

# Curriculum Vitae

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### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE AND SCIENTIFIC FOCUS AREAS

Volha's research expertise is in the fields of labor and demographic economics, with a special focus on utilitarian public health reforms. Volha has contributed to the international, empirical literature on public investments in human capital, with three major innovations: (i) investigated the impacts of large-scale historical health reforms; (ii) relied on the scientific base of other disciplines, including health studies and economic history; (iii) applied state-of-the-art methods of causal inference, such as difference-in-differences and instrumental-variables. Much of Volha's work has been solo-authored, demonstrating strong scholarly autonomy. Upon joining SDU and receiving Marie-Curie Fellowship, she has developed a network of collaborators in historical and health economics. She has managed several research grants and supervised numerous students and assistants. Volha's work has spurred many invitations to prestigious conferences and seminar talks in economics, e.g., at the UC Davis and the Essen School of Health Economics.

### EDUCATION

22/01/2018 PhD in **Economic History**, Lund University.  
02/07/2013 MSc in **Economic Growth, Innovation and Spatial Dynamics (A diploma)**, Lund University.  
05/07/2005 MSc in **Economics (highest honors diploma)**, Polotsk State University.

### EMPLOYMENT

2022 - **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellow**, Department of Economics/*Econometrics and Data Science Research Group*, University of Southern Denmark.  
28/02/2025  
2020 - **Assistant Professor in Economics**, University of Southern Denmark.  
28/02/2025  
2018-2019 Postdoctoral Researcher, **international recruitment and independent track**, Department of Economic History, Lund University.  
2013 Researcher, Turku School of Economics, Finland Futures Research Centre, Helsinki.  
2012 Research assistant, Research and Policy Advice Division, UNIDO.  
2005-2011 Senior (2008) and Assistant Lecturer, Department of Economic Theory, Polotsk State University.

### PERIODS OF LEAVE

31/07/2019 - 01/03/2020, 09/2020 Maternity leave for Petr.

### PEER-REVIEWED INTERNATIONAL ARTICLES

1. **Lazuka, V.** Accepted for publication. It's a Long Walk: Lasting Effects of Maternity Ward Openings on Labour Market Performance. *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 2021, 1–47.
2. **Lazuka, V.** 2020. Infant Health and Later-Life Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from the Introduction of Sulpha Antibiotics in Sweden. *The Journal of Human Resources*, 55 (2), 660–698.
3. Andersson, J., **Lazuka, V.** 2019. Long-Term Drivers of Taxation in Francophone West Africa 1893–2010. *World Development* 114 (February), 294–313.
4. **Lazuka, V.** 2019. Early-Life Assets in Oldest-Old Age: Evidence from Primary Care Reform in Early Twentieth Century Sweden. *Demography*, 56 (2), 679–706.
5. **Lazuka, V.** 2018. The Long-Term Health Benefits of Receiving Treatment from Qualified Midwives at Birth. *Journal of Development Economics* 133 (July), 415–433.
6. **Lazuka, V.**, Quaranta, L., Bengtsson, T. 2016. Fighting Infectious Disease: Evidence from Sweden 1870-1940. *Population and Development Review* 42 (1), 27–52.

### MONOGRAPHS

Lazuka, V. 2017. *Defeating Disease: The Lasting Effects of Public Health and Medical Breakthroughs between 1880 and 1945 on Health and Income in Sweden*. Doctoral Dissertation. Lund: Media-Tryck, Lund University. 363 p.

