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EDUCATION

2019	Uppsala University · PhD in Economics (supervisors: Johan Vikström, Oskar Skans)
2016	Harvard University · <i>visiting PhD student</i>
2013	Bocconi University · M.Sc. in Economics (110/110)
2012	Mannheim University · <i>exchange student</i>
2010	Bocconi University · B.Sc. in Economics
2009	Queen Mary University of London · <i>exchange student</i>
2007	San Raffaele University · B.Sc. in Psychology (110/110 <i>cum laude</i>)

CURRENT POSITION

2020– [VATT](#), Institute for Economics Research · senior researcher (associate since Fall 2022)

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

2026	Visiting University of Bologna, Italy (host: Prof. Giulio Zanella)
2025	Visiting University of Groningen, The Netherlands (host: Prof. Gerard van den Berg)
2022	Visiting Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan (6 months; host: Prof. Lorenzo Cappellari) and University of Milan (6 months; host: Prof. Tommaso Frattini)
Oct. 2013 – Aug. 2014	DG Joint Research Centre, European Commission (Ispra, Italy) <i>Trainee in Econometrics and Statistics</i> at CRIE .
2014	CSIL, Centre for Industrial Studies · <i>Statistical software developer</i> Developed <i>MoSL</i> , a customized risk analysis program integrating VBA and R.
2013	Bocconi University · <i>Research assist.</i> for Prof. Marco Bonetti and Raffaella Piccarreta

AFFILIATIONS

2025–	RFBerlin , Rockwool Foundation Berlin (Berlin, Germany)
2019–	IZA , Institute of Labor Economics (Bonn, Germany)
2017–	IFAU , Institute for Evaluation of Labor Market and Education Policy
2015–	UCLS , Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (Uppsala, Sweden)

PUBLICATIONS

7. Lahtinen, H., Kaprio, J., Ganna, A., Korhonen, K., Lombardi, S., Silventoinen, K., and Martikainen, P. (2025). Heterogenous associations of polygenic indices of 35 traits with mortality. *eLife*, 14: RP107496
6. Lombardi, S., J. Vikström, and G. J. van den Berg (2024) "Empirical Monte Carlo evaluation of the Timing of Events approach," *Econometric Reviews*, 44(1), 90–118.
5. Liu A., Akimova E. T., Ding X., Jukarainen S., Vartiainen P., Kiiskinen T., Koskelainen S., Havulinna A. S., Gissler M., Lombardi S., Fall T., Mills M. C., and A. Ganna (2024). "Evidence from Finland and Sweden on the relationship between early-life diseases and lifetime childlessness in men and women." *Nature Human Behaviour*, 8, 276-287
4. Bertheau, A., E. Acabbi, C. Barceló, A. Gulyas, S. Lombardi, and R. Saggio (2023), "The Unequal Consequences of Job Loss Across Countries," *American Economic Review: Insights*, 5(3), 393-408.
Media coverage: [VoxEU](#), [lavoce.info](#), [The Conversation](#)
3. Schwandt, H., J. Currie, M. Bär, J. Banks, P. Bertoli, A. Bütikofer, S. Cattan, B. Z.-Y. Chao, C. Costa, L. Gonzalez, V. Grembi, K. Huttunen, R. Karadakic, L. Kraftman, S. Krutikova, S. Lombardi, P. Redler, C. Riumallo-Herl, A. Rodríguez-González, K. Salvanes, P. Santana, J. Thuilliez, E. van Doorslaer, T. Van Ourti, J. Winter, B. Wouterse, and A. Wuppermann (2021). "Inequality in Mortality between Black and White Americans by Age, Place, and Cause, and in Comparison to Europe, 1990-2018." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(40).
2. Huttunen, K., S. Lombardi (2021). "Mortality Inequality in Finland." *Fiscal Studies* , 42(1), 223-244.
1. Lombardi, S., Skans, O. N., and J. Vikström (2018). "Targeted wage subsidies and firm performance." *Labour Economics*, 53, 33-45.

WORKING PAPERS

6. Kosonen, T., Lombardi, S., Juuti, T. (co-lead authors), and Bertheau, A., Bhuller, M., Böckerman, P., Cardoso, A. R., Fanfani, B., Kügler, A., Kuuskoski, K., Müller, C. (2026) "Collective Bargaining in European Countries: A Systematic Data-Driven Description" (R&R at *ILR Review*)
5. Palladino, M., Bertheau, A., Hijzen, A., Kunze, A., Barreto, C., Gülümser, D., Lachowska, M., Lassen, A. S., Lombardi, S., Meekes, J., Murakozy, B., and O. N. Skans (2026), "Firms and the Gender Wage Gap: A Comparison of Eleven Countries" [VATT working paper 181 \(submitted\)](#)
Media coverage: [VoxEU](#)
4. with Tan, T., *et al.* (2024). "Family-GWAS reveals effects of environment and mating on genetic associations", [Preprint \(R&R at Nature\)](#)
3. Åslund, O., C. Bratu, S. Lombardi, and A. Thoreson (2021), "Firm productivity and the immigrant-native earnings gap," [IFAU working paper 2021:18 \(R&R at Labour Economics\)](#)
2. Barreto C., Lombardi, S., Hijzen A. (co-lead authors), and LinKEED group (2024), "The clean energy transition and the cost of job displacement in energy-intensive industries". [OECD Working Paper 310](#)
1. Lombardi, S. (2019), "Threat Effects of Monitoring and Benefit Sanctions: Evidence from two Reforms," [IFAU working paper 2019:22](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS AND POLICY REPORTS

