

# Ylva Moberg

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Applied microeconometrics, Labor Economics, Family Economics and Economics of Gender.

## CURRENT POSITION

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Data and policy analyst at the Analysis Unit at the Swedish Tax Agency (Skatteverket). 2017 –

## AFFILIATIONS

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Uppsala Center for Labor Studies (UCLS), Uppsala Center for Fiscal Studies (UCFS). Affiliated project researcher at the Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Educational Policy (IFAU).

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics, Uppsala University	2011 – 2017
Dissertation: <i>Gender, Incentives and the Division of Labor</i>	
M.Sc. Economics, Lund University	2008 – 2011
Intermediate level courses in Statistics, Lund University	2010
B.Sc. Political Science & Economics, Lund University	2005 – 2008

## REFERENCES

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## JOB MARKET PAPER

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### ***“Speedy Responses: Effects of Higher Benefits on Take-up and Division of Parental Leave”*** *(Submitted)*

Using population wide register data, I exploit the “speed premium” rule in the Swedish parental leave system to estimate the causal effect of a change in the level of benefits per day on the utilization of parental leave. The results show that a 1% (5 SEK  $\approx$  \$0.54) increase in the mother's benefit level per day increases her length of leave by 2.6 days ( $\approx$  1%). Fathers respond by reducing their own time on leave by 1.9 days, i.e. about 75% of the mother's increase. This suggests that changes in the benefit level affects not only the recipient's time on leave, but also the division of leave between parents. This is the first paper to causally estimate the elasticity of take-up duration (length of spell) with respect to the parental leave benefit level; which is found to be equal to 1 for mothers.

## WORKING PAPERS

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### ***“Does the gender composition in couples matter for the division of labor after childbirth?”*** IFAU WP 2016:8. *(Submitted)*

In this paper I compare the effect of entering parenthood on the spousal income gaps in lesbian and heterosexual couples using Swedish population wide register data. Comparing couples with similar pre-childbirth income gaps, a difference-in-differences strategy is used to estimate the impact of the gender composition of the couple on the spousal income gap after childbirth. The results indicate that the gender composition of the couple does matter for the division of labor after having children. Five years after childbirth the income gap is smaller in lesbian than in heterosexual couples also when comparing couples with the same pre-parenthood income gap. Heterosexual couples' division of labor seems to be influenced by traditional gender norms, regardless of their pre-childbirth income gap. In lesbian couples the partners' relative earnings before parenthood and a principle about fairness may be more important, as well as the partners' preferences for giving birth as the birth giving partner typically spends more time on parental leave.

### ***“The Anatomy of the Extensive Margin Labor Supply Response”*** (with Håkan Selin and Spencer Bastani. *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Scandinavian Economics*).

*Published as IFAU WP 2016:1 “Estimating participation responses using transfer program reform”.*

We estimate labor force participation elasticities for married women in Sweden using rich population-wide administrative data and a reform to the tax/transfer-system for identification. We thereby add to the scarce literature estimating participation elasticities using quasi-experimental methods. We estimate an average participation elasticity of 0.13 and present graphical evidence on the behavioral response to the reform. Our paper also highlights that estimated extensive margin responses necessarily are local to the observed equilibrium. Elasticities are twice as large in the lowest-skill sample (with relatively low employment) as compared to the highest-skill sample (with high employment).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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### ***“Mothers' Birth Giving Status and the Division of Parental Leave – A Comparison of Adoptive and Biological Parents”*** (Chapter three in my *dissertation*)

The skewed division of parental responsibilities during a child's infancy is sometimes assumed to be a “natural” consequence of the mother giving birth to the child. In this paper I investigate to what extent the tendency to let the mother be the main caregiver of an infant can be explained by the fact that she is the one to be pregnant, not the father. I use the division of parental leave as a proxy for division of

parental responsibilities and compare the behavior of biological parents (where the mother gave birth) to adoptive parents (where she did not) in Swedish populations wide register data. Results suggest that adoptive parents, both mothers and fathers, spend less time on parental leave than biological parents but that the mother's share of leave is almost the same.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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2018: ASSA Conference (Philadelphia),  
2017: Department of Government at Uppsala University,  
2016: ASSA Conference (San Francisco), IFAU, UCLS annual meeting, UCFS workshop.  
2015: CWF Conference (Malmö), Stockholm-Uppsala Doctoral Students Workshop in Economics (Uppsala), Department of Economics at Uppsala University, UCLS Doctoral Workshop,  
2014: The Swedish National Conference in Economics (Umeå), EEA Conference (Toulouse), Nordic Summer Institute in Labour Economics (Helsinki), Work-Family Research Conference (Stockholm), UCLS Doctoral Workshop (Uppsala),  
2013: IIPF Conference (Taormina), Department of Economics at Uppsala University.

## **TEACHING & PEDAGOGICAL COURSES**

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Topics in Labor Economics (undergraduate), Uppsala University	2017
Guest lecturer, Microeconomics (undergraduate), Uppsala University.	2014 – 2016
Academic Teacher Training Course, Uppsala University (5 weeks).	2013
TA, Principles of Micro- and Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Uppsala University.	2012 – 2013
TA, Basic course in Statistics (undergraduate), Lund University.	2010 – 2011

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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At the Department of Economics, Uppsala University:	
Member of the Equality Committee	2013 – 2016
Member of the PhD Student Association Board	2013 – 2015
Organizer, Brown Bag Seminar series	2013 – 2014
Mentor in the PhD student Mentorship Program	2013 – 2014

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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3-year stipend from the Wallander-Hedelius-Browaldh Foundation (Handelsbanken)	2014 – 2017
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## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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STATA, LaTeX, R, SPSS, SQL.

## **LANGUAGES**

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Swedish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basic).

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