

# Jørgen Modalsli

## Curriculum Vitae

Current position: Head of Research / Senior Researcher  
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### Employment

- **Head of Research (*Forskningsleder*), Statistics Norway** 2018 - present  
Research Department, Unit for Microeconomics
- **Senior Researcher (*Forsker I*), Statistics Norway** 2016 - present  
Research Department, Unit for Microeconomics

### Previous

- Researcher (*Forsker II*), Statistics Norway 2011 - 2016
- Affiliated Researcher, ESOP/Department of Economics, University of Oslo 2016, 2018
- Research Fellow (*Stipendiat*), ESOP/Department of Economics, University of Oslo 2007 - 2011
- Economist, ECON Analysis 2005 - 2007

### Education

- **Ph.D., Economics, University of Oslo** 2012  
Thesis: *Growing unequal? Essays on inequality, economic growth and development.*  
Visiting Ph.D. student, New York University, spring 2009
- M.Phil, Economics, University of Oslo 2005
- Bachelor of Arts and Social Sciences (Economics and History), University of Oslo 2003

### Research

#### Journal articles

- [1] Association of household income with life expectancy and cause-specific mortality in Norway, 2005-2015 (with Jonas Minet Kinge et al)  
*JAMA* **321**(19), 2019. doi:10.1001/jama.2019.4329
- [2] The regional dispersion of income inequality in nineteenth-century Norway.  
*Explorations in Economic History* **67**, 2018. doi: 10.1016/j.eeh.2017.09.001
- [3] Intergenerational occupational mobility in Norway, 1865-2011.  
*Scandinavian Journal of Economics* **119**(1), 2017. doi: 10.1111/sjoe.12196
- [4] Decomposing global inequality.  
*Review of Income and Wealth* **63**(3), 2017. doi: 10.1111/roiw.12230
- [5] Skjev kjønnsbalanse i toppen av inntektsfordelingen [Gender bias at the top of the income distribution].  
*Søkelys på arbeidslivet* **32**(4), 2016. doi: 10.18261/issn.1504-7989-2016-04-01
- [6] Inequality in the very long run: inferring inequality from data on social groups.  
*Journal of Economic Inequality* **13**(2), 2015. doi: 10.1007/s10888-014-9279-6  
(Longer working paper version: Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 734, 2013)

- [7] Estimating occupational mobility with covariates.  
*Economics Letters* **133**, 2015. doi: 10.1016/j.econlet.2015.05.017

### **Book chapter**

- [8] Regional income in Norway, 1900-2010  
Chapter in *The Economic Development of Europe's Regions: A Quantitative History since 1900*  
edited by N. Wolf and J. R. Roses, Routledge 2018

### **Working papers**

- [9] Spillover bias in multigenerational income regressions (with Kelly Vosters)  
Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 897, 2019
- [10] Who benefited from industrialization? The local effects of hydropower technology adoption  
(with Stefan Leknes)  
Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 874, 2018
- [11] Call the midwife: Health personnel and mortality in Norway 1887-1921  
(with Andreas Kotsadam and Jo Thori Lind)  
CESifo Working Paper 6831, 2017
- [12] On the measurement of long-run income inequality: Empirical evidence from Norway, 1875-2013  
(with Rolf Aaberge and Tony Atkinson)  
Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 847, 2016
- [13] Multigenerational persistence: Evidence from 146 years of administrative data  
Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 850, 2016
- [14] The ins and outs of top income mobility (with Rolf Aaberge and Tony Atkinson)  
Statistics Norway Discussion Paper 762, 2013
- [15] Distance and choice of field: Evidence from a Norwegian college expansion reform  
(with Tora Kjærnes Knutsen and Marte Rønning)
- [16] Measuring long-run wealth inequality (with Rolf Aaberge and Edda Solbakken)

### **Non-refereed work (selection)**

- [17] Småbruk, vekst og fordeling (with Rolf Aaberge and Espen Søybye). *Nytt Norsk Tidsskrift* 1, 2017.
- [18] Stor økning i yrkesmobiliteten fra 1800-tallet til i dag. *Samfunnsspeilet* 1, 2017.
- [19] Fordelingen av inntekter i Norge fra 1875 til i dag (with Rolf Aaberge). *Plan* 3, 2014
- [20] Book review of Piketty's "Capital in the 21st Century", *Minerva* (online), 2014
- [21] Er rike mennesker alltid rike? (with Rolf Aaberge and Tony Atkinson). *Økonomiske Analyser* 4, 2013
- [22] Polarization, risk and welfare in general equilibrium  
Memo 27/2011, Department of Economics, University of Oslo
- [23] Solow meets Marx: Social class, economic growth and structural change  
Memo 21/2011, Department of Economics, University of Oslo
- [24] Upolitisk ulikhet. *Minerva* 4, 2010
- [25] Alderdom og spesialisering: Norsk næringsstruktur i 2025 (with Rolf Røtnes and Leo Grünfeld). ECON-rapport 42, 2007
- [26] ECON Nye Boliger, property market statistics. Model construction and periodicals, 2006-2007
- [27] Scenarier for Oslo 2025 (with Geir Lunde and Bjørn Brunstad), ECON-rapport 58, 2006

- [28] Tjenestevirksomheter i internasjonal bevegelse (with Rolf Røtnes, Marit Svensgaard and Arve Halseth), ECON-rapport 56, 2006
- [29] Statlig kjøp av posttjenester (with Arve Halseth), ECON-rapport 104, 2005

### Academic presentations (2014 and later)

- **2019:** Workshop on inequality, social origins and intergenerational mobility, Università Cattolica (Milan); Allied Social Sciences Associations (Atlanta); Invited seminar, University of Bayreuth
- **2018:** European Association of Labour Economists (Lyon); Invited seminar, Department of Historical Studies, NTNU (Trondheim); European Social Science History Conference (Belfast)
- **2017:** Allied Social Sciences Associations (Chicago); Invited seminar, Lund University; Invited seminar, Helsinki University / Aalto University; Economic History Society (London); European Historical Economics Society (Tübingen); Conference on "Global Challenges - Nordic Experiences", University of Oslo; Norske historiedager, NTNU (Trondheim); Invited seminar, BI Norwegian Business School; Invited seminar, Institutt for samfunnsforskning (Oslo)
- **2016:** Workshop on the intergenerational transmission of economic status, UC3 Madrid; European Society of Historical Demography (Leuven); SOUND Senior Workshop, University of Gothenburg; Invited seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Oslo; Forskermøtet (Trondheim)
- **2015:** Allied Social Sciences Associations (Boston); Invited seminar, University of Kent; Invited seminar, University of Bergen; Workshop on the Glass Ceiling, NTNU (Trondheim); Workshop on Historical Social Mobility, University of Tromsø; European Historical Economics Society (Pisa); Public Economics and Inequality Workshop, Freie Universität Berlin
- **2014:** HCEO Conference on Social Mobility, University of Chicago; Invited seminar, University of Oslo; European Association of Labour Economists (Ljubljana); FRESH Workshop (Kent); Historical Mobility in a Global Perspective Workshop (Utrecht); Forskermøtet (Oslo)

### Research projects

#### As Project Manager

- **The Role of Men and Women in Intergenerational Mobility: A Cross-National Comparative Analysis, 1838-2015** 2017 - 2021  
Cooperation with Olivetti (Boston College), Paserman (Boston University), Salisbury (York University).  
Funding: Norwegian Research Council (FRIPRO, Young Research Talent).
- **Convergence or segregation? Regional imbalances and labor market flows** 2013 - 2016  
Cooperation with the Institute of Social Research (ISF).  
Funding: Norwegian Research Council (VAM).

#### As Project Participant

- **Inequality: Measurement, Evolution, Mechanisms, and Policies** 2017 - 2020  
Project Manager: Rolf Aaberge. Funding: Norwegian Research Council (FRIPRO)
- **National Historical Population Register for Norway** 2014 - 2020  
Cooperation with the Norwegian National Archives, the University of Tromsø, the National Institute for Public Health and the Norwegian Computing Centre.  
Project Manager: Gunnar Thorvaldsen. Funding: Norwegian Research Council (INFRASTRUKTUR).

- **Determined to succeed? Maturation, Motivation and Gender Gaps in Educational Achievement** 2019 - 2022  
Cooperation with the Institute of Social Research (ISF).  
Project manager: Liza Reisel. Funding: Norwegian Research Council.
- **NoWeDe - Nordic Welfare Developments** 2016 - 2018  
Cooperation with the University of Oslo.  
Project Managers: Jo Thori Lind and Kalle Moene. Funding: UiO:Nordic
- **People and their incomes in Norway, 1859-2013** 2014 - 2017  
Project Manager: Rolf Aaberge. Funding: Norwegian Research Council (FRIPRO)

#### Teaching and student supervision

- **Economic History and Inequality (ECON4951), University of Oslo** 2017, 2018  
Supplementary lectures/seminars, curriculum, planning, with Kalle Moene
- **The Political Economy of the Nordic Model, Vestfold University College** 2010  
Lectures, curriculum, planning and examination, with Jon Fiva
- **Development Economics (ECON1910), University of Oslo** 2008  
Lectures, seminars, curriculum, planning and examination, with Jo Thori Lind
- **External examiner, University of Oslo (oral and written exams; masters' theses)** 2006 - present
- **Seminar teaching at the University of Oslo:**  
**2009-2010:** Macroeconomics, graduate (ECON4330 and ECON4410); **2007-2008:** Macroeconomics, intermediate (ECON2310); **2004:** Microeconomics and macroeconomics, introductory (ECON1210 and ECON1310)
- **8 master's theses supervised at the University of Oslo** 2008 - present

#### Referee assignments

Economic Journal; European Review of Economic History; Environment and Planning; Explorations in Economic History; Forum for Development Studies; Journal of Economic History; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of the European Economic Association; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Income and Wealth; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Sociological Methods and Research