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Personal

born 1972; Finnish citizen; married with two children

Education

Ph.D. (economics), University of Pompeu Fabra, 2004; Doctoral thesis: "Housing and the macroeconomy"; Supervisor: Professor Michael Reiter.

Master in Economics, with Honors, University of Pompeu Fabra, 1999.

Master in Social Sciences, Department of Economics, University of Helsinki, 1997.

Language skills

Finnish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Swedish (fair), Spanish (fair)

Employment

Research supervisor, The Research Institute of the Finnish Economy, 2006-

Professor (fixed-term), Helsinki School of Economics, January 2009-December 2009.

Visiting researcher, Bank of Finland, Research department, 2007.

Research economist, The Research Institute of the Finnish Economy, 2003-2005.

Teaching assistant, University of Pompeu Fabra, 2001-2002.

Teaching assistant, University of Helsinki, 1997-1998.

Current research projects

“Intergenerational mobility of income and (known) ability”, with Marko Terviö and Pauli Murto.

“Hoivariskit ja kotitalouksien vakuutustarve”

“VAT and redistribution in a life cycle model with housing”, with Essi Eerola.

“Matching in the housing market with risk aversion and savings”, with Essi Eerola.

Recent academic research papers

“Income distribution and housing prices: An assignment model approach”, with Marko Terviö, CEPR Discussion paper no. 7945.

“Allocation and industry productivity: understanding the role of firm turnover”, with Mika Maliranta.

“Pension system, unemployment insurance and employment at older ages in Finland”, with Tuulia Hakola, Prime Minister’s Office publications, 2/2009.

Articles in international refereed journals and books

“The optimal tax treatment of housing capital in the neoclassical growth model”, with Essi Eerola, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*, forthcoming.

“Borrowing constraints and house price dynamics: the case of large shocks”, with Essi Eerola, *Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics & Econometrics*, forthcoming.

“Informational assumptions, aggregate mortality risk and life cycle savings”, with Juha M. Alho, in Alho et al. (eds.), *Uncertain Demographics and Fiscal Sustainability*, Cambridge University press, 2008.

“On the political economy of housing’s tax status”, with Essi Eerola, *The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics* 2006, 6(2) (Topics), article 7.

“Citizens Should Vote on Secession”, with Essi Eerola and Panu Poutvaara, *Topics in Economic Analysis & Policy* 2004, 4(1), article 23.

“Strategic Alliances, Joint Investments, and Market Structure”, with Essi Eerola, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 2004, 22(2), 241-51.

Recent policy reports

“A retrospective evaluation of the EU VAT system” (several authors), report commissioned by the European Commission, 2011.

“‘Luova tuho’ yrityssektorilla – tuottavuuden avain ja politiikan haaste” (Mika Malirannan kanssa), *Kansantaloudellinen Aikakauskirja*, 3/2011.

“Muistioita seuraavalle hallitukselle” (useita kirjoittajia), ETLA 2010.

“Julkinen velka ja maailmantalous - edessä budjettikriisejä ja korkea inflaatio?” Kirjassa Kriisin jälkeen, Sitra/Taloustieto 2010.

”Varallisuus ja eläkkeelle siirtyminen” (Tarmo Valkosen kanssa), Eläketurvakeskuksen raportteja 2010:1.

“Bör fastighetskatten sänkas?”, *Ekonomisk Debatt*, 1/2008.

“Hyvinvointivaltion rahoitus – riittävätkö rahat, kuka maksaa?” (Sixten Korkmanin, Jukka Lassilan ja Tarmo Valkosen kanssa), 2007, ETLA B230.

Recent popular writings

Akateeminen talousblogi (blog.hse-econ.fi), vakiikirjoittaja ja perustajajäsen.

“Miksi Suomen ja Saksan korkoero kasvaa?” (Paavo Sunin kanssa), ETLAn nettikolumni, 17.11.2011.

“Arvonlisäveron kielteisiä tulonjakovaikutuksia liioitellaan”, ETLAn nettikolumni 6.4.2011.

“Politiikanteon ohjaamisen ei tarvita ’onnellisuusmittareita’” (Mika Malirannan kanssa), HS, 6.2.2011.

“Osa-aikaeläke tuskin pidentää työuria”, HS 29.10.2010.

Teaching experience

Macroeconomics (graduate, Finnish Doctoral Programme in Economics), 2009-2011.

Dynamic models of fiscal policy (undergraduate, Helsinki School of Economics), 2009.

Macroeconomics (undergraduate, Helsinki School of Economics), 2009.

Numerical models of household labor supply and savings decisions (undergraduate, University of Helsinki), 2008.

Professional duties

Macroeconomics workshop coordinator, Finnish Doctoral Programme in Economics, 2011-

Nordic Macro Summer Symposium, member of the organizing committee, 2009-

Finnish Society for Economic Research, board member and vice chairman, 2005-2007.