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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.

Education

2016 **PhD in Economics**, Stockholm University
Department of Economics and the Institute for International Economic Studies (IIES).
2008 **MSc in Economics**, Stockholm University

Journal Publications

2026 Gershoni, N. and Stryjan, M: Disconnected: The Unequal Impact of Online Learning on Minority Students. *European Economic Review*. p.105356.
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)

Work in Progress

"Effort or Endowments? Incentives and Morale among Credit Officers", w. Erika Deserranno, Julia Salmi & Lame Ungwang. AEA registry number: AEARCTR-0004529.

"Liquidity, Business Development, and Gender: Evidence from Credit Contracts", w. S. Gulesci, F. Loiacono & A. Madestam. AEA registry number: AEARCTR-0003062.

"Local Institutions and Leader Incentives: The Political Economy of Rwanda's Fertility Transition", w. Maximilian Linek.

“The anatomy of Collective Decision making – Voice and Choice in a Public Goods Game in Malawi” w. Marina Caregnato-Garcia & Vesall Nourani. Part of AEARCTR-0001816.

“Financial inclusion to the last mile: Expansion of retail agent networks in the Philippines” w. Lisa Spantig. Pilot ongoing.

Selected Research Grants

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| 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” (PI: 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” (PI: 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

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| 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

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| Ongoing | PhD secondary advisor Ellen Sahlström, Anna Holvio, Daniel Peredo Siles, Karri Vuoristo.
MA: Daniel Ezer, Ilkka Lähde, Malhar Bagi, Mikael Mattila, Mikael Wiljanen |
| 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) |
| 2019-2026 | 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, Hua Tran, Hilja-Maria Takala |

Seminar and Conference Presentations (selected)

2026	SOFI, Stockholm University (seminar), CSAE Annual conference (Oxford), Workshop on Field Experiments at Oslo Met, Nordic Conference on Development Economics, ESPE annual conference
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.

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	Finnish, French

*Using the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages levels

Personal

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