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Academic Positions and Employment

2020 – **Assistant Professor**, Department of Economics, Aalto University School of Business.
2016 – 2020 **Lecturer (Asst. Professor)**, Department of Economics, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Teaching and Research Fields

Development Economics, Field Experiments, Political Economics, Applied Microeconomics.

Doctoral Studies

2013–2016 **IIES, Stockholm University**, Sweden
2009–2013 **Department of Economics, Stockholm University**, Sweden
2011–2012 **Department of Economics, University of California Berkeley**, USA, visiting graduate student

Undergraduate Education

2008 **MSc in Economics, Stockholm University**, with Distinction
2007 **BSc in Economics, Stockholm University**, with Distinction. Minor in Political Science

Journal Publications

2025 Gulesci, S., Loiacono, F., Madestam, A. and Stryjan, M: SMEs and Workers during Crises: Evidence from the Covid-19 Pandemic in Uganda. *AEA Papers and Proceedings* 115: 345-50.
2023 Gershoni, N. and M. Stryjan: Do Deadlines Affect Project Completion? Experimental Evidence from Israeli Vocational Colleges. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 205, pp.359-375.
2020 Bonnier, E., J. Poulsen, T. Rogall and M. Stryjan: Preparing for genocide - Quasi experimental evidence from Rwanda, *Journal of Development Economics* 147 (2020):102533.
2020 Ahlin, C., Gulesci, S., Madestam, A. and M. Stryjan: Loan contract structure and adverse selection: Survey evidence from Uganda. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 172, pp.180-195.
2019 Deserranno, E., Stryjan, M. and M. Sulaiman: Leader Selection and Service Delivery in Community Groups: Experimental Evidence from Uganda. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 11(4), pp.240-67.

Other Publications

2019 Barak-Weekes R. and Stryjan, M. Financial Inclusion and social outcomes, in Y. Gez, R. Barak-Weekes and M. Kagan (eds.) "International Development in Africa", Pardes books. (in Hebrew)
2009 Stryjan, M. "Sending money home - Remittances from the Somaliland diaspora in Sweden", *Ekonomisk Debatt* no. 3, 2009. (in Swedish)

Working Papers

2025 Disconnected: The Unequal Impact of Online Learning on Minority Students, with Naomi Gershoni. *Revise & Resubmit in the European Economic Review*.

Work in Progress

“Inside the Production Function: The Effect of Financial Contracts on Growing Firms’ Technology Use”, with S. Gulesci, F. Loiacono and A. Madestam. RCT in Uganda. AEA registry number: AEARCTR-0003062.

“Local Institutions and Leader Incentives: The Political Economy of Rwanda’s Fertility Transition”, with Maximilian Linek.

“Balancing the Books and Morale: The Impact of Pay Systems and Job Rotation on Worker Turnover”, with Erika Deserranno, Julia Salmi and Lame Ungwang. RCT in Uganda. AEA registry number: AEARCTR-0004529.

“The anatomy of Collective Decision making – Voice and Choice in a Public Goods Game in Malawi” with Marina Caregnato-Garcia and Vesall Nourani. Lab-in-Field, part of AEARCTR-0001816.

“Financial inclusion to the last mile: Expansion of retail agent networks in the Philippines” with Lisa Spantig. Pilot on-going.

“Rotation policies for loan officers in Microfinance”, with Erika Deserranno and Lame Ungwang. RCT in Uganda. AEA registry number: AEARCTR-0004891.

Selected Research Grants

2025	Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation: 1-year grant for project “Local Institutions and Leader Incentives: The Political Economy of Rwanda’s Fertility Transition” (PI: Miri Stryjan)
2025	Helsinki School of Economics Support Foundation: 1-year grant for project “Financial inclusion to the last mile: Expansion of retail agent networks in the Philippines” (PI: Miri Stryjan and Lisa Spantig)
2023	Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation: 1-year grant for project “Balancing the Books and Morale: The Impact of Pay Systems and Job Rotation on Worker Turnover” (PI: Miri Stryjan)
2020	Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation: 1-year grant for project “Can a staff rotation policy solve agency problems? - a randomized field experiment in microfinance” (PI: Miri Stryjan)
2020	Helsinki School of Economics Support Foundation: 1-year grant for project “Should financial reward schemes in microfinance be based on team or individual performance? a randomized controlled trial” (PI: Miri Stryjan)
2020	International Growth Center: 1-year grant for research on impacts of COVID 19: “The Impact of Covid-19 and Flexible Credit on SMEs: Evidence from Panel Data in Uganda” (P.I: Selim Gulesci, Co PIs: Andreas Madestam, Miri Stryjan, Francesco Loiacono).
2019	Israeli Science Foundation (ISF): 3-year grant for project “Staff rotation in Microfinance - a field experiment” (PI: Miri Stryjan). *Grant discontinued after year 1 due to PI’s move from Israel.
2019	ESRC-DFID Growth Research Programme: 1-year follow-up grant for project “Inside the Production Function” (P.I: Andreas Madestam, Co PIs: Selim Gulesci, Miri Stryjan).
2017	Israel-US Binational Science Foundation (BSF): 2-year grant for project “Leadership and sustainability of community based development projects” (PIs Miri Stryjan and Erika Deserranno).

