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## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Kyoto University  
M.A. in Economics, Boston University  
M.A. in Economics, University of Tokyo



## Professional experience

OECD	2011-Present Economic and policy research on science, technology and innovation; Cross country surveillance of structural reform (drafting editions of Going for Growth and providing technical support to G20 Framework WG); Country specific surveillance (drafting Economic Surveys of Germany, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, and New Zealand)
Kyoto University	2008-2011 Research on globalisation and innovation by Chinese and Japanese enterprises
Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI)	1998- 2008 Macroeconomic analysis and forecasting; Policy planning in economic cooperation, trade finance and basic industries

## Selected Publications and working papers

["Technology, labour market institutions and early retirement—Evidence from Finland"](#) (with T. Kyrrä, H.Hwang and J. Tuomala), *OECD Economics Department Working Paper* 1659, March 2021. (Also published as [IZA Discussion Paper No. 13990](#) and [VATT Working Paper 136](#))

"Boosting employment in Finland" (with D.Carey and H.Hwang), *OECD Economics Department Working Paper*, Forthcoming in 2021.

["Export and productivity in global value chains: comparative evidence from Latvia and Estonia"](#) (with K.Benkovskis, J.Masso, O.Tkacevs and P. Vahter), *Review of World Economics*, Vol.156, December 2019. (Awarded the *JIBE International Trade and Industrial Organisation in International Business Prize* at the 45th EIBA Annual Conference)

["Policies for stronger productivity growth in Latvia"](#) (with C. Klein, O.Rastrigina and A. Thiemann), *OECD Economics Department Working Papers* 1571, October 2019.

"[Importance of EU regional support programmes for firm performance](#)" (with K. Benkovskis and O. Tkacevs), *Economic Policy*, Vol. 34(98), April 2019. (Also published as: "[Do EU Funds boost productivity and employment?: Firm level analysis for Latvia](#)," *OECD Economics Department Working Papers* 1525, December 2018)

"[Boosting technology diffusion and preparing for the future of work in Germany](#)" (with S. Lehmann), *OECD Economics Department Working Paper* 1502, August 2018.

"[Moving up the global value chain in Latvia](#)" (with K. de Backer, A.F. Hutfilter, M. Kools and Z. Smidova), *OECD Economics Department Working Papers*, 1438, November 2017.

"[Getting the most out of trade in Estonia](#)" (with Z. Smidova), *OECD Economics Department Working Papers*, No. 1436, November 2017.

"[Reforming in a Difficult Macroeconomic Context: A Review of Issues and Recent Literature](#)" (with A. Caldera Sanchez and A. de Serres), *Journal of International Commerce, Economics and Policy*, Vol 08 (01), February 2017 (Also published as *OECD Economics Department Working Papers*, No. 1297).

"[Does agglomeration promote internationalization of Chinese firms?](#)" (With B. Ito and Z. Xu), *China Economic Review*, Vol 34, July 2015.

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"[An international perspective on the New Zealand productivity paradox](#)" (with A. de Serres and H. Boulhol), *New Zealand Productivity Commission Working Paper* WP2014/1, January 2014

"[Knowledge-based capital and upgrading in global value chains](#)", in *Supporting Investment in Knowledge Capital, Growth and Innovation*, OECD Publishing, Paris, 2013.

"[Upgrading in global value chains](#) ", in *Interconnected Economies: Benefiting from Global Value Chains*, OECD Publishing, Paris, 2013.

"Moving up the Value Chain: China's Experience and Future Prospects" (With D. Pilat and N. Yamano), in *China in Focus-Lessons and Challenges*, OECD, Paris, May 2012.

"[Review: Global value chains in a postcrisis world: A development perspective. Edited by Olivier CATTANEO, Gary GEREFFI and Cornelia STARITZ](#)," (with K. de Backer) *International Labour Review*, vol. 150(3-4), December 2011.

"[How do Chinese Industries Benefit from FDI Spillovers?](#)" (with B. Ito, Z. Xu, S. Chen and R. Wakasugi), *China Economic Review*, Vol.23(2), June 2012.

*New Approach to Chinese Enterprises: Research on Internationalization and Innovation* (In Japanese) Bunshindo Publishing, Tokyo, December 2011.

[“Export and Productivity under Different Market Condition- Evidence from Japan”](#) (with D.Hirano), *RIETI Discussion Paper* 11-E-054, May 2011

[“The Anatomy of Learning-by-Exporting: Role of Knowledge Acquisition”](#) (with D.Hirano), *RIETI Discussion Paper*, 10-E-053, October 2010

“Evaluating Japanese Exporters' Performance and Investment Behavior during the 2002-2007 Export Boom” (in Japanese) (with D.Hirano) *RIETI Policy Discussion Paper* 10-P-005, July 2010

### *Columns*

“Technology, labour market institutions and early retirement” (with T. Kyrrä, H.Hwang and J. Tuomala) *Vox-EU column*, March 2021

[“Boosting Employment in post-COVID Finland”](#) *OECD ECOSCOPE*, January 2021

[“Making the best of EU regional support funds to boost productivity: Firm-level analysis”](#) (with K. Benkovskis and O. Tkacevs) *Vox-EU column*, May 2019

[“Latvia: Working towards stronger and more inclusive growth”](#) *OECD ECOSCOPE*, May 2019

“Resource allocation, technology diffusion and new regulatory reforms” (in Japanese) *Column*, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry, February 2019

[“Learning-by-exporting in global value chains”](#) (with K.Benkovskis, J.Masso, O.Tkacevs and P. Vahter) *Vox-EU column*, April 2017

[“Structural reforms in difficult time: the priorities”](#) (with A. Caldera-Sanchez and A. de Serres), *Vox-EU Column*, September 2016

“Open Economy and Innovation” (in Japanese) *Nihon Keizai Shinbun*, 2013

[“Agglomeration and exports”](#)(with B. Ito and Z. Xu), *Vox-EU Column*, December 2013