: 4/2020-12/2020 and 5/2022-12/2022  
**Master of Research**, Political Economy, University of Essex 2014-2016

## WORKING PAPERS

*It's All About What You Learn. Isolating the Human Capital Component in the Returns to Higher Education.* Job Market Paper  
*Excessive Pay is Not About the Numbers. How Power Abuse Erodes Inequality Acceptance.* With Tora Knutsen  
Working paper

## WORK IN PROGRESS

*How to Get a Welfare State. Political Competition as a Driving Force for Welfare Benefits.* Working paper  
*Paternal Leave Quotas, Work Sharing in the Family and the Child Penalty.* Work in progress

## TEACHING

**Lectures** University of Oslo  
“Incentives and Motivation”, Behavioural economics. ECON3810  
Spring 2020, 2021 and 2023  
**Seminars** University of Oslo  
“Poverty and Distribution in Developing Countries” ECON1910  
Spring 2020 and 2021  
“Statistics 1” ECON2310  
Spring 2018  
**Teaching Assistant** University of Essex  
“Comparative Political Analysis” Spring 2016 “Scientific Reasoning in the Social Sciences” Fall 2015

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

**2023** EEA-ESEM Barcelona, Handelshøyskolen BI Seminar, UiO Seminar, OsloMet Development Economics Group, UiO Applied Lunch, UiO and BI PhD Initiative, ISF Centre for Social Research Seminar; **2022** Berlin Experimental Economics Joint Seminar Series, Frisch Centre Seminar, UiO and BI PhD Initiative; **2021** NHH and FAIR Centre Pizza and Presentations, BI Internal Seminar, UiO and BI PhD Initiative; **2018-2020** Copenhagen Business School Emerging Scholars Day, Humboldt University Historical Economics Seminar, NHH and FAIR Centre, WZB Behavioural Economics Seminar, NTNU Nordic Welfare Development Symposium, Bergen Trygdeforskningsseminaret, Norges Forskermøte.

**EXPERIENCE**      **Junior Technical Officer**      International Labor Organization (ILO)  
Geneva      2016-2017  
Role: Advisor on conducting RCT-based impact evaluations of youth-focused active labour market programs.

**Research assistant**      Centre for Social Policy Research  
University of Bremen      2012-2014

**AWARDS AND GRANTS**      **Arne Skaugs Fund**      2020  
Statistics Norway. 50 000 NOK

**Norwegian Research Council project 10152**      2019  
Institute for Social Reseach. 50 000 NOK  
Research grants for experiment. Results in paper with Tora Knutsen

**ReNEW Mobility Grant**      2019  
Visit to HU Berlin

**Carlo Schmid Fellowship**      2016-2017

German National Exchange Service

**Student Fellowship**      2010-2016

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

**PRE-DOC PUBLICATIONS**      Bauch, Jonas, Paul Dyer, Drew Gardiner, Jochen Kluge and Sonja Kovacevic. “The Impact of Skills Training on the Financial Behaviour, Employability, and Educational Choices of Young People: Findings from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Morocco”, 2017, *International Labour Organization*.

Obinger, Herbert and Sonja Kovacevic. “Soziale Kriegsrüstung: Militär und die Anfänge des Wohlfahrtsstaates in der k.u.k. Monarchie”, *Politische Vierteljahresschrift* 57.1 (2016): 116-146.

**PERSONAL**      Languages: *English, German, Norwegian, French*  
Citizenship: German. Residence: Norway

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