## ACADEMIC AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONOURS (SELECTED)

05/2022	Qualified for Associate Professorship in external review
03/2021	<b>Horizon-2020</b> Marie-Curie Individual Fellowship (Economic Sciences, score 98), 207312 EUR.
01/2021	<b>Talent Track and Excellence Fellowship</b> , University of Southern Denmark, 50000 EUR.
2019	<b>Economic History Society</b> Thirsk-Feinstein Prize for the <b>Best PhD Dissertation</b> .
2018	<b>Wallanders and Hedelius Scholarship</b> , top 1%, Handelsbanken Foundation, Sweden, 162536 EUR.
2016	Nordic Health Economists' Study Group <b>best PhD paper award</b> .
2014	Swedish Demographic Association national prize for the <b>best master's thesis</b> .
2012	<b>Erasmus Fellowship</b> , UN.
2011	<b>Global Visby Scholarship</b> , Swedish Institute, 33000 EUR.
2004-2006	<b>Presidential Talented Youth Scholarship, Ministry of Education Diploma</b> , reserve of <b>National Future Academic Leaders</b> , top 1%.

## MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

2022 -	<b>PI, Horizon-2020</b> Marie-Curie Individual Fellowship, <i>The Dynamic Impacts of Child Health and Skills Enhanced by School Interventions Across the Life Course</i> .
2022	Completed <b>Aspirant Leadership Programme</b> , SDU.
2021 -	Course-leader, <b>SDU HEDG Summer School</b> <i>Historical Perspectives on Current Economic Issues: Frontier Methods and Applications</i> .
2020 -	<b>PI, Wallanders and Hedelius Scholarship: The (Very) Long-Term Causal Effects of Public Interventions.</b>
2013 - 2020	<b>PI, 3 research grants for PhD research and a prestigious postdoctoral grant</b> , Crafoord Foundation, <b>6 grants</b> for research assistance, infrastructure, and mobility, 91 887 EUR.
2019 -	<b>Co-PI</b> , grant <i>How Welfare Shapes Our Future</i> , FORTE, Sweden, 2019-2024, 459 000 EUR.
2013 - 2018	<b>Participant, Linnaeus grant</b> as part of building microdata and training PhD students.
2014 -	Manager of 9 <b>research assistants</b> , including archivists and students.

## OTHER SCIENTIFIC QUALIFICATIONS

Organizer	Swedish Economic History Annual Meeting 2023.
Organizer	9th CEPR Economic History Symposium 2022, Denmark.
Panel member	Academic Coordination Committee, Interdisciplinary Centre for Population Dynamics, University of Southern Denmark, 2022 -.
Peer-reviewer	<i>The Journal of Human Resources, Health Economics, Demography, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, The History of the Family, European Review of Economic History, Demographic Research, Economics and Human Biology</i> .
Scientific reviewer	9th CEPR Economic History Symposium 2022, 29th IUSSP International Population Conference 2021
Thesis examiner	PhD theses: Luis Serratos 2020, Omar Karlsson 2018, Martin Lindström 2015. 7 master's theses 2018-2022, 1 bachelor thesis 2022.
Affiliated member	Centre for Economic Demography, Lund University, Interdisciplinary Centre for Population Dynamics, University of Southern Denmark.
Member	AEA, EEA, RES, EHA.

## INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS AND COOPERATION

Collaborator	Martha Bailey, UCLA, <b>US</b> ; Annika Elwert, Lund University, <b>Sweden: Life-Cycle Effects of Sex Education</b> .
Collaborator	Meltem N Daysal, University of Copenhagen, <b>Denmark</b> , Mircea Trandafir, Rockwell Foundation, <b>Denmark</b> , Peter S Jensen, Linnaeus University, <b>Sweden: Synergistic Effects of School Reforms</b> .
Collaborator	Peter S Jensen, Linnaeus University, <b>Sweden: Intergenerational Effects of Smallpox Vaccination</b>
Collaborator	Luciana Quaranta, Louise Cormack, Lund University, <b>Sweden: How Welfare Shapes Our Future</b>

## SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Present	1 PhD student, Louise Cormack (co-supervisor), 3 BA theses, BA students' mentor.
Past	30 master's theses, 5 BA theses, 156 half-way BA theses.
Winners	1 best BA thesis with the Deloitte prize, 5 best master's theses in the national and 1 in the international competition.
Development	7 pedagogical courses.