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PROFILE

I am a Research Fellow at the Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN). My research in labor economics aims to provide clear insights into the dynamics of work, firms, and markets in a changing economy. By combining empirical analysis with a focus on policy relevance, I examine questions ranging from how corporate ownership and technological change affect labor-market outcomes to the broader forces shaping structural transformations in the labor market and the economy at large.

CURRENT AND PAST POSITIONS

- 2012– Research Fellow, Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN)
- 2009– Affiliated, Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU)
- 2015–2017 Scientific Advisor, Swedish Social Insurance Agency, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2011–2013 Visiting Researcher, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey

DEGREES

- 2025 Associate Professor (Docent) in Economics, Stockholm University
- 2012 Ph.D. in Economics, Department of Economics, Stockholm University
- 2005 M.Sc. in Economics, Department of Economics, Stockholm University

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Olsson, M., and J. Tåg, (2025). “What is the Cost of Privatizations for Workers?”. *The Journal of Finance*. Vol. 80, No. 4, 2107-2151.
- Ichino, A., Olsson, M., Petrongolo, B., and P. Skogman Thoursie (2025). “Taxes, Childcare and Gender Identity Norms”. *Journal of Labor Economics*. Forthcoming.

- Adermon, A., Laun, L., Lind, P., Olsson, M., Sauermann, J. and A. Sjögren (2024). “Earnings Losses and the Role of the Welfare State During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from Sweden”. *Review of Income and Wealth*, Vol. 70, No. 3, 267–408.
- Norbäck, P-J., Olsson, M., and L. Persson, (2021). “Talent Development and Labour Market Integration in European Football”. *The World Economy*, Vol. 44, No. 3, 367–408.
- Olsson, M., and J. Tåg (2018). “Are Foreign Private Equity Buyouts Bad for Workers?”. *Economics Letters*, Vol. 172, 1–4.
- Olsson, M., and J. Tåg (2017). “Private Equity, Layoffs and Job Polarization”. *Journal of Labor Economics*, Vol. 33, No. 3, 697–754.
- Olsson, M. (2017). “Direct and Cross Effects of Employment Protection – The Case of Parental Childcare”. *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, Vol. 119, No. 4, 1105–1128.
- Olsson, M., and P. Skogman Thoursie (2015). “Sickness Insurance and Spousal Labour Supply”. *Labour Economics*, Vol. 33, 41–54.
- Olsson, M., (2009). “Employment Protection and Sickness Absence”. *Labour Economics*, Vol. 16, No. 2, 208–221.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Olsson, M. and J. Tåg (2024). “From Wall Street to Work Floor: How Private Equity Buyouts Affect Workers”. In B. Broughman & E. de Fontenay (eds.), *Research Handbook on the Structure of Private Equity and Venture Capital*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing. Forthcoming.

WORKING PAPERS

- Gardberg, M., Heyman, F., Olsson, M. and J. Tåg (2025). “AI and Gender Inequality”, mimeo.
- Gunnarsson, E., Kärnä, A., Olsson, M., and L. Persson (2023). “Family Firms: In All Shapes and Sizes”. IFN Working Paper, No. 1461.
- Heyman, F., and M. Olsson (2022). “Long-Run Effects of Technological Change: The Impact of Automation and Robots on Intergenerational Mobility”. IFN Working Paper, No. 1443.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Olsson, M and J. Tåg (2025). “Hur påverkas företag och anställda av privatisering”. *Ekonomisk Debatt*, Vol. 53, No. 4, 21-32.
- Gardberg, M, F. Heyman, M. Olsson and J. Tåg (2024). “Exponering mot generativ AI i Sverige – en kartläggning”. *Ekonomisk debatt*, Vol. 52, No. 6. 17-32.

- Adermon, A., Laun, L., Lind, P., Olsson, M., Sauermann, J. and A. Sjögren (2022). "Coronapandemin, arbetsinkomsterna and välfärdssystemets skyddsgrad. Befolkningens inkomstutveckling under 2020". Underlagsrapport till SOU 2022:10 Sverige under pandemin. Stockholm: Coronakommissionen.
- Kärnä, A., Müller, D., Norbäck, P.-J., Olsson, M., and L. Persson (2022). "Familjeföretagens betydelse för motståndskraften och omställningskraften i näringslivet". Ekonomisk Debatt, Vol. 50, No. 7, 14–26.
- Bjuggren, C.-M., Olsson, M., and P., Skedinger (2018). "Turordningsregler – lagstiftning med konsekvenser eller spel för gallerierna?", Ekonomisk Debatt, Vol. 3, No. 3, 5–16.
- Olsson, M., and J. Tåg (2017). "Påverkar riskkapitalinvesteringar anställda och samhällsekonomin?", Ekonomisk Debatt, Vol. 45, No. 8, 26–36.
- Olsson, M. (2009). "Ökar anställningsskyddet sjukfrånvaron?", Ekonomisk Debatt, Vol. 35, No. 8, 31–41.

