

## 8th RISIS Research Seminar

#### Title: The labor-market placement of trained PhDs outside academia: measurement and analysis

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## Seminar Outline



- 1. Introduction
  - Context & Questions
  - Concepts & Measurement
- 2. Implement a 'CDH' based approach on register data
  - Different implementations
  - Strengths & challenges
  - How to address challenges
- 3. Demonstrate a 'CDH-Plus' lens on PhD production & Labor-market placement
  - stocks
  - flows
- 4. Conclusions



## **Context & Questions**

## **Basic motivation**



<u>Trend</u>: 'non-academic PhDs had outpaced tenure-track academics in the US in 1989 and were outpacing all academics by the mid-1990s' (Stephan, 2002) <u>Benefit</u>: "... the export of scientists and engineers from the academy into industrial research is **potentially the most important and salutary among the mechanisms available for effecting knowledge transfers** that bring economically valuable 'spillovers' to the commercial R&D sector, and for creating informational networks that help impart industrial relevant direction to academic researchers and teachers" (Dasgupta & David, 1994: 511. Emphasis added) But there is also a <u>cost</u>:

#### A ballpark, back-of-envelope estimate suggests:

- Norwegian HEIs graduated more doctorates in 2019 (1583) than ever before, increasing about 30 percent on a decade earlier.
- The increase corresponds to an estimated additional 1550 'R&D years' which is largely supported by public spending.
- If 20 percent of the 2019 cohort end up outside of the higher-education and/or public research sectors, the public sector would in effect end up exporting its investment of about 1000 'R&D years' to other sectors— or a conservative lower-bound of 1 billion NOK.
- But is it a good investment? And what does society expect in terms of a return?



## Basic questions

- Generic questions
  - How many PhDs wind up outside the academia?
  - Is there over-production?
  - In what ways has (is) this share changed (changing)?
- what does this mean for
  - the phd candidate
  - the economy at large and
  - the science system?
- How do we (best) measure this two-headed creature?

## Our starting point



#### 1. RISIS1: conceptual framework for studying science research careers (viz Cañibano et al, 2018)

- Heterogenous situations (production and placement) in Europe
- Changing dynamics of 'the research career' in general (e.g. mixed-, and hybrid)
- Increasing need to situate empirical analysis in terms of an informed conceptualization of science research careers

#### 2. RISIS2 work on **Doctoral Degree & Career dataset**

- Greater emphasis on the share of PhDs who end up outside of HES for part of all their careers
- Take stock of current lenses, primarily OECD's Careers of Doctorate Holders (CDH)
- Develop a DDC to complement these efforts using the Dissertation (thesis) as cornerstone (viz 44 slides for Risis Week).
- 3. Some immediate background
  - NIFU (2021) Risis Working Paper: W10-5.2 CDH-Plus: building empirical lenses with official statistics (forthcoming)\*
  - Iversen, Eric, Zach Andreadakis, & Marco Capasso (2021) Labor-market placement of doctorate degree holders in Norway (forthcoming)
    - Source data: Statistics Norway under license

## Our questions



# Today's seminar is prompted by the OECD work: what would a successful CDH look like in this context?

- 1. Could data that are already being collected by the national agencies of ERA countries provide reliable information about the (non-academic) labor-market placement of trained PhDs?
- 2. What would be needed to do so?
- 3. What would be possible if this could be done?

## Our approach



- 1. Design and implement a "CDH-Plus" dataset (Source Statistics Norway)
  - build out the approach taken by CDH-Light (2017) with supplemental national data
- 2. Compare the measurement of PhD production from "CDH-Plus" (e.g. gender, FoS) with the population frame.
  - The Norwegian doctorate register (NIFU) or the DDC register (Dissertations).
- 3. General analysis of the stock: Describe the cumulative 'deployment' of PhDs in the Norwegian economy in terms of FoS and labor placement by industry.
- 4. General analysis of the flow : Use the labor-flows from this exercise to infer skill-relatedness between economic sectors in Norway using the Fitjar and Timmermans (2019) following on Neffke and Henning (2013).
- 5. What patterns are revealed and what implications can be drawn?



