

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR DANY KESSEL

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EDUCATION

- Aug 1995 - June 1998 Primary School diploma from *Tunabergskolan* in Uppsala
- Aug 1999 - June 2001 High School diploma from *Katedralskolan* in Uppsala
- Feb 2007 Diploma from *Raoul Wallenberg Academy for Young Leaders*
- Jan 2008 - June 2011 Bachelor degree in Economics and political science from *Stockholm's University*
Average exam scores: 92/100
- Jan 2010 - June 2010 Diploma from *Wigforss academy* – a halftime course in political writing and political theory
- Aug 2011 - June 2012 Master program¹ in Economics, *Stockholm's University*,
Average exam scores: 88/100
- Aug 2012 - Ongoing PhD program in Economics, *Stockholm's University* (One semester at *University of Washington*)
Average exam scores: 83/100
- July 2015 Summer School, Lectures on the Economics of Education, *Barcelona Graduate School of Economics*
- Aug 2016 - Jun 2017 Visiting Research Scholar, SIPA, Columbia University

SELECTION OF RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2001 - Jul 2004 Regional Ombudsman/Director in Uppsala län for the *Swedish National Organisation of Student Councils*²
- Aug 2003 - Dec 2004 Teacher in management and leadership at the *Linnaeus School* in Uppsala
- Jan 2005 - May 2007 Secretary General of for the *Swedish National Organisation of Student Councils*
- Jun 2007 - Jun 2010 CEO of *SECO Innovations AB*³
- Jan 2010 - Mars 2012 Teaching assistant in Labour economics at *SOFI* at Stockholm University
Average student evaluations: 4,2/5
- Jan 2011 - May 2011 Political secretary for the Social Democratic party at Stockholm City Hall
- Oct 2011 - Jan 2013 Teaching assistant in Macroeconomics I at the *Department of Economics* at *Stockholm University*
Average student evaluations: 4,8/5
- Apr 2012 - Research assistant at the project *Selektion av politiker i proportionella valsystem* headed by Thorsten Persson, *IIES*, Johanna

¹ No degree as I was offered a spot at *Stockholm Doctoral Course Program in Economics* halfway into my first year into the masters program.

² *The Swedish National Organisation of Student Councils* is one of the largest youth organisations in Sweden with around 40 employees and around 200 000 members.

³ *SECO Innovations* is a publishing house/consultant firm working mainly towards the educational sector in Sweden.

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- Dec 2012 Rickne, IFN, and Olle Folke, *Columbia University*
- Jan 2013 - Teaching assistant in Intermediate Microeconomics at the *Department of Economics at Stockholm University*
Oct 2013 Average student evaluations: 4,7/5
- Oct 2013 - Teaching assistant in Microeconomics II at the *Stockholm Doctoral Course Program in Economics*
Ongoing Average student evaluations: 4,5/5
- Dec 2014 – Head of analytics at *Good Times Media*⁴
Ongoing
- Jan 2015 - Teaching assistant in Macroeconomics I at the *Stockholm Doctoral Course Program in Economics*
Ongoing Average student evaluations: 4,5/5

SELECTION OF RELEVANT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Apr 1997 - Student Council president at *Tunabergskolan* in Uppsala
Apr 1998
- May 1999 - Student Council president at *Katedralskolan* in Uppsala
May 2001
- Apr 2001 - Member of the national board of the *Swedish National Organisation of Student Councils*
Apr 2004
- Jun 2010 - Member of the national board *Sweden's Social Democratic Students*
Jun 2012
- Jan 2010 - Member of the board of the *National Council of Swedish Youth Organisations (LSU)*
Dec 2010
- Sep 2011 - Member of the *Social Democratic tax policy committee*
May 2012

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 2004 *Elevrådsboken* - a book on how to organize a student council, published by *Uppsala Publishing House*
- 2009 *Riktning och resultat* - a book with good advise for young leaders, published by *Elevrörelsens förlag*
- 2010 *Inflytande för elever, en handbok för lärare och rektorer* - a book on how teachers and principles can work with pupil participation, published by *Elevrörelsens förlag*
- 2011 *Nationalekonomi för vänstern* - a book on how the left can make use of economic research, my chapter discussed market failures, published by *Kata förlag*

REPORTS

⁴ *Good Times Media* is an internet start-up that helps companies to statistically evaluate and optimize their online marketing.

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- 2010 *Vad hände med halva makten och hela lönen?* – A report for the *Economic Council of the Swedish Labour Movement* studying the effects of the government's policies on the gender equality in Sweden
- 2013 *Väljärden är vinsten.* – A report for *Katalys*⁵ suggesting solutions on how to organise the Swedish systems for education and healthcare.
- 2013 *Hälften kvar och hela framtiden.* – A report for *Katalys* suggesting a new tax system for Sweden.
- 2014 *Skolan sviker*- A report for *The Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO)* about the challenges for the Swedish school system and how these can be tackled.