GRANTS

- 2025 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse (fellow applicant)
- 2022 Vetenskapsrådet (fellow applicant)
- 2020 Torsten Söderbergs Stiftelse (fellow applicant)
- 2018 Torsten Söderbergs Stiftelse (fellow applicant)
- 2018 Marianne and Marcus Wallenbergs Stiftelse (fellow applicant)
- 2013 Wallander Scholarship, 3-year independent research grant
- 2010 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse (fellow applicant)
- 2009 Kocks, Karin and Hugo Lindbergs Travelling Scholarship
- 2007 Erik Johan Ljungbergs Research Foundation

TEACHING

- 2018 Lecturer, Personnel Economics, Master level, Stockholm University
- 2015 Lecturer, Industrial Organization and Corporate Finance: Theory, Policy and Empirics, PhD level, Lund University
- 2008 Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics, Undergraduate level, Stockholm University
- 2005 Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics, Undergraduate level, Stockholm University

SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION

- 2025 Discussant at the Licentiate seminar for Ph.D. student Tram Pham, Uppsala University
- 2020 Second supervisor for Ph.D. student Niklas Blomqvist, Stockholm University
- 2020 Discussant at the final seminar for Ph.D. student Emma Lappi, Jönköping International Business School

OP-EDS AND BLOG POSTS

- Gardberg, M, F. Heyman, M. Olsson and J. Tåg (2024). "Så riskerar AI att öka klyftorna i samhället". Dagens Industri, 6 September.
- Heyman, F. and M. Olsson (2023). "Children of Workers Impacted by Automation Are More Likely To Experience Lower Income Mobility". Chicago Booth, 27 April.
- Norbäck, P-J., M. Olsson, and L. Persson (2021). "Dålig konkurrens på den europeiska fotbollsmarknaden". Dagens Industri, 2 maj.
- Ichino, A., Olsson, M., Petrongolo, B., and P. Skogman Thoursie (2019). "Economic Incentives, Home Production and Gender Identity Norms".
 - VoxEu (2019) "<https://voxeu.org/article/economic-incentives-home-production-and-gender-identity-norms>
 - Austax Policy (2019) <https://www.austaxpolicy.com/economic-incentives-home-production-and-gender-identity-norms>
 - LSE Business Review Blog (2019) <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/businessreview/2019/07/29/can-economic-incentives-promote-a-more-equal-gender-division-of-house-chores/>

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Svenska Dagbladet. "Vad säger forskningen om turordningsreglerna?", 2020-10-15
- Arbetet. "Otrygga föräldrar jobbar mer", 2013-02-07
- Svenska Dagbladet. "Sämre anställningsstöd – färre sjuka", 2012-08-29
- Arbetsmarknaden. "Oklara jobbeffekter av riskkapitalism", 2012-03-30
- Gefle Dagblad. "Riskkapital tryggar anställningen", 2012-03-29
- Dagens Industri. "Säkrare att jobba på ett köpt bolag", 2012-03-26
- Dagens Industri. "Säkrare att jobba i bolag ägda av riskkapitalister", 2012-03-07

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 European Society for Population Economics (ESPE); 2023 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE), European Economic Association (EEA); 2018 Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE), American Economic Association (AEA); 2017 European Association of Labour Economics (EALE), International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF); 2016 European Association of Labour Economics (EALE), European Economic Association (EEA); 2015 SNEE; 2014 EEA; 2013 ESPE; 2012 SOLE, IFAU, Koç University; 2011 EALE.

REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS

- Applied Economics, British Journal of Industrial Economics, Economic Analysis and Policy, Economic Modelling, Economic Journal, European Sociological Review, Feminist Economics, Industrial Relations, International Journal of the Economics of Business, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Quantitative Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics.