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My research is about long-run inequalities in health and survival, and the major improvements that happened during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. I study intergenerational and within-family change, the influence of the changing disease environment, and early-life effects on health. I use historical and contemporary population registers to study lifespan, cause-specific mortality, reproductive outcomes, stature, and morbidity.

**Academic positions**

*Centre for Economic Demography, Department of Economic History, Lund University, Sweden*

- 2022 – today Biträdande Lektor (Assistant Professor on the tenure track)
- 2021 – 2022 Researcher
- 2019 – 2021 Postdoctoral Researcher

*Radboud Group for Family History and Historical Demography, Department of History, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands*

- 2019 – today Affiliated researcher. Visiting researcher in August 2021, April 2022
- 2014 – 2019 PhD Researcher

*Population Science, Huntsman Cancer Centre, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, US.*

- 2017 / 03-06 Visiting researcher. Mentor: Prof. Ken R. Smith

**Career breaks**

- 2023 – 2024 Parental leave (7 months)
- 2016 – 2018 Radboud University Nijmegen: Elected member of the university council (5 months)

**Academic degrees**

2023 Docent (Associate Professor), Department of Economic History, Lund University  
2019 Ph.D., History. Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands  
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Angelique Janssens & Prof. Dr. Jan Kok  
2014 M.Sc., Social & Cultural Science (Sociology). Radboud University. Cum laude (top 5%)  
2012 B.Sc., Sociology. Radboud University. Cum laude (top 5%)

**Active research projects**

2022 – 2026 **An age-old advantage?** Healthy aging in two centuries of Swedish and Dutch long-lived families (1813-2021). Riksbankens Jubileumsfonden. 400.000EUR

2022 – 2024 **Long Live the Family.** The Rise of Familial Health Advantages in Sweden 1813-2022. Research project, Crafoordska Stiftelse, 180.000EUR

**PhD Supervision**

Main supervisor of Isa Barraclough, 2022 – 2026 (expected)

**Publications in summary**

13 peer-reviewed publications, 2 book chapters, 1 paper under review  
297 citations, H-index 8, i10-index 8 (Google Scholar, January 2024)  
\* Shared first authorship -- # corresponding authorship

*Peer-reviewed publications*

- 2023 Hedefalk, **Van Dijk** & Dribe. [Childhood neighborhoods and cause-specific adult mortality in Sweden 1939-2015](#). *Health & Place*, 84 (103137).
- 2023 Van den Berg, Rodriguez-Girondo, **Van Dijk**, Beekman & Slagboom. [Increasing levels of ancestral mortality reveal up to 13 year healthspan differences and beneficial metabolomics profiles](#). *Nature Communications*, 14 (4518).
- 2023 **Van Dijk**\*, Quanjer\* & Rosenbaum-Feldbrügge\*. [Short Lives. The impact of parental death on early life mortality and height in the Netherlands 1860-1940](#). *Demography*, 60 (1): 255-279.
- 2022 Rijpma, **Van Dijk**, Schalk, Zijdeman & Mourits. [Unequal excess mortality during the Spanish Flu pandemic in the Netherlands](#). *Economics and Human Biology*, 47, 101179.
- 2021 **Van Dijk** & Kok. [Kept in the Family. Remarriage with Kin among Widows and Widowers in the Netherlands 1812 – 1937](#). *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. 52 (3): 313–349.
- 2021 **Van Dijk**\*, Van den Berg\*, Mourits\*. [Maternal Age and Child Reproductive Success](#). *Historical Life Course Studies* 10(3): 112-118.
- 2021 **Van Dijk**\*, Van den Berg\*, Mourits\*, Slagboom, Janssens, Mandemakers. [Families in Comparison: An individual-level comparison of life course and family reconstructions between population and vital event registers](#). *Population Studies*. 75 (1): 91-110.
- 2019 Van den Berg, Rodriguez-Girondo, **van Dijk**, Mourits, Janssens, Mandemakers, Beekman, Smith, Slagboom. [Longevity defined as top 10% survivors and beyond is transmitted as a quantitative genetic trait](#). *Nature Communications*, 10, 35.
- 2019 **Van Dijk**, Janssens, Smith. [The Long Harm of Childhood: Childhood Exposure to Mortality and Subsequent Risk of Adult Mortality in Utah and the Netherlands](#). *European Journal of Population* 35(5): 851-871.
- 2019 **Van Dijk**. [Mortality Clustering in Families: A Review of the Literature](#). *Population Studies*, 73, 1, 79-99.
- 2018 **Van Dijk** & Mandemakers. [Like mother, like daughter: Intergenerational transmission of infant mortality clustering in Zeeland 1833 – 1912](#). *Historical Life Course Studies*, 7(2), 28-46.
- 2015 Thijs, **van Dijk**, Stoof & Notten. [Adolescent problem behaviour: The gender gap in European perspective](#). *European Journal of Criminology*, 12, 5, 598-615.
- 2014 Thijs, **van Dijk**, Stoof & Notten. [Genderverschillen en deviant gedrag](#). *Mens & Maatschappij*, 89, 3, 305-335.

*Book chapters, dissertation*

- 2024** **Van Dijk**\*, Lazuka\* & Quaranta\*. [Maternal and infant health development in southern Sweden, 1905-2015: Understanding the role of institutions and medical innovations](#). In: *Urban Lives*, edited by Dribe, Nilsson & Tegunimataka. Oxford: Oxford University Press. In press.
- Van Dijk**\* & Dribe\*. [A Healthy Marriage? Emerging Marital Status Differences in Mortality in Scania, 1815 – 2015](#). In: *Urban Lives*, edited by Dribe, Nilsson & Tegunimataka. Oxford: Oxford University Press. In press.

**2019** **Van Dijk.** [Death and the family. High mortality families and the life course, The Netherlands, 1812 – 1912 \(2019\).](#) Enschede: Ipskamp. Doctoral dissertation.

*Database, data, code books*

2022 Rijpma, **Van Dijk**, Schalk, Zijdemans & Mourits. **2022.** [HSNDB index: occupational exposure to infectious disease.](#) IISG Amsterdam.

2020 Mourits, **Van Dijk** & Mandemakers. 2020. [From LINKS to database.](#) *Historical Life Course Studies* 9, 46-69. Database, code book and code

2020 Mandemakers, Hornix, Mourits, Muurling, Boter, **Van Dijk**, Maas, van de Putte, Zijdemans, Lambert, van Leeuwen, van Poppel and Miles. [HSN standardized, HISCO-coded and classified occupational titles, HSN release 2020.02](#), IISG Amsterdam.

*Coverage of research*

2022 [Vägen framåt för unga forskare](#) [The way forward for young researchers]

2019 [How Death Continued to Haunt Zeeland Families.](#) Radboud Recharge, 2019

*Manuscripts under review, in revision, working papers, pre-prints*

- **Van Dijk\***, Nilsson\* & Quaranta\*. [Disease Exposure in Early Life Affects Female Reproduction: Evidence from Southern Sweden 1896 – 2015.](#) R&R

*Manuscripts in preparation*

- **Van Dijk.** Child Mortality Clustering Across Generations: Inequality and Exceptionally High Mortality.
- **Van Dijk** & Van den Berg. “Long Live the Family. The Rise of A Familial Health Advantage Preceding the Social Gradient in Health in Sweden”
- Barraclough & **Van Dijk.** “The intergenerational transmission of lifespan and longevity: evidence from the Swedish censuses 1880-1950”
- Cormack & **Van Dijk.** “Intergenerational transmission of fertility behavior”

**Funding**

My grant experience includes major grants as PI, of which the most prominent is the Riksbankens Jubileumsfonden project I currently lead. The total grants awarded to me as PI amount to about 630k EUR / about 6.4 million SEK.

*As Principal Investigator*

2022 **Long Live the Family: The Rise of Familial Health Advantages in Sweden 1813-2022.** Crafoord Foundation (Crafoordska Stiftelse). Funding for a PhD candidate 2022-2024 (170kEUR)

2021 **An Age-Old Advantage? Healthy aging in two centuries of Swedish and Dutch long-lived families (1813-2021).** Bank of Sweden Foundation (Riksbankens Jubileumsfonden). PI. Co-applicant: Niels van den Berg, LUMC Netherlands. Funding covers 2 researchers for 3 years, 0.7 FTE (400kEUR)

2021 **Maternal and Infant Health and Their Change over Time.** Ebbe Kock Stiftelse. Co-applicants: Nilsson and Quaranta. Funding for digitization of obstetric records; research assistant for 3 months (30kEUR)

2020 **Early Years: Maternal Health and Newborns' Birthweight.** Ebbe Kock Stiftelse. Co-applicants: Nilsson and Quaranta. Funding for digitization of obstetric records; research assistant for 3 months (30kEUR)

*As co-applicant*

2023 **The Great Leap: Multidisciplinary approaches to health inequalities, 1800-2022.** EU COST Action. PI Janssens. Role: Management Committee for Sweden.

