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RESEARCH AREA

I study health and social inequalities through the lens of migrant integration and social stratification, using quantitative longitudinal methods to uncover how structural disadvantages accumulate and persist across the life course.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Main Affiliation

Postdoctoral Researcher, Karolinska Institutet (Unit of Occupational Medicine, Institute of Environmental Medicine)

Apr. 2025–present

Other Positions

Affiliate Researcher, Stockholm University Demography Unit (SUDA)

Feb. 2025–present

EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Sociological Demography**, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden, 2025.
Thesis supervisors: Siddartha Aradhya, Sven Drefahl, and Martin Hällsten.
Thesis title: *Unrealized Potential: Overqualification and its Consequences among the Children of Immigrants Born in Sweden.*
- **Swedish Interdisciplinary Graduate School in Register-based Research (SINGS)**, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden, 2023.
- **MSc in Economic History (specialization in Economic Demography)**, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, 2020.
Thesis supervisors: Martin Dribe and Kirk Scott.
- **BA in Economics & Communication Studies (dual degree)**, Seoul National University, South Korea, 2018. *Summa Cum Laude*
(Military service, Republic of Korea, 2014–2016)

PUBLICATIONS

- Kim, W., Juarez, S.P., Dunlavy, A., Drefahl, S. & Aradhya, S. (2025). **Labor market disadvantages and mental health among the second-generation children of immigrants in Sweden: A population cohort study.** *Social Science & Medicine*, 371, 117886. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2025.117866>

- Kim, W. (2024). **Overqualification among second-generation children of immigrants in the Swedish labour market.** *European Journal of Population*, 40(1), 34. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10680-024-09723-5>

WORKING PAPERS

- Kim, W., Lai, W. & Neyer, G. (2024). **Growing significance of employment uncertainty on fertility intention in Sweden: Results from the Generations and Gender Surveys.** Stockholm Research Reports in Demography. Manuscript submitted to a journal.
<https://doi.org/10.17045/sthlmuni.26088205.v1>
- Kim, W., Grotti, R. & Aradhya, S. (2024). **Is overqualification a stepping stone among children of immigrants?.** Stockholm Research Reports in Demography. Manuscript submitted to a journal.
<https://doi.org/10.17045/sthlmuni.25428034.v2>
- Carlsson, E. & Kim, W. (2024). **Do depression and loneliness affect fertility intentions and their realisation? Evidence from Norway and Sweden.** Stockholm Research Reports in Demography.
<https://doi.org/10.17045/sthlmuni.25153211.v1>

ONGOING RESEARCH

- Kim, W. Earnings trajectories and overqualification among second-generation children of immigrants in Sweden.
- Trappolini, E., Kim, W., & Alderotti, G. Overqualification and job satisfaction among migrants in Italy.

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- **Statistical Software:** Stata (advanced), R (intermediate)
- **Other Software & Programs:** L^AT_EX (intermediate)
- **Relevant Coursework:** PhD-level course “Statistics with R: From Data to Publication Figure,” Karolinska Institutet (3 ECTS)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- **Kim W.**, ‘Earnings trajectories and overqualification among second-generation children of immigrants in Sweden’, *Swedish Register-Based Research Summit SWE-REG 2024*, Stockholm, Sweden, December 2024 (Oral presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘Labor market disadvantages and mental health among the second-generation children of immigrants in Sweden’, *European Consortium for Sociological Research General Annual Conference 2024*, Barcelona, Spain, September 2024 (Oral presentation).

- **Kim W.**, ‘Is overqualification a stepping stone for career progression among children of immigrants?’, *European Population Conference 2024*, Edinburgh, UK, June 2024 (Poster presentation).
- **Kim W. (first author)**, presented by Siddartha Aradhya, ‘Is overqualification a stepping stone for career progression among children of immigrants?’, *Population Association of America Annual Conference 2024*, Ohio, USA, April 2024 (Poster presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘The interrelation between unemployment and overqualification among second generation and ancestral population in Sweden’, *Swedish Register-Based Research Summit SWE-REG 2023*, Stockholm, Sweden, November 2023 (Oral presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘The interrelation between unemployment and overqualification among second generation and ancestral population in Sweden’ *European Consortium for Sociological Research General Annual Conference 2023*, Prague, Czech Republic, 2023 (Oral presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘The interrelation between unemployment and overqualification among second generation and ancestral population in Sweden’, *British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference 2023*, Keele University, UK, September 2023 (Oral presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘Overqualification among second-generation immigrants in the Swedish labor market: Using Swedish total population register’, *Population Association of America Annual Conference 2023*, New Orleans, USA, April 2023 (Poster presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘Overqualification among second generation in Sweden: Evidence from Swedish Register Data’, *Italian Association for Population Studies Annual Conference 2023*, Rome, Italy, February 2023 (Oral presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘A recent trend in educational mismatch among the second generation in Sweden: A register-based study’, *Swedish Register-Based Research Summit SWE-REG 2022*, Stockholm, Sweden, November 2022 (Oral presentation).
- **Kim W. (co-author)**, presented by Erik Carlsson, ‘Do depression and loneliness affect fertility intentions and their realization in Sweden and Norway?’, *PopFest: 28th Annual Postgraduate Population Studies Conference*, Florence, Italy, October 2022 (Oral presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘Association between skills mismatch and depression among Korean employees: Using the 6th Korean Working Conditions Survey’, *European Population Conference 2022*, Groningen, the Netherlands, June 2022 (Poster presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘Educational mismatch among the second generation in Sweden: A register-based study’, *Nordic Demographic Symposium*, Oslo, Norway, June 2022 (Oral presentation).
- **Kim W.**, ‘Growing significance of employment security on fertility intention in Sweden: Results from Gender and Generations Surveys’, *Nordic Demographic Symposium*, Oslo, Norway, June 2022 (Oral presentation).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Reviewer for journals including *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Genus*, *International Migration Review*, and *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Karolinska Institutet**
Methods for Studying the Distribution of Health (Master's Level), 2024
Co-organized and facilitated a lab session on Life Tables, guiding students through hands-on demographic analysis.
- **Stockholm University**
Basic Demographic Methods (Master's Level), 2020–2024
Delivered lectures on fertility and migration measures, and led interactive Q&A sessions on demographic methods.

RESEARCH VISIT

- **Visiting PhD Student**, Department of Public Health Sciences, Stockholm University
Nov. 2023 – Jun. 2024
Hosted by Associate Professor Sol Juarez (sol.juarez@su.se)
- **Visiting PhD Student**, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento, Italy
Jan. – Apr. 2023
Hosted by Associate Professor Raffaele Grotti (raffaele.grotti@unitn.it)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- **Donation Scholarship**, Stockholm University, 2021–2023. 56,000 SEK (approx. €5,000)
- **Lund Global Scholarship**, Lund University, 2018–2020. 120,000 SEK (approx. €10,500)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- **Chair**, Doctoral Student Council, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University, 2024
- **Treasurer**, Doctoral Student Council, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University, 2023

LANGUAGES

- **Korean:** Native
- **English:** Fluent
- **Swedish:** Intermediate

REFERENCES

- **Theo Bodin**, Associate Professor and Consultant Physician in Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Karolinska Institutet
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- **Siddartha Aradhya**, Researcher (Docent in Demography), Stockholm University
siddartha.aradhya@sociology.su.se
- **Sven Drefahl**, Senior Lecturer (Docent in Demography), Stockholm University
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- **Martin Hällsten**, Professor of Sociology, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI)
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