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## POSITION

2025            Lecturer, University of Southampton, UK

## EDUCATION

2024            Ph.D. in Economics, NHH - FAIR The Choice Lab  
2020            Master in Economics in Economics, University of Bergen  
2016            Bachelor in Political Economy, University of Bergen

## VISITING ACTIVITIES

2024            Visiting researcher at BECC at Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime,  
                         Security and Law, Germany  
2023            Visiting PhD Student at CLEAN and LEAP Università Bocconi, Italy  
2022            Visiting (short) Universidad de los Andes, Colombia  
2017            Master Student Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal  
2015-2016     Erasmus Exchange Student Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary:        Development Economics, Economics of Conflict, Economics of Crime  
Secondary:     Political Economy, Behavioral Economics, Experimental Economics

## REFERENCES

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2025      | Dissertation: Research Topics, Soton (Undergraduate)             |
| 2025      | Statistics for Economics, Soton (Undergraduate)                  |
| 2021-2024 | Business Cycle Analysis, NHH (Graduate), TA                      |
| 2022-2023 | Personnel Economics, NHH (Graduate), TA                          |
| 2022      | Competitive Strategy, NHH (Graduate), TA                         |
| 2021-2022 | Krakk og kriser (Economic History of crises), NHH (Graduate), TA |
| 2019      | Political Economy, UiB (Undergraduate), TA                       |

## Guest Lectures

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| 2025 | Development Economics: Gender, University of Southampton |
| 2025 | Development Economics: Crime, University of Southampton  |
| 2024 | Economics of Crime, Hertie School in Berlin              |

## PUBLICATIONS

**Effects of jobs on ethnic switching: evidence from a field experiment in Ethiopia**  
(Together with Lovise Aalen, CMI, Andreas Kotsadam, The Ragnar Frisch Centre for Economic Research, and Espen Villanger, CMI)

*Journal of Development Studies, forthcoming*

Ethnicity is a dynamic construct, with individual-level ethnic switching having been reported in numerous contexts. Ethnic switching, typically attributed to instrumental or social identity motivations, is hypothesized to be influenced by employment, as it facilitates a shift away from land-based, ethnic dependencies. However, confirming this theory is challenging due to inherent selection biases in employment. Collaborating with 27 firms across five Ethiopian regions, we randomized job offers to women. Utilizing longitudinal data spanning several years, we find that formal employment causally increases ethnic switching. In-depth qualitative interviews in the two regions with the highest incidence of switching show that instrumental factors, including fear during work commutes, are important mechanisms.

## WORKING PAPERS

**Throwing gasoline on the cocaine production: the effect of a supply shock on violence** (Job Market Paper)

Does drug production lead to violence? In this paper, I exploit an exogenous supply shock in smuggled gasoline from Venezuela, an input factor needed to produce cocaine and analyze the effect on violence in coca-producing areas of Colombia. Using a difference-in-differences strategy, I compare areas closer and farther away from the border with Venezuela. The shock led to an increase in coca leaf cultivation and an increase of between 22 and 31 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants, corresponding to about 40% to 50% increase in the homicide rate. The

main results are robust to various tests, such as controlling for immigration and the former territories of FARC. Hence, when it becomes cheaper to produce cocaine, production areas experience more violence. By focusing on the economic aspects of the drug market rather than enforcement measures, I demonstrate that price changes in the cocaine market can significantly impact violence levels. The paper also contributes to the literature by studying the interaction between two illegal markets: the smuggling of gasoline and cocaine production.

**Mass Reproducibility and Replicability: A New Hope** (With Abel Brodeur et al. 2024)  
*I4R Discussion Paper Series 107, The Institute for Replication (I4R)*

**Comparing Human-Only, AI-Assisted, and AI-Led Teams on Assessing Research Reproducibility in Quantitative Social Science** (With Abel Brodeur et al. 2024)

*The Institute for Replication (I4R). No. 195, The Institute for Replication (I4R)*

**Replication Report: Checking and Sharing Alt-Facts** (Together with Erik Ø Sørensen NHH/FAIR)

*I4R Discussion Paper Series 34, The Institute for Replication (I4R)*

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **Interpersonal and ethnic bias in Ethiopia**

