Malte Jacob Rattenborg

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

University of Cologne — Since February 2026
Postdoctoral Researcher — *Cologne, Germany*

- Research Group: Behavioral Foundations (Johannes Wohlfart)

Center for Social and Economic Behavior (C-SEB), — Since March 2026
Associated Member — *Cologne, Germany*

RESEARCH STAYS

Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) — September 2024 - February 2025
Visiting Fellow — *Ithaca, USA*

- Host: Philipp Kircher

IZA - Institute of Labor Economics — June 2024 & June 2025
Guest Researcher — *Bonn, Germany*

EDUCATION

University of Copenhagen — September 2021 - April 2026
Ph.D. in Economics — *Copenhagen, Denmark*

- Supervisors: Steffen Altmann & Robert Mahlstedt
- Committee: Nikolaj Harmon, Andrea Weber, Florian Zimmermann

University of Copenhagen — September 2019 - August 2023
M.Sc. in Economics — *Copenhagen, Denmark*

University of Mannheim — September 2015 - March 2019
B.Sc. in Economics — *Mannheim, Germany*

Stockholm University — January 2018 - May 2018
Semester abroad — *Stockholm, Sweden*

WORKING PAPERS

Wage Expectations and Job Search
Reject & Resubmit at the American Economic Review
(ECONtribute Discussion Paper) (CESifo Working Paper)
joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt, Alexander Sebald, Sonja Settele and Johannes Wohlfart

Which Occupations Do Unemployed Workers Target? Insights from Online Job Search Profiles
(IZA Discussion Paper)
joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt and Alexander Sebald

WORK IN PROGRESS

Is It Me or the Market? Belief Formation and the Dynamics of Job Search
single-authored

The Dynamics of Search Intensity: Evidence from High-Frequency Online Job Search Data
joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Alexander Sebald and Hannah Simon

Vacancy Visibility and Application Behavior
joint work with: Steffen Altmann, Alexander Sebald and Hannah Simon

GRANTS

C-SEB Junior Start-Up Grant) *2026*

- Research grant (Euro 4,000) for the project "Is It Me or the Market? Belief Formation and the Dynamics of Job Search"

Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN) *2024*

- Research grant (DKK 185,460) for the project "Is It Me or the Market? Belief Formation and the Dynamics of Job Search"

Augustinus Fonden *2024*

- Grant (DKK 22,000) to support a research stay at Cornell University

Erasmus+ Scholarship *2019*

- Scholarship for an internship at the Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels

Erasmus+ Scholarship *2018*

- Scholarship for a semester at Stockholm University

REFEREEING

2026 Quarterly Journal of Economics;
Journal of the European Economic Association (3x);
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
2025 Journal of the European Economic Association

WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

PhD Workshop in Labor and Behavioral Economics June 2026
Early-career workshop at the intersection between behavioral and labor *CEBI, University of Copenhagen*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Behavioral Economics and Survey Experiments, PhD level October 2026 - February 2027
Lecturer and Course Responsible *University of Cologne*

Behavioral Finance, Bachelor level April 2026 - June 2026
Lecturer and Course Responsible *University of Cologne*

Microeconomics 3, Master level September 2022 - January 2023
Teaching Assistant *University of Copenhagen*

COMMITTEE WORK

PhD Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences January 2022 - January 2025
Elected PhD Representative for the Department of Economics *University of Copenhagen*

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

University of Copenhagen September 2025 - January 2026
Research Assistant *Copenhagen, Denmark*

- Research Group: Behavioral Economics and Labor Market Performance
- Supervisors: Steffen Altmann & Robert Mahlstedt

University of Copenhagen February 2021 - September 2021
Student Research Assistant *Copenhagen, Denmark*

- Research Group: Behavioral Economics and Labor Market Performance
- Supervisors: Steffen Altmann, Robert Mahlstedt & Alexander Sebald

University of Copenhagen October 2019 - February 2021
Student Research Assistant *Copenhagen, Denmark*

- Research Group: The Impact of Family Assets on Corporate Structures and Outcomes (FAMBUSS)
- Supervisor: Morten Bennedsen

Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) February 2019 - June 2019
Internship *Brussels, Belgium*

- Research Group: Economic Policy Unit
- Supervisor: Mikkel Barslund

Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) January 2017 - December 2017
Student Research Assistant *Mannheim, Germany*

- Research Group: Labor Markets, Human Resources and Social Policy

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026*	Inaugural IZA@LISER Conference in Labour Economics; 5th Workshop on Field Experiments in Economics and Business; European Economic Association (EEA); Search and Matching Network (SaM) CEBI PhD Workshop in Labor and Behavioral Economics; European Economic Association (EEA);
2025	NBER Summer Institute - The Micro and Macro Perspectives of the Aggregate Labor Market; Copenhagen Workshop on Job Search and Micro Data; DGPE Workshop; 15th ifo Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data; 6th World Labor Conference SOLE-EALE-AASLE 8th Workshop on Subjective Expectations, Nova SBE; IZA PhD Workshop in Labor and Behavioral Economics;
2023	DGPE Workshop; Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS); European Economic Association (EEA);
2022	DGPE Workshop; European Association of Labour Economists (EALE); European Society for Population Economics (ESPE)
2021	DGPE Workshop

**(including scheduled)*

INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026*	Applied Micro Brownbag - University of Bonn; Applied Micro Brownbag - University of Cologne;
2025	Bundesbank Research Seminar; Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam;
2024	Cornell University - Labor Work in Progress Seminar (LWIPS); Cornell University - Macroeconomics Seminar; Cornell University - Behavioral Economics Research Group (BERG); Cornell University - The Work In Progress Seminar; Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) - Brown Bag; Aarhus University - Labour and Public Policy Seminar
2023	Rockwool Foundation; Copenhagen Labor Economics Summer Workshop; Styrelsen for Arbejdsmarked og Rekruttering (STAR); De Økonomiske Råd (DØRS); KU Leuven HIVA
2022	Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) - Brown Bag

**(including scheduled)*

SUMMER SCHOOLS & PHD COURSES

2025	**The Chicago School in Experimental Economics (CSEE)**
2024	**Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics**
	Reading Group: Theoretical Microeconomics, University of Copenhagen
2023	**Allocation and Wages in Labor Markets**, Aarhus University - Rasmus Lentz
2022	**Reading Group: Job Choices**, University of Copenhagen - Daphne Skandalis & Nikolaj Harmon **Economics Writing Group**, University of Copenhagen - Niels Johannsen **Oxford Economics Summer School**, University of Oxford (i) Treatment Effects: Beyond the Basics - Francis Ditraglia, (ii) An Introduction to the Foundations of Machine Learning - Maximilian Kasy
2021	**Reading Group: Micro Data Aspects on Unemployed Job Search**, University of Copenhagen - Daphne Skandalis & Nikolaj Harmon

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

Software Skills	STATA, R, Python, SAS, Qualtrics
Languages	English, German, Danish

REFERENCES

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