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RESEARCH PROFILE I am a Doctoral student at Berlin School of Economics and DIW in the department of Public Economics. During my studies at the Economics program at University of Copenhagen my focus has been on empirical work on labor market decisions at the micro level with a particular focus on gender inequalities and public policy. During my Master's degree this has been in a dynamic programming setting with a focus on which mechanisms and specifications of utility functions drive these labor market outcomes. I have used these skills in analysis and forecasts in the Danish ministries and most recently as a Research Assistant.

SKILLS	SAS	Experienced	Microsoft Office	Experienced
	Python	Experienced	Snakemake	Novice
	Stata	Skillful	Matlab	Novice

EDUCATION

Oct 2026 — Current	Doctoral Student, Berlin School of Economics	
Feb 2024 — Jun 2026	Master in Economics, University of Copenhagen	GPA: 10,6
	I have mainly taken courses in labor economics and dynamic programming. I have written a seminar in Economic and Social Inequality, where I did an extension of my Bachelor's thesis on heterogeneous effects of earmarked maternity leave based on family income in an RD analysis with a focus on daycare start and durations of parental leave. As well as in Economics of the Welfare State, where I made a structural sickness benefit model with a focus on reevaluating the sickness benefit reform in 2014 and separating the effects from moving the reassessment date and the change of the benefit structure.	
Sept 2020 — Dec 2023	Bachelor in Economics, University of Copenhagen	GPA: 10,1
	My Bachelor's thesis was a policy evaluation of the reform that introduced earmarked paternity leave for fathers in 2022 with Mette Ejrnæs as my supervisor. Here I focused on how the reform affected labor market outcomes for the mother in the short term. Some of my findings were later published in <i>Kvinder og mænd på arbejdsmarkedet 2024</i> and in a theme chapter of <i>Status på arbejdsmarkedet Okt 2024</i> (both linked).	
Aug 2015 — Jun 2018	Higher Commercial Degree (HHX), Niels Brock	GPA: 12,6

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Dec 2024 — June 2026	Research Assistant, Institute of Economics	University of Copenhagen
	I am working for Nikolaj Harmon and Daphné Skandalis on a survey-based project concerning the relative expectations of graduates for the wage in their relevant labor market – in their three most likely jobs based on their education – including how those expectations affect their employment and which background characteristics correlate with those expectations. Here I have learned more about how to work with labor economics in a more academic setting. I applied for this job to get closer to a PhD and an academic career in general through a greater knowledge of working with research.	
Aug 2021 — Dec 2024	Student Assistant, Ministry of Employment	Copenhagen, Denmark
	In my three years at the Ministry of Employment, Office of Economics, I have worked on many different projects from retirement to earmarked maternity leave. Since the end of 2023, I have been part of the team that is helping to update the Unemployment Benefit Model, among others together with Amalie Sofie Jensen. Here, I have worked in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, especially as part of the team that helped to code the new dynamic model. Through my work here, I have really learned to work as part of a team on a long-term structured project with many deadlines.	

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mar 2015 — Current	Bridge player on the Danish Youth National Team
	Silver medalist at the 2024 European Youth Team Championships for women under the age of 26.