

JAN BIETENBECK

– November 2020 –

Department of Economics
Lund University
P.O. Box 7080
220 07 Lund, Sweden

Web: <http://www.janbietenbeck.com>
Email: mail@janbietenbeck.com
Phone: +46 46-222 86 53

Academic Employment

2015 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Lund University

Further Academic Affiliations

2019 – present Affiliate, CESifo Network
2017 – present Research Fellow, DIW Berlin
2017 – present Research Fellow, IZA Institute of Labor Economics
2017 – present Member of the Standing Field Committee for Economics of Education, German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik)

Education

2011 – 2015 Ph.D. in Economics, CEMFI, Madrid, Spain
Visiting Ph.D. student at MIT during the spring of 2013
2009 – 2011 M.Sc. in Economics and Finance, CEMFI, Madrid, Spain
2008 – 2009 M.Sc. in Economics, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
2004 – 2007 B.A. in European Studies, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
Visiting student at the University of Bologna during the fall of 2006

Research: Publications and Working Papers

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- “The Long-Term Impacts of Low-Achieving Childhood Peers: Evidence from Project STAR”
Journal of the European Economic Association, 18(1), 392-426, 2020
- “The Effect of Working Hours on Health”
Economics and Human Biology, 39, article 100901, 2020
(with Inés Berniell)
Special mention of the [Premio ANCE Julio H. G. Olivera 2019](#)
- “Birth Weight and Vulnerability to a Macroeconomic Crisis”
Journal of Health Economics, 66, 136-144, 2019
(with Prashant Bharadwaj, Petter Lundborg, and Dan-Olof Rooth)
- “Preschool Attendance, Schooling, and Cognitive Skills in East Africa”
Economics of Education Review, 73, article 101909, 2019
(with Sanna Ericsson and Fredrick M. Wamalwa)
- “Africa’s Skill Tragedy: Does Teachers’ Lack of Knowledge Lead to Low Student Performance?”
Journal of Human Resources, 53(3), 553-578, 2018 (lead article)
(with Marc Piopiunik and Simon Wiederhold)
Winner of the [ifo Institute Research Prize 2018](#)

“Teaching Practices and Cognitive Skills”

Labour Economics, 30, 143-153, 2014

Winner of the [IEA Bruce H. Choppin Memorial Award 2012](#)

Winner of the [UAM-Accenture Award in Economics and Management of Innovation 2011](#)

Working Papers

“Tuition Fees and Educational Attainment”

Working Paper, September 2020

(with Jan Marcus and Felix Weinhardt)

“Own Motivation, Peer Motivation, and Educational Success”

Working Paper, November 2020

“New Evidence on the Importance of Instruction Time for Student Achievement on International Assessments”

Working Paper, September 2020

(with Matthew Collins)

Awards and Honors

2011 – 2019 Winner of several [best paper awards](#), see Research section above

2018 Berge Stipendiat (young faculty award at the Department of Economics at Lund)

2017 Prize for the Best Dissertation in Economics of Education 2015/16, German Economic Association (Bildungsökonomischer Ausschuss, Verein für Socialpolitik)

Grants and Scholarships

2020 – 2023 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse samt Tore Browaldhs stiftelse: “The Causal Determinants of International Differences in Student Achievement”
Principal Investigator; amount: 1,032,000 SEK

2019 – 2021 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse samt Tore Browaldhs stiftelse: “Organization of Workshops in the Copenhagen-Lund Education Network”
Main applicant together with Petra Thiemann; amount: 158,000 SEK

2012 – 2018 Several smaller research and travel grants from Stiftelsen Partnerskap (Lund), Stiftelsen för främjande av ekonomisk forskning (Lund), Stiftung Geld und Währung (Frankfurt)

2015 – 2021 Tore Browaldh stipend, Handelsbankens forskningsstiftelserna, Stockholm

2011 – 2015 Predoctoral research grant, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation

2009 – 2011 Scholarship for the Master in Economics and Finance program, CEMFI, Madrid

Presentations

Invited Seminar Talks (after Job Market)

2021 Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

2020 IFN Stockholm (Zoom), Universidad Nacional de la Plata (Zoom)

2019 University of Zurich, SOFI Stockholm, ifo Center for the Economics of Education

2018 University of Groningen, Tinbergen Institute

2017 University of Copenhagen, DIW Berlin, Fundación Europea Sociedad y Educación Madrid, University of Glasgow

- 2016 University of Duisburg-Essen, RWI Essen
 2015 LMU Munich, Uppsala University

Conferences and Workshops

- 2020 EALE / SOLE / AASLE World Conference, IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education, CESifo Area Conference on the Economics of Education
 2019 South Africa Sweden University Forum (Stellenbosch), Arne Ryde Workshop on the Economics of Education (Lund), “Future of Labor” workshop (ESMT Berlin)
 2018 Standing Field Committee for Economics of Education (Bern), CSAE (Oxford), Lund-VIVE Workshop in Applied Economics, EALE (Lyon), SAEe (Madrid)
 2017 RES (Bristol), KORA Workshop on Public Policies and Health (Copenhagen), Essen Health Conference, Copenhagen Education Network, SAEe (Barcelona)
 2016 RES (Sussex), Copenhagen Education Network, SOLE (Seattle), Lund-Copenhagen Workshop in Applied Economics, ESPE (Berlin)
 2014 IZA Summer School (Buch am Ammersee), SOLE (Arlington), EALE (Ljubljana), SAEe (Palma de Mallorca), Econometric Society EWM (Madrid)
 2013 SOLE (Boston), EALE (Turin)

Policy Talks

- 2017 “Evaluating Teacher Quality”
 Fundación Europea Sociedad y Educación and Fundación Ramón Areces, Madrid
 2013 “Teaching Practices and Cognitive Skills”
 Spanish Ministry of Education (part of the Congreso PIRLS-TIMSS), Madrid

Supervision and Teaching Experience (all at Lund University)

- 2016 – present Co-supervisor of Ph.D. students:
 • current: Matthew Collins, Jonas Lundstedt, Linn Mattisson, Devon Spika
 • past: Thomas Hofmarcher (defended 2019, working at IHE Lund)
 2016 – present Supervision of 15+ master's theses in empirical microeconomics
 2020 – present Advanced Labor Economics (graduate course; part on human capital)
 2016 – present Advanced Health Economics (graduate course)
 2015 – 2019 Intermediate Health Economics (undergraduate course)

Refereeing of Journal Articles

25+ articles for Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, European Economic Review, Labour Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society

Organization of Workshops

- Co-organizer of the Copenhagen Education Network workshop at Lund University, March 2020
 Organizer of the Arne Ryde Workshop in Economics of Education at Lund University, June 2019
 Co-organizer of the Copenhagen Education Network workshop at Lund University, March 2018

Service to the Department and the University (all at Lund University)

- 2019 – present Program Director for the MSc in Economics
- 2020 Postdoctoral Hiring Committee at the Department of Economics
- 2019 – 2020 Minor Field Studies program: evaluator of proposals at the Department of Economics and Faculty representative on the university-wide evaluation committee

Media Coverage

Germany: Tagesspiegel, Magazin SCHULE; Spain: El Mundo, ABC, Nada es Gratis; online: the Conversation

Language Skills

German (native); English, Italian, Spanish, Swedish (fluent); Dutch, French (some)