2020 **Maternal Health and Newborns' Birthweight.** Gyllenstiernska Krapperup Stiftelse. PI Nilsson (7.5kEUR)

*Travel grants and fellowships*

2021 Interstellar Initiative for early career researchers on healthy ageing. Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED) and the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS). Declined

*Awards*

2021 Best Poster Award at the Conference of the PAA (with Quaranta and Nilsson)

2019 Graduate School of the Humanities Radboud University Nijmegen Dissertation Award

*Travel funding obtained as a PhD student (2017-2019)*

Cultuurfonds travel grant (2.5kEUR) for 3 months in Salt Lake City (US) and Professor van Winterfonds travel grant (5kEUR, co-applicants Mourits and Van den Berg), for 3 months in Salt Lake City (US) at the Utah Population Centre. DANS KNAW travel grant to ICPSR (social science methodology summer program); Ann Arbor, Michigan, US (2kEUR); Tilly Travel Award, SSHA, Phoenix Arizona, US (500EUR)

**Teaching**

I have developed and taught courses on economic demography, health and historical demography. I taught substantive lectures, seminars, methodology courses and research skill seminars, and invited lectures for up to 50 students. I currently teach 2 courses per semester and participate in thesis supervision of bachelor and master students. I regularly attend courses to further develop my teaching skills (see below).

**2019 – 2024 Teaching at Lund University**

2023 - 2024 Research Design (Bachelor Economics & Society). Instructor

2023 - 2024 Advanced Topic in Economic Demography: Family and Health. Coordinating lecturer

2021 - 2024 Master thesis examination, 8 theses

2020 - 2024 Population and Living Standard (MA)

- 2022 and 2023: Coordinating lecturer
- 2020 and 2021: Lecturer

2022 Consequences of Demographic Change (MA), lecturer

2020 Econometrics II (MA), coordinating lecturer

2020 Econometrics I (MA), examination

*Guest lectures*

2024 Summer School in Historical Demography, Lund University

2021-2023 Planning your PhD. Lund, PhD candidates Economic History

2022 and 24 Societal impact of epidemics. MA Biology and Infectious Disease Lund

*Supervision at the PhD level*

2022 – 2026 Isa Barraclough (expected). PhD student in the project “Long Live the Family”. PI of the research project. Main supervisor. Assistant supervisor: Martin Dribe

*Supervision at the Master level, Lund University*

- 2024 Oswald, Saiara, Yan, Horvath-Nemes
- 2022 Bruckner (2nd year MA), Keegan, Lekstyte, Valentin
- 2021 Bruckner (1<sup>st</sup> year MA)
- 2020 Mancuso, Cormack (awarded Håkan Lindgren prize for best Swedish economic history thesis)

**2010 – 2017 Teaching at Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands**

*Department of History, Faculty of Arts: Seminars and Lectures*

- 2016 – 2017 Basic Programming in R for early career researchers, summer school
- 2015 – 2016 Beautiful Angels, Historical Demography project, bachelor-2/3

*Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences: Seminars*

- 2013 & 2014 Research Project, bachelor-1, 2x

*Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Management Sciences: Seminars*

- 2014 Sociology for Public Administration, bachelor-3

*Academic Writing Center: Writing Tutor*

- 2010 – 2014 Individual coaching of BA and MA students and developing workshops

**Presentations**

*Invited presentations and seminars*

- 2023 Invited seminar “Long Run Developments in the Association between SES and survival, Sweden”. Department of Molecular Epidemiology, LUMC, Leiden, Netherlands
- 2023 Invited seminar “Family Differences in Health and Mortality”, Norwegian Institute for Public Health, Oslo, Norway
- 2023 “Changes in Health and Mortality from a Family Perspective”. Keynote lecture. European Society for Historical Demography Conference, Nijmegen, Netherlands.
- 2021 European Society for Historical Demography digital seminar series
- 2019 NWO-Most joined seminar “Life at the Extremes 2.0”, Academia Sinica & Taiwan National University, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2017 Population and Health Seminar, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, US
- 2016 MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle (Saale), Germany

*Conference presentations*

- 2024 German Day of Demography, Hamburg, Germany. European Population Conference Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.
- 2023 European Society for Historical Demography (ESHD), Nijmegen, Netherlands (plenary talk, paper). Conference of the PAA (Population Association of America), New Orleans, US (paper presentation, cancelled due to maternity leave). Conference of the ESSHC, Gothenburg, Sweden (paper presentation, discussant, cancelled due to maternity leave).
- 2022 ESHD, Madrid, Spain (session organizer, paper, discussant). Nordic Demography Symposium, Oslo, Norway (paper). Swedish Register-Based Research Summit, Stockholm, Sweden (paper).
- 2021 *All online.* European Social Science History Conference, Leiden, Netherlands. Economic History Society, Essex, UK. Sex ratios and missing girls in history seminar series, Trondheim, Norway. Conference of the Population Association of America (poster). Social Science History Association, Philadelphia, US.
- 2020 *All cancelled.* European Social Science History Conference, Leiden, Netherlands. Conference of the Population Association of America, Washington DC, US. European Population Conference, Padua, Italy (paper). Conference of the Social Science History Association, Washington DC, US

