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EDUCATION

2022–	PhD in Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden Expected defense: June 2027 Supervisors: Andreea Mitrut & Randi Hjalmarsson *Visiting student at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, hosted by Libertad González (Aug-Nov 2026)*
2020–2021	MSc Economics (Specialization: Data Science), University of Tilburg, The Netherlands Grade: 8.95 (Cum Laude)
2016–2020	BA Business, Economics, and Social Studies (Specialization: Economics), Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin, Ireland Grade: 75 (Frist Class Honors)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health economics, applied microeconomics, labor and family economics

WORKING PAPER

Healthcare at Home: Parental Consequences of Child Eating Disorder Diagnoses **[Job market paper]**

WORK IN PROGRESS

Ethnic Disparities in Obstetric Care and Outcomes *with Andreea Mitrut, Randi Hjalmarsson, and Mikael Lindahl*

Waiting to be Well: Delayed Mental Healthcare for the Young

When Fraud (and Corruption) Kill: Hospital-Acquired Infections and Neonatal Health *with Cristian Pop-Eleches and Andreea Mitrut*

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2021–2022	Predoctoral Research Assistant to Prof. Pauline Rossi, CREST / École Polytechnique Paris RA work for the project: The Negligible Effect of Free Contraception on Fertility: Experimental Evidence from Burkina Faso; *American Economic Review*, 115 (8): 2659–88.
2021	Short-Term Research Consultant, Innovations for Poverty Action; Community Health Provision at Scale: Evidence from a Randomized Trial in Uganda
2020	Part-time Research Assistant to Prof. Andrea Guariso, Responses to COVID-19
2019	Intern, UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Statistics and Research Division (four months)
2018	Intern, Development Bank of Lower Saxony (three months)

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS (CONTINUED)

2025	Donations Board Scholarships, SEK 15,000 (€1,360), sole applicant
2024	Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse, SEK 123,000 (€11,300), sole applicant
2024	Kungl. Vetenskapsakademien (Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences), SEK 235,000 (€21,600) *Access to Mental Healthcare*, PI
2024	Adlerbert Foreign Student Hospitality Foundation, SEK 4,987 (€435), sole applicant
2021	Scholarship, German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
2020	Trinity Gold Medal for Academic Achievement

Awards, Scholarships & Grants

2019	Terence Gorman Prize, performance award in econometrics (€1,000)
2019	Sinead Darcy Prize, performance award in industrial economics (€150)

Additional Education and PhD Field Courses

2024	Design-Based Econometrics with Prof. Peter Hull, Norwegian School of Economics
2024	Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, University of Gothenburg
2023	Research Ethics, University of Gothenburg
2023–2024	PhD field courses: Applied Empirical Analysis (Stockholm University (SU)), Public Economics (SU), Economics of Inequality (SU & Stockholm School of Economics)

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2026	Labor & Applied Economics Seminar, University of Gothenburg (GU); Center for Health Governance, School of Public Health & Community Medicine, GU; Reading Group Seminar, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona; Cluster-Seminar Public Finances and Living Conditions, DIW, Berlin; Centre for Health Governance Workshop on Economics, Inequality and Health, GU
2025	Labor & Applied Economics Seminar, GU; Potsdam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics, University of Potsdam; Centre for Health Governance Workshop on Economics, Inequality and Health, GU
2024	Labor & Applied Economics Seminar, GU

Teaching Experience

2023–	TA, Big Data Analytics for Economics and Business, GU, postgraduate
2023–2025	TA, Econometrics, GU, postgraduate
2025	TA, Microeconomics, GU, undergraduate
2023–2025	TA, Statistics 1, GU, undergraduate

Selected Academic Service

2024–	Selection Committee Member, German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes)
2024–	PhD Student Association, Secretary (University of Gothenburg)
2024–2026	Organizer, PhD Student Research Seminar (University of Gothenburg)
2024-2026	Organizer, Labor / Applied Micro Seminar (University of Gothenburg)
2022-2023	PhD Student Representative, Department Advisory Council (University of Gothenburg)

