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Born: June 6, 1996—Helsinki, Finland

Nationality: Finnish

Languages: Finnish (native), English (fluent), Swedish and German (intermediate)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Microeconomic theory and its applications to industrial organization, environmental economics, public economics

EDUCATION

2021–2026

Aalto University

Doctoral Candidate (Economics)

– Graduate-level economics and mathematics courses, GPA 5.0/5.0

– Advisors: Profs. Matti Liski & Juuso Välimäki

2023–2024

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Visiting PhD Candidate (Economics)

– Hosted by Prof. Bengt Holmström

2019–2021

Aalto University

Master of Science (Economics), with distinction

– Research Master Track, GPA 4.9/5.0

2015–2019

Aalto University

Bachelor of Science (Economics and Business Administration), with distinction

– GPA 4.7/5.0

TEACHING ASSISTANCE

- 2024 Advanced Microeconomics I (PhD, Decision Theory) with Prof. Juuso Välimäki
– Mean TA evaluation by students: 4.3/5.0
- 2021; '22; '24 Advanced Microeconomics II (PhD, Social Choice) with Prof. Juuso Välimäki
– Mean TA evaluation by students: 4.4/5.0
- 2024 Math Camp with Prof. Daniel Hauser
– TA evaluations not collected
- 2021; '23 Advanced Microeconomics III (PhD, Game Theory) with Profs. Daniel Hauser (2021) and Pauli Murto (2023)
– TA evaluations not collected

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020–2021 **Aalto University, Department of Economics**
Research Assistant to Prof. Matti Liski
- 2018–2020 **Aalto University, Department of Finance**
Research and Course Assistant
- Summer 2019 **Finnish Prime Minister's Office**
Intern in the Ownership Steering Department
- Summer 2017 **Statistics Finland**
Intern in the Department of Prices and Costs at the national statistical institution

PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Annual Meeting of the Finnish Economic Association
- 2024 MIT Public Finance Lunch, Nordic Economic Theory Conference, Yale Theory Breakfast
- 2023 Summer Seminar of Finnish Economists (Jyväskylä), Helsinki GSE workshops
- 2022 Nordic Annual Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop (Uppsala), Helsinki GSE workshops

WORKING PAPERS

Ahlvik, Lassi and Liski, Matti and Mäkimattila, Mikael, Pigouvian Income Taxation (2024). CESifo Working Paper No. 11174.

Mäkimattila, Mikael and Shang, Yucheng and Shirakawa, Ryo, The Design and Price of Certification (2024). Available at SSRN.

Mäenpää, Eero and Mäkimattila, Mikael, Fake It Till You Exit (November 22, 2024). Available at SSRN.

AWARDS

- 2023 Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award
- 2021 Best Master's Thesis in Energy Economics (Finnish Association of Energy Economists)
- 2019 Best Bachelor's Thesis in Finance (Aalto University)
- 2018 Ilkka Kontula Foundation Award (Aalto University, awarded to the best undergraduate students)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Referee work for Journal of Economic Theory

Board member in Helsinki GSE PhD Students' Association (2024–2025)

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