## Concepts & Measurement

## Initial observations



1. Persistent call for a good (reliable, comparative across time and country, safe (confidentiality), reproducible, and reasonable) metric

- 2. A bridgehead issue joining science and innovation policy with implications for
  - Supply-side: The role of universities in knowledge production/dissemination
  - Meso (labor-market) level: the changing careers of individual PhDs\*
  - Demand-side: the role of human capital in the economy at large
- 3. An intersection of two-markets:
  - Education-market: PhD Production + (import & export)
  - Labor-market: HE/other sectors x (domestic/abroad)
    - Placement: 'freshly-minted' DH
    - Subsequent 'deployment': linear-careers, mixed-, hybrid-careers
- 4. An intersection of issues for three communities
  - Policy
  - Scientific
  - Statistics & Indicators
- 5. Heterogeneity
  - Country characteristics matter
    - National Education Systems
    - National Labor Markets
  - Field-of-Science (FoS) characteristics matter
  - Changing international mobility patterns

\* "PhDs" is used as shorthand to denote Doctorate Holders

### Literature\*

#### A striking increase (Ates and Brechelmacher 2013; Blank and Stigler 1957; Eurostat 2016, 2017; Germain-Alamartine 2020; Leru 2018; NIFU 2019; OECD 2015, OECD 2017; Thune and Gulbrandsen 2014).

EU area, from 102,000 graduates in 2005 to 130,000 in 2015. In the OECD countries there has been a comparable growth, from 192,000 new doctoral graduates in 2005 to 254,000 in 2014, cf. Leru 2018. A problem of "**too many PhD graduates" ?** (Blank and Stigler 1957; Bok 2015; Cyranoski et al. 2011; Germain-Alamartine 2018; Germain-Alamartine 2020; Larson et al 2014). \* Iversen, Andreadakis, Capasso (2021)

A question of sustainability and relevance of doctoral training (Auriol 2007, 2010; Auriol et al. 2012; Bao et al. 2018; Bloch et al. 2015; Cyranoski et al. 2011; Fritsch and Krabel 2012; National Science Board 2018; Roach and Sauermann 2017; Sauerman and Roach 2016).

A wide range of empirical research efforts (Andalib et al. 2018; Auriol 2007, 2010; Auriol et al. 2012; Bao et al. 2018; Boud and Tennant 2006; Etmanski et al. 2017; Germain-Alamartine 2020; Mathur et al. 2018; Nyquist 2002; National Science Board 2018; Sauerman and Roach 2012; Stephan 2002, 2006, 2012; Stephan et al. 2015; Zolas et al. 2015). A concern about transparency, predictability, and fairness of academic recruitment and job market (Bok 2013; Caterine 2020);

rates of financial return from doctoral training (Gaeta et al. 2016; Mertens and Röbken 2013; Van der Steeg et al. 2014; Skovgaard Pedersen 2016);

into the waning attractiveness of the academic career (Germain-Alamartine 2020; Huisman et al. 2002; Sauerman and Roach 2016; Roach and Sauerman 2017); general relevance of doctoral training (Kyvik and Olsen 2012; Thune et al. 2012).

a mismatch between education and job skills (Allen and Van der Velden 2001; Stenard and Sauermann 2016);

Some uncertainty of early career prospects and initial employment of doctoral graduates (Etmanski et al. 2017; Neumann and Tan 2011);

Academic careers are changing and so is the need for better lenses.