Skills

Stata, Python, R, LaTeX

Languages

German (native), English (fluent), Swedish (beginner)

References

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Abstracts of research projects

Healthcare at Home: Parental Consequences of Child Eating Disorder Diagnoses [*Job market paper*]

Child health shocks can generate substantial family-level costs, especially when treatment requires considerable parental involvement. This paper studies the effect of adolescent eating disorders on parents' work absences, health, and labor-market outcomes, using linked Swedish registry data. Eating disorders are common and increasingly diagnosed, and treatment often requires substantial parental involvement. To study the short-run effects, I use a stacked difference-in-differences design that exploits variation in age at diagnosis. Both parents increase care-related leave, with increases twice as large for mothers as for fathers during the month of diagnosis and the following six months. During this period, mothers are 13.5% more likely to take extended sick leave and 7.5% more likely to receive mental health-related prescriptions in a given month. In contrast, no significant health-related effects are observed for fathers in the full sample. To study longer-run labor-market effects, I match treated families to otherwise comparable families without any eating disorder diagnoses. Maternal wage income falls by about 3.7% in the year of diagnosis and the following year, but the decline does not persist beyond this period. I find no evidence of overall paternal earnings losses. Patterns in the heterogeneity analyses are less consistent with household specialization based on relative earnings than with gendered household preferences. The findings reveal sizable and unequal parental costs of adolescent eating disorders, but no evidence of persistent labor market scarring.

Ethnic Disparities in Obstetric Care and Outcomes *with Andreea Mitrut, Randi Hjalmarsson, and Mikael Lindahl*

How does patient ethnicity shape the allocation of medical care, particularly when healthcare resources are constrained? Using administrative hospital records from Romania, we examine differences in maternity care between Roma and non-Roma mothers. We find that Roma mothers are less likely to receive C-sections, have shorter postpartum stays, are more likely to be discharged before recommended clinical benchmarks, and are less likely to be classified as healthy at discharge. These gaps persist after accounting for patient characteristics and comparing mothers treated within the same hospitals and by the same physicians. Roma newborns are also substantially more likely to be rehospitalized. Exploiting short-run variation in hospital crowding, we find that unusually high demand narrows the ethnic gap in C-section use, particularly in larger hospitals. Our findings highlight the role of resource constraints in shaping ethnic differences in medical treatment.

Waiting to be Well: Delayed Mental Healthcare for the Young

Access to child and adolescent mental healthcare is often characterized by substantial waiting times, yet evidence on their consequences remains limited. This paper examines the effects of delayed access to specialist mental healthcare on children's health and educational outcomes, alongside spillovers to parental health, sickness absence, and labor-market outcomes. The analysis uses linked data from the Swedish region of Stockholm covering 2005–2024. Waiting time is measured as the duration between referral from primary care and the first specialist visit. To address the endogeneity of individual waiting times, the empirical strategy exploits plausibly exogenous variation in system congestion, measured by leave-out average waiting times among patients entering the same specialist clinic within a rolling time window. The study aims to clarify whether waiting generates additional health, socioeconomic, and fiscal costs in publicly funded child and adolescent mental healthcare.

When Fraud (and Corruption) Kill: Hospital-Acquired Infections and Neonatal Health *with Cristian Pop-Eleches and Andreea Mitrut*

This paper studies the effects of a massive medical fraud in hospitals wards. Using public procurement data, we are able to extract the exact date when hospitals started purchasing allegedly diluted antiseptics and disinfectants sold by a large pharmaceutical company in Romania. We utilize the variation generated by the time each hospital started using the biocides provided by the company and show that fraud can have extreme effects on neonatal health outcomes. We find significant negative impacts on (early) neonatal death and on the likelihood to be readmitted to the hospital following the birth related discharge.