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Current position

Postdoctoral researcher University of Turku, Department of Economics	2025 -
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research interests: Public economics and behavioral economics, inequalities in health, survey and experimental methods	
Lab manager UTU Choice Lab, University of Turku	2021-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing research infrastructure for experimental and behavioral sciences as part of FIRIPO project funded by the Research council of Finland.• Building a general population pool of participants for the decision making lab and designing a process that allows the linkage of experimental data and administrative records to make it widely accessible to researchers	

Education

Doctor of Social Sciences in Economics (eximia cum laude approbatur) University of Turku Advisors: profs. Heikki Kauppi, Kaisa Kotakorpi, Topi Miettinen, Janne Tukiainen	2025
Master of Social Sciences in Economics University of Turku	2016
Master of Arts in Sociology of Religion University of Helsinki, Department of World Cultures	2013

Research visits and experience

Doctoral researcher University of Turku	1.1.2017-16.6.2025
Visiting researcher IPERG Institute, University of Barcelona	1.1.2024-1.6.2024
Visiting researcher Hanken School of economics	1.9.2022-20.3.2023
Research assistant Finland's Economic Policy Council	1.10.2018 - 30.11.2018
Research assistant University of Turku / Prof. Kaisa Kotakorpi	1.11.2015 - 31.12.2015

Teaching and supervision

Teaching

Advanced course on experimental methods in economics (lecturer) 2025-

Introduction to economics (responsible teacher) 2021-2023

TEVY A: Entering Working Life – Futures Thinking and Project Work (lecturer) 2020

Supervision

Master's theses (co-supervisor) 2024-

Scientific Writing in Economics (supervisor) 2026-

Service

Committee membership

2024 European meeting of Economic Science Association

Peer review

JFEA Journal of Finnish Economic Association

Research Funding and grants

Turku University Foundation

Working grant (082147) 2025

Yrjö Jahansson Foundation

Project grant (20247810) 2024

Working grant (20237675) 2023

Finnish Cultural Foundation

Working grant (00210723) 2021 and 2022

Working grant (00200728) 2020

Working grant (00180719) 2018

Affiliations

Finnish Centre of Excellence in Tax Systems Research (FIT), <https://verotutkimus.fi/en/home/>

The Finnish Research Infrastructure for Public Opinion (FIRIPO), <https://www.firipo.fi>

INVEST Research Flagship Center, University of Turku <https://invest.utu.fi/>

The Helsinki Laboratory for Behavioral and Experimental Studies (Helsinki LABBET), <https://www.helsinkiabbet.fi/> & Helsinki GSE Behavioral group

Publications and work in progress

Peer reviewed publications

Xu Xiaogeng, Satu Metsälampi, Michael Kirchler, Kaisa Kotakorpi, Peter Hans Matthews, and Topi Miettinen. “Which Reference Groups Matter and How? A Relative Income Information Experiment with Administrative Data.” *American Economic Journal. Applied Economics*. Forthcoming. <https://doi.org/10.1257/app.20240181>.

Kotakorpi, Kaisa[Ⓙ], Tuomas Nurminen, Topi Miettinen, and Satu Metsälampi. 2024. “Bearing the Burden — Implications of Tax Reporting Institutions on Evasion and Incidence.” *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 220 (April): 81–134. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2024.01.021>

Other publications

Metsälampi, Satu. 2025. “Essays on Behavioral Public Economics.” Doctoral Dissertation, Turku: University of Turku. <https://urn.fi/URN:ISBN:978-952-02-0103-6>.

Working papers and works in progress

“Which Ponds Do We Choose, and Why? The Choice of Income Reference Group and Its Consequences” with Xiaogeng Xu, Michael Kirchler, Kaisa Kotakorpi, Peter Hans Matthews and Topi Miettinen. Submitted. (Manuscript available upon request)

“Inequality and social preferences - an experimental study with register data” with Xiaogeng Xu, Michael Kirchler, Kaisa Kotakorpi, Peter Hans Matthews and Topi Miettinen. Pre-analysis plan available at <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/PSBD4>

“Adoption and Effects of Free Contraception Programs in Finland”, with Milla Hägg, Elina Jussila, Mika Kortelainen and Marika Viertola. Link to project in Open Science Repository: osf.io/bgxq4

“Causes and consequences of abortion denials for women seeking legal termination of pregnancy in Finland in the 1950’s and 1960’s – evidence from archival data and administrative records”

“Investigation of the intertwined nature of risk and time preferences using a large-scale general population sample”, with Heikki Kauppi and Tuomas Nurminen

”Best practices and effectiveness of recruiting and retaining a general population research participant pool” with Heikki Kauppi and Tuomas Nurminen

“Effect of image concerns and lying aversion on tax incidence in the presence of tax evasion – evidence from the lab” with Kaisa Kotakorpi, Topi Miettinen and Tuomas Nurminen