A question about the availability of reliable or comprehensive empirical data on non-academic careers (Kyvik and Olsen 2007; Leru 2018; CDH, 2006, 2009; 2017...

empirical studies into non- traditional or non-academic career trajectories of doctorate holders remain much less common (Canolle & Vinot, 2020; Germain-Alamartine 2020

## Basic Premise



The scientific community, the policy community, as well as the statistical community have traditionally tried to better understand the movement of trained PhDs in terms of three outcomes;

- <u>Placement into the domestic labor-market</u>: this is the traditional focus. See the mainly US literature already referred to on "retention rates of doctoral scientists and engineers", or on the 'deployment' or 'export' of 'newly minted PhDs',
- <u>Mobility around the domestic labor-market</u>: this is the most difficult sector of the population to follow: see the work on 'mobility rates' between sectors e.g. NSF survey (1989) as well other work stemming from Nelson & Phelps (1966),
- <u>Entry into/Exit out of the domestic labor-market</u> (see the brain-drain and brain-circulation literatures): this population should be better understood

### A traditional laborsupply perspective

... And updated scientific research career typology



Figure 7.1 Academic labor supply.

Source: Ehrenberg, 1991

| RPO type  | Sector                | Research career type        |            |             |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Universities  | Public or Private     | Academic research careers   |            |             |
| Combined organizations<br>(i.e. CRCs, ERCs)   | Public and<br>Private |                             |            |             |
| Firms   | Private               | Industrial R&D careers      | ers        | ers         |
| Government laboratories,<br>institutes, organizations<br>(including international<br>organizations) | Public                | Government research careers | Mixed care | Hybrid care |
| Hospitals   | Public Private        |                             |            |             |
| Non-profit organizations  | Private               |                             |            |             |
| Source: Cañiba  | no et al, 2019        |                             |            |             |

## Conceptualizing 'outcomes'



<u>Academic vs non-academic 'outcomes'</u>:

- A traditional academic career ('retention') as the PhD moves to faculty positions at home or abroad
- A non-academic career ('export') in another (private or government sector), again at home or abroad
- A career of 'intra sector turnover' ( 'hybrid' and/or 'mixed' career) which involves movement back and forth to the academic sector.

#### Domestic vs foreign outcomes:

- Foreign-trained PhD who enters labor-market from abroad, and embarks on one of the following
- A domestically trained PhD who moves out of the labor-market (into a foreign labor-market

# Conceptualization closely tied to measurement



- Longstanding and ongoing international work: "Career of Doctorate Holders (CDH)" based on a remarkable collaboration between the OECD, EUROSTAT and UNESCO and supplemented by European Science Foundation (ESF), EU's Mobility Patterns and Career Paths (MORE) surveys, the RISIS infrastructure project...
- Longstanding national efforts: NSF, the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) in the US, Profile in Germany, KOTA in Finland, and Norway's Doctoral Monitor.
- Emerging patterns
  - First, employment in research and development is growing (European Science Foundation 2017; Eurostat 2017; LERU 2018).
  - Second, the main employment of PhDs happens outside than inside academia (Eurostat 2017; European Science Foundation 2017).
  - Third, the doctorate delivers consistently better rates of employment (ESF 2017; OECD 2016) and better financial rates of return (Mertens and Röbken, 2013; Van der Steeg et al., 2014; Skovgaard Pedersen, 2016) in countries where data is available.
  - Finally, the employment patterns vary greatly from discipline to discipline (Auriol et al. 2013, European Science Foundation 2017) and women are underrepresented in research jobs (Eurostat 2017), while the boundary between research and non-research jobs has become much more permeable (LERU 2018).

### Measuring outcomes

- Register-based metrics
  - An adaptation of education and labor-market registers used in official statistics (CDH-Light)
- Survey-based (or census-based) metrics
  - An adaptation of existing instruments such as the labor-force study (LSF)
  - Dedicated instruments, such as SED, that target graduating PhD candidates in a given country.
  - Instruments that target researchers internationally
    - Mobility and Research Careers in Europe (MORE)
- Combinations\*
  - Document-centric metrics
    - Publication-based approaches (subsequent OECD work based on GlobSci)
    - Dissertation-based approach (DCC)
  - **Custom databases** combining elements from one or more of the above
    - Bloch et al, 2015. Researcher mobility and sector career choices among doctorate holders
    - Boateng & Nygård, 2019, Nesten alle i arbeid store inntektsforskjeller
    - Norwegian PhD Monitor, (upcoming)

