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Spring, 2018	Political Economics (PhD), Stockholm University, TA for Professors Torsten Persson and David Strömberg
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2017	University of Chicago, visiting PhD student
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2012-2013	VATT Institute for Economic Research, researcher / research assistant

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RESEARCH PAPERS:

“Temporary Government Intervention and the Intergenerational Process of Structural Change”
(Job Market Paper)

From 1944 to 1952, still mostly agrarian Finland had to give 5% of its yearly GDP in industrial products to the Soviet Union as a reparation for the war. These war reparations were dictated by the Soviet Union and offer plausibly exogenous variation to government industrial promotion. The short-term support led to a persistent increase in the labor force and production of the treated, high-skill intensive, industries. I study the impacts of this policy on individuals using Finnish registry data that allow me to follow people over time and over generations. I show that workers were more likely to leave the primary sector for manufacturing in municipalities more affected by the shock. 20 years after the intervention ended, this impact persists, and the exposed workers have higher wages. The intergenerational responses to the intervention differed. The younger cohorts affected by the new high-skill opportunities became more educated, were more likely to work in white-collar occupations, and were less likely to be blue-collar production workers in 1970. As the higher wage opportunities were more readily available, the more exposed places experienced higher absolute upward mobility.

“Can You Make an American? Compulsory Patriotism and Assimilation of Immigrants”

This paper investigates the success of assimilation efforts in the U.S. during the Age of Mass Migration. I focus on largely overlooked case of American nation building, the introduction of compulsory patriotic acts, such as the Pledge of Allegiance, to American schools in the late 19th century. Using a legislative change in the State of New York as a natural experiment, I show that immigrant children exposed to compulsory patriotism in school were more likely to become naturalized U.S. citizens, serve in World War I, and intermarry. These average positive effects on assimilation mask heterogeneity by country of origin, suggesting that the interaction of nation-building policies with culture is important.

RESEARCH PAPERS IN PROGRESS:

“Poverty, Outside Options and Insurgency – Finland in 1918” (with Jaakko Meriläinen and Tuomo Virkola)

“Settlement and Social Conflict in Africa” (with James Robinson)

“Nation Building, National Identity and Trust: Evidence from East Africa” (with Divya Dev)

“The Suction of Liberation – Impact of the Milking Machine on Rural Women” (with Jaakko Meriläinen and Matti Sarvimäki)

POLICY PAPERS:

“Työmarkkinoiden polarisaatio Suomessa” 2013, VATT Mimeo 33.