- 2019 IUSSP Seminar on lifespan extension with varying cause-of-death trajectories in European societies, Marburg, Germany. Conference of the European Society for Historical Demography, Pecs, Hungary. IUSSP Seminar on Kinship and Demographic Behavior, Minneapolis, Minnesota, US. MVE-Tagung, Delmenhorst, Oldenburg (session chair). Conference of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, US
- 2018 IUSSP Workshop on the social impact of epidemics: A workshop marking 100 years of the Great Flu Epidemic of 1918, Oslo, Norway. Conference of the SSHA, Phoenix, Arizona, USA. European Population Conference, Brussels, Belgium. ESSHC, Belfast, Northern Ireland (UK) (panel discussant “Causes of Death in Port Cities”). Posthumus Conference, Utrecht, Netherlands
- 2017 International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa. Conference of the Population Association of America, Chicago, USA (poster)
- 2016 Conference of the European Society for Historical Demography, Leuven, Belgium. European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain (paper and panel organizer). Posthumus Conference, Wageningen, Netherlands
- 2015 Conference of the Social Science History Association, Baltimore, USA

*Departmental talks*

- 2021 “Bearing the Cost”. Seminar at the Department of Economic History, Lund University
- 2019 “Death and the Family”. Closing seminar of the Genes, Germs and Resources research project funded by the Dutch Science Organization. Radboud University Nijmegen
- 2019 “Mortality Clustering: Causes and Consequences”. Seminar at the Department of Economic History, Lund University
- 2018 “Exposure to Early-Life Mortality and Offspring Mortality”. Seminar Radboud Group for Historical Demography, Nijmegen

**Professional development and activities**

**Organization and service**

- 2024 – today Generations and Gender Program (GGP) steering committee Sweden
- 2023 – today Management Committee of the COST Action ‘The Great Leap’
- 2022 – today Deputy Board Member, Economic History, Faculty of Economics, Lund University (Elected)
- 2022 Posthumus Research Design Course, Lund: Senior Commentator

**PhD opponent and thesis committee tasks**

- Discussant of the final seminar of Bergvall (2022), Lund University
- Dissertation Examination Committee & Opposition of Dr. Thompson, Health Economics, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands (2022)
- Discussant of the final seminar of Debiasi (2021), Lund University
- Discussant of the midway seminar of Bergvall (2021), Lund University

**Reviewing**

Journals: *Biodemography & Social Biology, Demography, Economics & Human Biology (2), Explorations in Economic History, Historical Life Course Studies, History of the Family (2), Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Population, Population Studies (3), Social Sciences and Humanities Open, Scandinavian Economic History Review (2), Social Science History*

Conferences: *International Population Conference IUSSP*

**Organization of sessions and workshops**

- 2025 IUSSP International Population Conference, Brisbane, Australia. Organizer ‘Intrafamily and Intergenerational Transmission of Health’.
- 2022 ESHD Madrid: session *Healthy Mothers and Thriving Infants*, with Quaranta

- 2017 Masterclass *Evolutionary Perspectives in Historical Demography* at the Radboud Group for Historical Demography and Family History, with Riswick
- 2016 ESSHC Valencia: session *Familial Determinants of Mortality*
- 2016 Organization of Summer School *Historical Demography* for early career researchers, department of History, Radboud University. 15 participants

#### **Membership of scientific societies**

- 2019–present IUSSP (International Union for the Scientific Study of Population)  
EAPS (European Association for Population Studies)  
Swedish Demographic Association  
Nederlandse Vereniging voor de Demografie

#### **Pedagogical education**

*5 weeks pedagogical training, Lund University.*

- Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (3 weeks fulltime, 2020-2021)
- Doctoral Supervision (2 weeks fulltime, 2020-2021)

*1 week pedagogical training, Radboud University Nijmegen.*

- Tutoring, course, academic writing center (3 days)
- Teaching Seminars, course, faculty of management science (2 days)

#### **Other courses**

- Swedish for University Employees, Lund University  
2021-2022 SFU Level 4 (B2); 2020-2021 SFU Level 3 (B1); 2019-2020 SFU Level 2 (A2)
- Basic training and research design course, Posthumus Institute, Netherlands (2015-2018)
- Summer Program at ICPSR, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US (2016)
- Demography and Event History Analysis in R, University of Umea, Sweden (2015)

#### **Discussant at conference sessions**

- ESHD, Madrid (2022). Discussant of session *Long Term Impact of Exposure in the Life Course*
- ESSHC, Belfast (2018). Discussant of the session *The History of Health in European Port Cities*

#### **Languages**

Dutch	native
English	fluent
Swedish	limited professional working proficiency, CEFR B2 (certificates)
German	limited professional working proficiency, CEFR B2 (without formal training)