SHOLLARLY ARTICLES

- 2012 *Män och kvinnors tävlingsbenägenhet* – article based on my bachelor thesis where I studied the negative effects of the differences in men and women's willingness to compete and how information can be used to reduce these effects, published in *Ekonomiskt Debatt*. Found at <http://www2.ne.su.se/ed/pdf/40-2-dkhw.pdf>

BLOGG

- 2009-2013 Blogger and editor for one of the leading political economic blogs in Sweden, *www.viharrak.natpadethar*

GRANTS, STIPENDS AND AWARDS

- 2016 Stiftelsen Söderströoms donationsfond: Grant for the research project "The Effect of Tutoring for Students who are at Risk of not Graduating from Primary School" joint with Elisabet Olme.
- 2015 GTM: Grant for the research project "Are parents uninformed" joint with Elisabet Olme
- 2013 Ge alla elever samma chans: Grant for the research project "Parental Preferences for School Attributes" joint with Elisabet Olme
- 2013 Jan Wallanders och Tom Hedelius stiftelse: Grant for full time research at Columbia University during the academic year 2016-2017.
- 2012 Stiftelsen Widar Bagges stipendiefond and Stiftelsen Ingrid Hammarsminnesfond 2013-2014 Graduate scholarship, Stockholm University.

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Brown Bag, Department of Economics, Stockholm University.
- 2016 Behavioural Workshop, SOFI, Stockholm University; PhD seminar, Colombia Businesses School; Brown Bag, Department of Economics, Stockholm University
- 2017 Micro Seminar, Department of Economics, Lund University; Applied Micro Seminar, Department of Economics Colombia University; Labour- and Education Workshop, Princeton University; Stockholm-Uppsala Education Workshop; IAS Seminar, Linköping University; Brown Bag, Department of Economics, Stockholm University.

References are available at request

⁵ *Katalys* is an progressive think-tank in Sweden.

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WORK IN PROGRESS

Are Parents Uninformed? - The Impact of Additional School Quality Information on School Choice Behavior, School Placement and School Segregation (joint with Elisabet Olme)

Abstract: In this paper, we study the effects of providing information about school performance on school choice behavior and general equilibrium outcomes. In 2016, we conducted a randomized experiment in a Swedish municipality among the population of households with children about to start the 7th grade. Households selected to be part of the treatment received information about the absolute performance on standardized tests of all schools as well as performance adjusted for the student composition.

We find a reaction to the information on adjusted performance but not to the absolute performance. The share of households that choose a top performing school (in terms of adjusted performance) increase with 5.4 percentage points (corresponding to 16%) due to the treatment. This effect is concentrated to high-skilled households with a non-foreign background. Using simulations, we study at the effect on assignment. We find that the changes in choice behavior translates into changes in assignment but that the effects are muted due to institutional constraints. We do however also find that the initial changes in assignments are propagated through the system. Finally, we find that there is a significant reduction in school segregation in terms of foreign background.

School Choice Priority Structures and School Segregation (joint with Elisabet Olme)

Abstract: We use detailed school choice data from a Swedish municipality to estimate parental preferences for school attributes. We use these estimated preferences in simulations to evaluate how school segregation varies if we alter the priority structures in a deferred acceptance algorithm. We use a priority structure based on proximity as our baseline. We find that school segregation both in terms of foreign background and parental education is reduced when instead basing priority on a lottery. Segregation in terms of foreign background is additionally reduced when using a priority structure based on what we refer to as “soft quotas”. We do not document any significant costs of doing this in terms of decreased parental satisfaction or increased average distance to school of doing this.

Revisiting the Housing Wealth Effect: Evidence from an Anticipated Renewal of an Airport Contract (joint with Roine Vestman and Björn Tyrefors Hinnerish)

Abstract: We exploit a natural experiment that occurred in Stockholm in 2007. The city airport's operating contract was unexpectedly renewed for another 27 years after political negotiation behind closed doors. We estimate an immediate negative shock to house prices equal to about 18 percent for houses in the closest neighborhood of the airport. We argue that this source of exogenous variation is ideal to identify housing wealth effects. Based on a household level data set that includes information about households' balance sheets and car purchases we find a decrease in the expenditure on new cars equal to 6 percent close to the airport. We find no extensive margin effects on new or used cars or substitution effects between used cars. Our estimates imply elasticity among purchasers of new cars equal to 0.45 and an MPC of 4 cents per dollar. However, accounting for the incidence of new car purchases (five percent of homeowners every year) the aggregate MPC among all homeowners equals 0.16 cents, an order of magnitude smaller than recent estimates. The effect is concentrated to homeowners with a loan-to-value ratio between 0.6 and 0.8, consistent with a collateral effect.

Information on Stereotypes and Overcoming the Gender Differences in Competitive Behavior (single-authored)

Abstract: This paper presents the result from a field experiment in a Swedish upper secondary school where the participants propensity to select into a competitive environment was elicited. The participants were divided into a control group and a treatment group. Before the choice to select into a competitive environment the treatment group was informed that women, on average, do not compete enough given that they want to maximize their expected pay-off while men compete too much. I find that this additional information reverses the gender differences in propensity to compete with women in the treatment group actually being more prone to select into competition than men. Overall efficiency (measured by the proportion of participants making the correct choice) goes up but there are winners and losers. The overall winners are high-performing women and low-performing men while the losers are low-performing women. High-performing men are unaffected.