### Measuring outcomes in Norway

#### • Register-based metrics

- The Norwegian doctorate register (NIFU)
- The Norwegian research personnel register (NIFU)
- Official Norwegian statistics from Statistics Norway. Cross temporal: 2000-2019\*
- The Norwegian doctorate monitor (NIFU)
- Survey-based (or census-based) metrics
  - Labor-force Study (Statistics Norway, AKU)
  - Dedicated target graduating PhD candidates (NIFU, 2020)
- Combinations
  - **Custom databases** combining elements from one or more of the above
    - Boateng & Nygård, 2019, Nesten alle i arbeid store inntektsforskjeller
    - Norwegian PhD Monitor\*, under development Statistics Norway & NIFU

#### Norway provides a good testbed for to study these issues. Some recent work includes...



Report 2018:4

NIFU / Projects / Examination of the doctoral candidates' labor market situation (21048)

#### Examination of the doctoral candidates' labor market situation (21048)

Those who have completed a doctorate in Norway enter into a wide range of jobs both inside and outside academia. Nevertheless, there is little knowledge about their situation in the labor market and how they assess education. The Ministry of Education and Research therefore wants a study related to recent graduates with a doctorate. The survey addresses labor market adjustment and how satisfied doctoral graduates are with their situation in the labor market. In addition, the report will contain an overview of new graduates' assessment of the quality of education and its relevance to the labor market.

|   | PROJECT DETAILS |  |
|---|-----------------|--|
|   | PROJECT NUMBER  | 2112135  |
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|   | FUNDING         | MINISTRY   |
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#### Academic career structures in Europe

Perspectives from Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, the Netherlands, Austria and the UK

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NIFU

# Academic systems (careers) are not uniform



\*Source: Frølich et al, 2018:4

#### Table 20. Academic Career structure at Universities

|                          | Austria   | Denmark Finland* the Netherlands Norway  |   | Norway  | Sweden  | UK**   |                           |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|--|---------------------------|
| Α                        | University professor  | Professor  | Professor   | Professor   | Professor   | or Professor   |                           |
| A                        | University professor up to 5/6 years  | Professor with special<br>Responsibilities (Professor<br>med særlige opgaver)  | Senior lecturer (ed)                              |   | Docent (Dosent)   |  | Reader                    |
| В                        | Associate professor (Assoziierte/r<br>Professor/in)   | Lektor (Associate professor)   | Lecturers, senior<br>assistants                   | Associate professors  | Associate professor<br>(førsteamanuensis)                                 | Senior lecturers (Lektor)                            |                           |
| В                        | Assistant professor (Assistenz-<br>professor/in)  | Senior researchers/advisors Assistant professors Dean, head of Other res<br>(university lecturers) department staff with |   | Other research/teaching<br>staff with a doctorate                             | Principal/Senior<br>Lecturer, Senior<br>Research Fellow.                  |  |                           |
| В                        | University docent (Univ.Dozent)   |  |   | 'Other scientific personnel' in<br>permanent position. 'Docent'               |   |  | Lecturer A                |
| с                        | Senior Scientist/Artist   | Assistant professors<br>(Adjunkt)  | Assistants, full-time teachers                    | 'Other scientific personnel'<br>on temporary contract'<br>'Docent' (teaching) | Postdoc   | Career-development<br>positions                      | Junior Research<br>fellow |
| С                        | University assistant<br>(Universitätsassistent/in)  | Postdoc  |   |   | Specialist positions<br>(Physicians, dentists<br>etc.)                    |  | Lecturer B                |
| С                        | Physician in specialist training<br>(Ärztin/Arzt in Facharztausbildung)   | Researcher (forsker)   |   |   | Senior researcher<br>(with PhD)   |  | Postdoc                   |
| С                        | Academic staff engaged in research,<br>the arts and teaching (expiring<br>category) (Wiss./künstl.<br>Mitarbeiter/in) |  |   |   |   |  |                           |
| D                        | Academic staff engaged in research,<br>the arts and teaching (expiring<br>category) (Wiss./künstl.<br>Mitarbeiter/in) | PhD  | Researchers working on<br>PhD (doctoral students) | PhD (employed by the university)  | Lecturer<br>(universitets-lektor);<br>Assistant professor<br>(amanuensis) | Third-cycle students                                 | Research assistant        |
| D                        | Lecturer (Lehrbeauftragte/r)  | Research assistant<br>(forskningsassistent)  |   | Instructeur/tutor (teaching)  | PhD   | Lecturers (Adjunkt)                                  | PhD candidate             |
| D                        | (Senior) Lecturer (Lektor/in)   |  |   |   | Researchers (without PhD)   | Other research/teaching<br>staff without a doctorate |                           |
| Source:                  | Federal Ministry of Science, Research<br>and Economy  | Statistics Denmark   | Statistics Finland<br>(+Ministry of Education)    | Rathenau (WOPI)   | NIFU  | Swedish Higher Education<br>Authority (UKÄ)          | HESA                      |
| Red= expi<br>* 4 step co | ring categories<br>areer model introduced.  | **These are traditional title  | es, some institutions are now u                   | sing American titles.   |   |  |                           |

