

# MATTIAS FOLKESTAD (né HALLBERG)

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Born: 1990 | Citizenship: Swedish | Children: 2022, 2024

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy, Economics of Education, Economic History.

## EDUCATION

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2019–2026    PhD Program in Economics, Stockholm University  
2022–2023    Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics, Harvard University  
2016– 2019    Master’s in Economics, Stockholm University  
2012–2015    Bachelor’s in Economics, Stockholm University

## PAST EMPLOYMENT (SELECTION)

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2017–2018    Political Advisor, Swedish Parliament  
2016–2017    Research Assistant, IIES, Stockholm University  
2015–2016    Trainee, Embassy of Sweden in Washington DC.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Nibourel, C., & Folkestad, M. (2025). Starting young: How age limits shape political participation. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 87, 102672.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Female Teachers: The Roots of Women’s Emancipation (with Monir Bounadi, IIES)  
Wind Power and Veto Power (with Stephan Schneider, Stanford University)  
Does Money Matter? Impact of a Redistributive School Funding Formula on School Spending and Student Outcomes (with Lisa Laun, IFAU & Lena Hensvik, UU)

## TEACHING

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2022, 2024    Teaching Assistant in Political Economics II, (PhD program), Stockholm University  
2020, 2021    Teaching Assistant in Mathematics II, (PhD program), Stockholm University  
2018         Teaching Assistant in Econometrics I, (Master’s Program) at Stockholm University

## PRESENTATIONS

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Nov 2024	Swedish Conference in Economics - Female Teachers: The Roots of Women's Emancipation
Sep 2024	IFN Brown Bag - Wind Power and Veto Power
Sep 2024	IIES Brown Bag - Wind Power and Veto Power
Jun 2024	Lewis Lab Graduate Student Workshop - Female Teachers: The Roots of Women's Emancipation
Jun 2024	Summer 2024 IOG-BFI Conference - Female Teachers: The Roots of Women's Emancipation
Apr 2023	Harvard PE Tea - Female Teachers: The Roots of Women's Emancipation
May 2021	IIES Brown Bag - Does Money Matter? Impact of a Redistributive School Funding Formula on School Spending and Student Outcomes.
Apr 2020	IIES Brown Bag - Pre-school or parental care - what is the effect on school performance at age sixteen? Evidence from a Swedish child care reform

## GRANTS

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2021, 2025	Stiftelsen Carl Mannerfelts fond
2021	Stiftelsen Karl Staaffs fond

## AFFILIATION

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Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies, Uppsala University.

## TECHNICAL

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Python, Stata, R, GIS,  $\LaTeX$

## LANGUGAGE

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Swedish (native), English (fluent), Russian (beginner).