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APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Assistant Professor, Stockholm University Institute for International Economic Studies	2020–present
CESifo Research Network Affiliate	2024–present
J-PAL Invited Researcher J-PAL Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), J-PAL Europe	2022–present
Human Capital and Economics Opportunity (HCEO) Network Member	2016–present
Visiting Researcher, Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Fall 2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics Northwestern University, Chicago, IL (USA) Advisors: Matt Notowidigdo, Chris Udry, Seema Jayachandran, Jon Guryan	2020
M.A. in Economics Northwestern University, Chicago, USA	2016
Barcelona School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain	2014
B.A. in Economics Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain	2013

PUBLICATIONS

Diether W Beuermann, Kirabo Jackson, Laia Navarro-Sola, and Francisco Pardo (2023). [“What Is a Good School, and Can Parents Tell? Evidence on the Multidimensionality of School Output.”](#) *The Review of Economic Studies*, vol. 90(1), pp 65–101

WORKING PAPERS

Raissa Fabregas and Laia Navarro-Sola (2025). [“Scaling Education to Marginalized Populations: Long-Run Impacts of Technology-Aided Schools ”](#), *CESifo Working paper*, no. 11779

Note: This paper is the result of combining two independent papers, Navarro-Sola (2021) and Fabregas (2021). It supersedes all prior versions.

Emily Beam, Priya Mukherjee, and Laia Navarro-Sola (2025). [“Lowering Barriers to Remote Education: Experimental Impacts on Parental Responses and Learning”](#), *IZA Discussion Paper* No. 15596

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Caterina Calsamiglia, Giacomo de Giorgi, Laia Navarro-Sola, Andrea Salvati, and Ece Yagman. [“Instructional Inputs and Behavioral Skill Formation: Evidence from a Teacher Professional Development Experiment”](#)

Lucía Cobreros, Laia Navarro-Sola, and Toni Roldán. “**Teacher-Designed AI for Personalized Learning: Evidence from Roma Students in Spain**”

Emily Beam, Ricardo Dahis, Ursula Mello, and Laia Navarro-Sola. “**How Employers Value Multidimensional Soft Skills: Evidence from an Employer Choice Experiment**”

Emily Beam, Ricardo Dahis, Ursula Mello, and Laia Navarro-Sola. “**Belief Frictions, Labor Market Signals, and the Allocation of Effort to Soft Skills Development in TVET**”

RESEARCH GRANTS

Stiftelsen Riksbankens Jubileumsfond as PI, with Emily Beam, Ricardo Dahis, and Ursula Mello (1,709,148 SEK 178,586 USD)	2025
J-PAL Jobs and Opportunity Initiative as co-PI, with Emily Beam, Ricardo Dahis, and Ursula Mello (249,473 USD)	2025
Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius foundation and Tore Browaldh foundation as PI, with Emily Beam, Ricardo Dahis, and Ursula Mello (1,000,000 SEK 97,256 USD)	2024
J-PAL Jobs and Opportunity Initiative in Brazil as co-PI, with Emily Beam, Ricardo Dahis, and Ursula Mello (499,384 BRL 88,845 USD)	2024
J-PAL Jobs and Opportunity Initiative in Brazil as co-PI, with Emily Beam and Ricardo Dahis (49,000 BRL 8,700 USD)	2022
World Bank Strategic Impact Evaluation Fund (SIEF) as co-PI, with Emily Beam and Priya Mukherjee (250,000 USD)	2020
Stiftelsen Carl Mannerfelts fond as co-PI, with Emily Beam, Ricardo Dahis, and Ursula Mello (31,000 SEK 3,000 USD)	2023
as PI, with Sneha Subramanian and Merve Demirel (20,000 SEK 2,000 USD)	2022
as co-PI, with Emily Beam and Priya Mukherjee (30,000 SEK 2,900 USD)	2020