*Under Review*

In this paper, I study how 1200 women from five different regions in Ethiopia discriminate against other women from other ethnic groups. I also examine how their husband or partners discriminate. Two randomized vignette experiments were conducted to test ethnic bias toward politicians and a local villager. I find that the women and their partners have a significant ethnic bias against politicians of another ethnicity. However, I do not find that the women have any ethnic bias against the villager. Surprisingly, their partners show strong ethnic bias against the villager from a different ethnic group. There are heterogeneous effects where some ethnic groups discriminate more than others. I contribute to the literature on ethnic bias and discrimination by showing that discrimination against ethnicity can vary depending on the situation. Discrimination against politicians of different ethnicity does not necessarily mean discrimination against regular citizens from other groups. Further, I show that in the period leading up to the current civil war, women did not discriminate against other women in their area. Lastly, I contribute to the literature by showing that men might discriminate more than women, even when controlling for men and women living together, and thus assumed to have more similar attitudes.

### **Military drones and radicalization in an African context**

Military drones are becoming an increasingly used method of bombing across the world. It is widely used against terrorism cells in the Middle East and Africa. However, are there spillover

effects of the government using drones to fight terrorism? In this paper, I study how drone strikes affect civilians' attitudes towards public and traditional institutions. Combining rich data from the Afrobarometer and the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project, I use a quasi-experimental regression discontinuity (RD) analysis to compare respondents in areas before and after the bombing that were close to an attack. My preliminary findings show that strikes can adversely affect trust and perceived threat by terror organizations; however, the analysis is inconclusive due to the lack of data close in space and time.

**Exploitation of young immigrant workers** (Together with Julia Teufel, MPG)

**Justification of exploitation** (Together with Hannes Rusch and Julia Teufel, MPG)

**Spillover of violence in Venezuela** (Together with Ramon Rey, Freiburg)

## CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Bergen Global, CMI/UIB, Norway; Pacific Conference for Development Economics, Stanford, USA; CSAE Economic Development in Africa, Oxford, UK; Al Capone, Harvard, USA; 3rd Workshop on the Econ of Crime for Junior Scholars, LSE, UK; Experimental Economics workshop, Universidad de Piura, Peru; Max Planck Institute lab meeting criminology, Germany; Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, ETH Zurich, Switzerland; Hertie School Berlin, Germany; Southern Economic Association, USA
- 2023 Latin America Peace Science 4th Annual Conference, EAFIT, Colombia; Frischseminar, Frishcenter, Norway; Akademisk aften (public dissemination about research), Bergen Public Library, Norway; Redd Barna Bergen (local Save the Children Meeting), Norway; University of Bergen PhD workshop, Norway; Nordic Conference in Development Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden; Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Japan; Internal seminar CLEAN, University Bocconi, Italy; LEAP coffee meeting, University Bocconi, Italy
- 2022 FAIR Development Workshop, NHH, Norway; Bergen Seminar in Development Economics, CMI, Norway; Symposium on Economic Experiments in Developing Countries, La Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Colombia; Workshop on the Political Economy of Conflict, Royal Holloway and Queen Mary, UK; Summer School on The Economics Crime over Time and Space, University of Southampton, UK; FORSKER GRAND PRIX 2022 (Norwegian Research presentation competition), Bergen, Norway; 44th Meeting of the Norwegian Association of Economists, University of Stavanger, Norway
- 2021 Econometric Game, the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Referee: *Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Contemporary African Studies, Economic Development and Cultural Change*

## **RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2022- International Election Observer for Norway (Kazakhstan, Guatemala)  
2019-2020 Research assistant for Eirik André Strømmland and Amanda Kvarven, UiB  
2019-2020 Research assistant for Prof. Espen Villanger, CMI  
2017-2018 Museum Guide for The Hanseatic Museum  
2017 Trainee at The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Brazil  
2015-2016 Project coordinator for European Students Union (ESU) Board Meeting  
2008-2012 Newspaper columnist for Bergens Tidende

## **OTHER**

*Coding:* R, Stata,  $\LaTeX$ , Git, QGIS, Matlab, VBA

*Language:* Norwegian: Mother tongue. English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese: Professional proficiency. Danish and Swedish: Conversational proficiency. Italian: Basic

*Citizenship:* Norwegian