8. Lombardi, S., (2026). Accessing Administrative Data for Research: Lessons from Finland. In Berton, F., and Paruolo, P.: "Data-Driven Learning in the EU: From Administrative Sources to Public Value", Springer (Forthcoming).
7. Lombardi, S., (2026). Accessing Administrative Data for Research: Lessons from Sweden. In Berton, F., and Paruolo, P.: "Data-Driven Learning in the EU: From Administrative Sources to Public Value", Springer (Forthcoming).
6. Atella, V., Ganna, A., and Lombardi, S. (2025). Optimizing Population Health Through Strategic Use of Health Data. *Economia italiana* (Forthcoming).
5. Bratu, C., Lombardi, S., Anna Thoresson, and Olof Åslund (2021), Firm productivity and income disparities between immigrants and natives (in Swedish) [IFAU rapport 2021:22](#)
4. Lombardi, S., and Vikström, J. (2019), The employment service's monitoring, sanctions and the search behavior of the unemployed (in Swedish) [IFAU rapport 2019:23](#)
3. Vikström, J., S. Lombardi, O. N. Skans (2018), How do employment support and start-up jobs affect the hiring companies? (in Swedish) [IFAU rapport 2018:13](#)
2. Bratu, C., S. Lombardi, M. Rodrigues, G. Santangelo, and A. Shaleva (2014), "Knowledge gaps in evaluating labour market and social inclusion policies". European Commission, DG Joint Research Center and DG Employment. [JRC Science and Policy Reports](#)
1. Lombardi, S. and M. Florio (2014), "Chapter 8: Risk Assessment" in Florio, M.: "Applied Welfare Economics: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Projects and Policies", Routledge Advanced Texts in Economics and Finance, pg. 222-262.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023–	Responsible teacher of Applied Microeconometrics I, Aalto University (MSc level)
2016	Academic Teacher Training Course (5 full-time weeks), Uppsala University
2015–2016	Teaching Assistant, Econometrics I and II (Uppsala University, PhD level)

RESEARCH FUNDING (MAIN APPLICANT ONLY)

2026–2027	"Labor market shocks and migration" (<i>co-PI</i> with Cristina Bratu, VATT) €90,000. Sub-project of Forte grant 2021-01570 (<i>PI</i> : Olof Åslund, Uppsala University)
2022–2025	"How do economic recessions affect inequality? Evidence from the COVID-19 crisis and 1990s Finnish recession," Academy of Finland , €260,000
2024	Mobility and data costs, Yrjö Jahnsson foundation, €20,000
2024	"Job loss and wage inequality," OP research foundation , €50,000
2023	"Centralization of monitoring in UI systems," IFAU grant 100/2023 , €30,000
2021	Visiting grant, Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation , €30,000
2020	"The Unequal Costs of Job Loss Across Countries", IFAU 157/2019
2016	Visiting grant, Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse , €40,000

OTHER ACADEMIC MERITS

- 2020– *Referee*: Demography, Empirical Economics, International Tax and Public Finance, IZA Journal of Labor Economics, IZA Journal of Labor Policy, Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics
- 2021– *Co-organizer* of VATT weekly seminar
- 2025 Invited speaker at the Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs, Finland.
Expert presentation with Swedish delegation at VATT
- 2024 Invited panelist at the plenary roundtable of [COMPIE 2024](#) (Amsterdam)
- 2024 Expert presentation with France delegation at VATT
- 2020 Presentation at the Ministry of Employment and at the Ministry of Finance, Finland

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

- 2026 Aalto University seminar presentation
University of Bologna seminar presentation
ALP-POP conference, Italy
- 2025 Nordic Summer Institute, Uppsala
3rd Wages, Employment, and Inequality conference 2025 (August 2025)
- 2024 IZA-OECD workshop on applications with employer-employee data, Paris
Association of Italian Labor Economists (AIEL), Naples
- 2023 European Social Science Genetics Network Conference; Bologna, Italy
UCLS Research Conference in Labor Market Relations; Uppsala, Sweden
- 2022 Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation; Mannheim, Germany
15th Nordic Summer Institute; Bergen, Norway
Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan; seminar presentation (*invited*)
- 2021 Society of Labor Economists, 26rd Conference (SOLE); virtual meeting
IFAU, Uppsala; seminar presentation (*invited*)
VATT, Helsinki; seminar presentation
Labour Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki; seminar presentation (*invited*)
- 2020 Health Inequality workshop; Institute for Fiscal Studies, London, UK
42th Finnish Economic Association Annual Meeting; Tampere, Finland
- 2019 18th “Brucchi Luchino” Labor Economics workshop, Turin
Ministry of Labor, Helsinki; seminar presentation (*invited*)
Ministry of Finance, Helsinki; seminar presentation (*invited*)
15th IZA & 2nd IZA/CREST Conference on Labor Market Policy Evaluation, Bonn
IZA / UCPH Workshop (*invited*); Copenhagen, Denmark
31st EALE conference; Uppsala, Sweden
Seminar presentations: IZA, Bonn; Stockholm University; University of Milan
Bicocca; DG Joint Research Center, Ispra; IRVAPP, Trento; VATT, Helsinki

LANGUAGE AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Programming: STATA (fluent), $\text{\LaTeX}$ (fluent), Matlab (interm.), R (interm.), Python (beginner)

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent)