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RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Micro Econometrics, Public Economics, Economics of Education, Household Finance

EDUCATION

University of Copenhagen

PhD in Economics

Expected 2021

MSc in Economics

2019

BSc in Economics

2016

Harvard University

Visiting Fulbright Scholar

Fall 2019

RESEARCH PAPERS

Job market paper

Field of Study and Financial Problems: How Economics Reduces the Risk of Default

Abstract: Households' financial problems can have important welfare and macroeconomic consequences. Economic education of the youth is often suggested as a way to improve financial decision making. This paper provides the first evidence on how field of study in higher education affects the probability of getting into financial problems and, in particular, if studying economics can reduce the risk of default. To identify the causal effects of field of study, I use a fuzzy regression discontinuity design where I exploit GPA thresholds in the Danish system of admission to higher education. I find that being admitted to the Business and economics field of study significantly decreases the probability of experiencing default 10 years after the year of application or later. I present evidence that this is not due to a higher level of income or less volatile income but due to debt and a lower probability of being liquidity constrained.

Working paper

Social Position and Fairness Views w. Stefanie Stantcheva and Claus Thustrup Kreiner

Abstract: How well do people know their social position relative to others in society and how does their social rank shape their views on the fairness of unequal outcomes? We provide new answers to these long-standing questions by combining survey-elicited perceptions on income positions and fairness views for a large, representative sample of prime-age people in Denmark with administrative data on their actual income positions, income histories, life events, and reference groups. Our three main findings are: First, people underestimate the degree of inequality by believing that others are closer to themselves than they really are, yet misperceptions are not that large. Second, fairness views on inequality covary strongly – and more than political views – with the current social positions of individuals. Multiple pieces of evidence point to a causal relationship. Third, people view inequality within their education group and within co-workers to be most unfair, but in these same dimensions people generally underestimate the degree of inequality and lower-income people strongly overestimate their own positions.

Work in progress

Social Preferences and Crime w. Thomas Epper, Ernst Fehr, Helga Fehr-Duda, Claus Thustrup Kreiner, Søren Leth-Petersen and Gregers Nytoft Rasmussen

PRESENTATIONS

Uppsala University, LEER-EUFIN Conference on Financial Literacy, EDGE Jamboree, University of Copenhagen (PhD Seminar), The Danish Graduate Programme in Economics Workshop	2020
Harvard University (Graduate Student Workshop in Labor Economics/Public Economics and Fiscal Policy), The 75th Annual Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance, 34th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association	2019
The Danish Graduate Programme in Economics Workshop	2018
University of Copenhagen (PhD Seminar)	2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Copenhagen

Econometrics I - Teaching assistant for Rasmus Jørgensen	Spring 2018
Econometrics I - Teaching assistant for Søren Leth-Petersen	Fall 2017

AFFILIATIONS

CEBI PhD Student, Center for Economic Behavior and Inequality	2017-
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EXPERIENCE

University of Copenhagen

Research Assistant for Claus Thustrup Kreiner, Søren Leth-Petersen and David Dreyer Lassen	2014-2017
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HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Fulbright Scholarship	2019
Travel grants from the Danish Central Bank, Augustinus Fonden, Knud Højgaards Fond, William Demant and Konsul Axel Nielsen	
Win Case Competition, DONG Energy (now Ørsted) and Implement Consulting Group	2015
MySpace Prize, Danish Music Awards	2008

REFEREEING

The Quarterly Journal of Economics

COMPUTER AND LANGUAGES

Stata, SAS, Latex, Excel

Danish (native), English (fluent), French (basic)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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