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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Chief Researcher | Labour Institute for Economic Research, Labour Markets (Aug 2021-present)

Conducting and leading policy-relevant research on social insurance, economic forecasts, tax-benefit systems using microsimulation models, gender and labour market dynamics, migration policies, education, and sustainable livelihoods. Experience from projects funded by the PMO (VN-TEAS), the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, the Finnish National Agency for Education, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and Central Labour Organizations. Organizing seminar series, conferences, and public outreach activities, contributing to blogs, media articles, and policy discussions. Holding positions of trust, including OECD permanent coordination committee membership, Labore advisory board membership (2023–25), a delegate for labour protection (2023–25), and former board member of UNIPID (2020–22).

Country Programme Focal Point & Research Associate | UN University, World Institute for Development Economics Research (Jan 2019 –Oct 2022) & (Mar – Dec 2024)

Engaging in qualitative research on social protection in humanitarian contexts (conflict, health crises, and climate shocks). Led a multi-year, multidisciplinary research program on sustainable development solutions for Tanzania, funded by the Finnish MFA, and contributed to UNU-WIDER's research on social insurance for emerging markets, gender, income diversification, and social policy evaluation. Positions in UNU's Ethical Review Board, organized international conferences, policy dialogues, and calls for papers, supervised researchers and PhD students globally, and trained African scholars in microsimulation and quantitative research methods.

Research Advisor Consultant | Demos Helsinki, Governance Innovation Unit (2018-2019)

Participated e.g. in designing experimental research projects.

Postdoc (2018–2019) and Project researcher (2014–2018) | Aalto University and Tampere University

Conducted academic research on social protection, vulnerability, and poverty measurement, developing new methodologies for assessing poverty and social risk. Evaluated foreign aid effectiveness using randomized household surveys and led data collection, analysis, reporting, and dissemination. Also some research in international business.

Research Assistant | UNU-WIDER (2011-2013)

Worked in research under the Research and Communication on Foreign Aid (ReCom) project and served as the focal point for the UNU-WIDER World Income Inequality Database (WIID).

Research Assistant | Social Insurance Institution of Finland, KELA (2009-2010)

Conducted quantitative research using register data on social protection in Finland (student benefits).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Articles, book chapters and books

Lambin, R., Nyssölä, M. (2024). *Incorporating Informal Workers into Social Insurance in Tanzania*. In Ilcheong Yi, Alexandra Kaasch, Kelly Stetter (eds.), *Emerging Trends in Social Policy from the South*. Policy Press, Bristol, pp. 161–185.

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Dimova, R., S. Halvorsen, M. Nyssölä, and K. Sen (2024). Long-run rural livelihood diversification in Kagera. In Morrissey O, Semboja J, Were M. (eds.). *Sustaining Tanzania's Economic Development: A Firm and Household Perspective*. Oxford University Press.

Nyssölä (2018). *Essays on Programme Impacts, Vulnerability and Welfare Measurement*, Aalto University DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS, 128/2018.

Jäntti, M., R. Kanbur, M. Nyssölä and J. Pirttilä (2014). Poverty and welfare measurement on the basis of Prospect Theory, *Review of Income and Wealth*. 60(1), 182-205.

Nyssölä, M., J. Pirttilä and S. Sandström (2014). Technology Adoption and Food Security in Subsistence Agriculture - Evidence from a Group-Based Aid Project in Mozambique, *Finnish Economic Papers* 1, 1-33.

Selected Working paper publications

Lambin, R., Muangi, W. C., & Nyssölä, M. (2025). *Social Protection in Humanitarian Contexts: Exploring Stakeholder Views from Tanzania* (WIDER Working Paper No. 2025/x). Helsinki, Finland: UNU-WIDER.

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Reports

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Finér, L. & Systä, J. (2025), *Huipputuloisten asialla: Selvitys hallituksen tuloveronalennusten vaikutuksista eri tulonsaajaryhmiin ja alueisiin*, Kalevi Sorsa -säätio, Impulsseja 2/2025. (mukana tekemässä tilastollisia analyysejä)

Kauhanen, M., & Nyssölä, M. (2025). *Selvitys vanhemmuuden kustannusten tasaisemmasta jakautumisesta* (No. 49). Helsinki, Finland: Labour Institute for Economic Research (Labore).

Isotalo, E., O. Kanninen, M. Kauhanen, M., J. Nieminen and M. Nyssölä (2024). *Oleskeluluvalla Suomeen tulevien toimeentuloedellytyksen kehittämisehdot ja niiden vaikutukset*. 2024. Valtioneuvoston kansallisen julkaisusarja 2024.

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