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Premio Banamex de Economía 2024 (2nd place)	2025
EALE Best Poster Award 2021	2021
HCEO Dissertation Prize	2020
Northwestern University Dissertation Fellowship	2019–2020
Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award	2018
Susan Schmidt Bies Prize for Research on Economics and Public Policy	2017
La Caixa Foundation Doctoral Fellowship	2014–2016
SEBAP Master Fellowship	2013–2014
Caixa Manresa Undergraduate Fellowship	2009–2010

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2026: Aarhus University (TrygFonden’s Child Research seminar), Toulouse School of Economics (BID seminar), University of Stavanger (Synapse lab)

2025: University of Essex ISER, Fundación Ramon Areces, Banco de España, 7th Stockholm–Uppsala Education Economics Workshop, Uppsala University (Economics), CESifo Area Conference on Economics of Education, Helsinki Economics of Education Workshop (Aalto U.), University of Geneva

2024: Potsdam University, Nordic PhD Workshop in the Economics of Education (*keynote*), Groningen Growth and Development Centre Conference, Stockholm University (Economics), CESifo Area Conference on Economics of Education, Scaling Up Social Impact Conference, ASWEDE, Demand and Supply of Public

Education Workshop (U. Oslo)

2023: University of Bergen, IFAU, Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress, University of Gothenburg, Helsinki GSE, ASWEDE, 3rd Winter Workshop of the Catalan Economic Society

2022: Lund University, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, University College Dublin[†], Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, University of Essex, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 7th IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education[†], Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidad de Montevideo[†], CEPR Annual Symposium in Labour Economics, XV RIDGE Forum Workshop on Labor[†], 15th Annual Meeting Impact Evaluation Network of LACEA[†]

2021: ASWEDE, ITAM[†], European Association of Labor Economists (EALE) Annual Conference[†], European Labor Symposium for Early Career Economists[†], University of Chicago Lifecycle Working Group (HCEO)[†]

2020: European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society 2020[†], Paris School of Economics, 5th IZA Workshop on the Economics of Education[†], Colegio de Economistas Cajamarca[†], Stockholm School of Economics[†], UDEP Workshop for Young Economists[†], OECD, Collegio Carlo Alberto, University of Warwick, University of St Andrews, CEMFI, Bocconi University, Stockholm University (IIES), Stockholm University (Economics), NHH Norwegian School of Economics, IESE Business School, World Bank DECRG, Center for Global Development

2019: Bank of Mexico, NEUDC, Northwestern University, APPAM International

Includes scheduled. †: Online

TEACHING

Instructor, Stockholm University

All courses taught jointly with other instructors

Econometrics II (EC38003), PhD level	2025–2026
Development Economics I (EC38022), PhD level	2024–2025
<i>Lecture on labor economics</i>	
Development Economics II (EC38023), PhD level	2020–2025
<i>Lectures on human capital and economics of education</i>	
Design-based research using observational data (EC38029), PhD level	2021, 2023, 2024

Guest lectures: Education and Human Capital in Developing Countries (Queen Mary University of London, PhD level, 2025); Education in developing countries (Stockholm School of Economics, Master level, 2025); Human capital (Stockholm U., Labor I, PhD level, 2024); Education (Stockholm U., Labor IV, PhD level, 2021)

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review: Insights, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economics of Education Review, Economic Journal, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics

Reviewer for J-PAL Learning for All Initiative (LAI) Funding Applications; EEA Congress 2025–2026

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Job Market Placement Coordinator
IIES, Stockholm University

2023–

Member of the Seminar Organization Committee IIES, Stockholm University	2023–2025
Member of the PhD Admission Committee IIES, Stockholm University	2021, 2024
Co-Organizer of Advances in Micro Development Economics workshop BSE Summer Forum (Barcelona School of Economics)	2023
Member of the Job Market Hiring Committee IIES, Stockholm University	2022

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (native), Catalan (native), English (proficient), Portuguese (basic)

Two children (born 2019 and 2021)