Teaching

2023 -	Principles of Empirical Analysis (BSc), Dept. of Economics, Aalto BIZ (with Prottoy Akbar)
2022 -	Scientific Thinking and Writing (BSc), Dept. of Economics, Aalto BIZ
2020 -	Development Economics 1 (MSc), Dept. of Economics, Aalto BIZ& Helsinki GSE
2020 -	Bachelor Thesis and Seminar (BSc), Dept. of Economics, Aalto BIZ
2019 & 2020	Economics of Poverty and Inequality (BA), Dept. of Economics & African Studies Program, BGU
2018 & 2019	Economic Development in Africa (BA), Dept. of Economics & African Studies Program, BGU
2016 - 2019	Seminar in Applied Microeconomics (BA) - Development & Inequality, Dept. of Economics, BGU
2017 & 2018	Topics in Development Economics (MA), Dept. of Economics, BGU
2018 & 2019	MA thesis workshop (MA), Dept. of Economics, BGU

Supervision

Ongoing	PhD secondary advisor Ellen Sahlström, Anna Holvio, Daniel Peredo Siles. MA: Daniel Ezer, Ilkka Lähde, Hua Tran, Malhar Bagi, Hilja-Maria Takala, Mikael Mattila
2025	PhD Maarit Olkkola, Aalto University (VATT Institute for Economic Research)
2024	PhD Kwabena Adu-Ababio, University of Helsinki (UNU-WIDER)
2023	PhD Lame Ungwang, Friedrich Schiller Uni. (Int'l Security and Development Center, Berlin)
2019-2025	MA Rotem Nissim, Aviva Shemesh, Roy Tvizier, Angelica Holmberg, Hui Yu, Tuomas Tölli, Axa Lares, Marina Caregnato-Garcia, Joonatan Mottershead, Karri Vuoristo, Hannu Kangasniemi, Farman Bashirli, Lauri Koski, Lukas Kankkunen

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2025	Finnish Economic Association annual meeting, Finance and Development workshop (Groningen), ESPE annual conference (Naples), Nordic Conference on Development Economics, European Economic Association Congress (Bordeaux), VATT Institute for Economic Research
2024	Finnish Economic Association annual meeting, Università Cattolica (seminar), CSAE Annual conference (Oxford), Nordic Conference on Development Economics, ESA European Meeting
2023	Development Economics Network Berlin (DENeB), Workshop on financial inclusion and small business development in low-income countries, Geneva, Nordic Conference on Development Economics, Finnish Economic Assoc. annual meeting, OsloMet (seminar), CEPR Symposium (Paris)
2022	UNU-WIDER Seminar, Helsinki, Webinar series in Finance and Development (WEFIDEV).
2021	Webinar series in Finance and Development (WEFIDEV), Labor Institute for Economic Research, Helsinki, EEA Women in Economics Mentoring and Networking Retreat.
2020	SITE at SSE, Aalto University, University of Turku, Bar-Ilan University (online).
2019	UW Madison Agriculture & Applied Economics, VATT Institute for Economic Research (Helsinki), IDC Herzliya, NOVAFRICA Conference (Lisbon), International Workshop on Agriculture & Economic Development in Memory of Prof. Yair Mundlak, Hebrew University.
2018	CSAE Annual conference, Oxford University, International Workshop on Agriculture and Economic Development in Memory of Prof. Yair Mundlak, Hebrew University.
2017	Coller School of Management, Tel-Aviv University, CSAE Annual conference, Oxford University, DMEP&RATIO Workshop, Ben-Gurion University.
2016	CERGE-EI (Prague), Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá), Haifa University, Warwick Economics PhD Conference, ESA World Meeting, Moshi Co-operative University (Tanzania), Development Research Conference in Stockholm, ACEGD ISI Delhi, DSE Winter School Delhi.
2015	Hebrew University, Ben-Gurion University, NEUDC, OXDEV Workshop in development economics, Oxford University.

Professional Service

Journal Referee	<i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic and Industrial Democracy, Economic Journal, Environment and Development Economics, Forum for Social Economics, International Economic Review, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economics & Management Strategy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Political Economy Micro, Oxford Development Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics.</i>
Grant referee	<i>European Research Council (ERC) Starting grant, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden), US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF), US-Israel Binational Agricultural research and Development Fund (BARD).</i>
Thesis pre-examiner	Susmita Baulia (PhD, U of Turku), Lame Ungwang (PhD, Friedrich Schiller Uni).
Chair	Development Economics Research Group of the Helsinki Graduate School of Economics, 2022 -
Chair	and main organiser of the Nordic Conference in Development Economics (NCDE) in Helsinki 2022.
Representative	Department representative in the Aalto BIZ EDI committee (MONTA), 2020-2024.

Languages*

C2 “Mastery”	Swedish (Native), English
C1 “Advanced”	Danish, Hebrew
B2	French
B1	Finnish

*Using the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages levels

Personal

Date of Birth: 11-26-1982, Sweden.