#### Table 3. Type of higher education system

| Norway          | Traditionally a binary system, however due to upgrading of university colleges to<br>universities and recent mergers between universities and university colleges the<br>distinction between universities and university colleges is changing. |
|-----------------|--|
| Sweden          | Binary system divided into universities and university colleges.   |
| Denmark         | A binary system with a clear division between research-intensive universities<br>and vocational and teaching-oriented colleges.  |
| Finland         | Binary system with a clear distinction between universities and universities of<br>applied sciences.   |
| The Netherlands | A binary system with a distinction between research universities and universities<br>of applied sciences.  |
| Austria         | A binary system with a distinction between research universities and universities<br>of applied sciences.  |
| UK              | A unified but stratified university system since 1992, with a divide between pre-<br>and post-1992 universities. International rankings and REF have heavily<br>influenced the stratification of the system.                                   |

#### Figur 3.5c Andel høyt utdannede sysselsatte etter næring.<sup>1</sup> 2009 og 2019.



<sup>1</sup> Hovednæringer i henhold til gjeldende Standard for næringsgruppering (SN2007). Sysselsatte i ukjente næringer er ikke tatt med i figuren, som utgjorde om lag 4 000 personer i 2019. Høyt utdannede sysselsatte omfatter sysselsatte med utdanning på universitets- eller høgskolenivå.

Kilde: SSB, Arbeidskraftundersøkelsen

#### All higher degrees in the economy

Source: SSB: presented in NIFU R&D statistics and Indicators 2020

And it involves a two-sided coin (flipped in a dynamic, repeated experiment)



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International comparison of PhDs per capita Source: Nobal: presented in NIFU R&D statistics and Indicators 2020



## "CDH Plus"

advantages, challenges, potentials of using official statistics

## OECD's Career of Doctorate Holders



- <u>Need</u>: A good (reliable, comparative across time and country, safe (confidentiality), reproducible, and reasonable) source of metrics
- <u>Aim</u>: Given the persistent interest and the challenges, CDH has sought to standardize data collection to improve consistency, and comparability across country and across time
- <u>Data-source</u>: not-yet standardized (CDH-Light, 2017)
- <u>Tradeoffs</u>:
  - data compatibility vs data-richness vs collection costs vs other (e.g. country-level data regulation)
- <u>Costs</u>: coordination (different interests, different rules) and collection costs
- <u>Potential</u>: not yet realized

## CDH and the underlying UOE work



Career of Doctorate Holders as of 2016 by fields-of-science (ISCED)

Different Strategies have relative strengths and weaknesses

#### OECD's Careers of Doctorate Holders (CDH)

- Longstanding effort (>15 years)
- The current UOE work (based on its founders: the UN, OECD, Eurostat) is a remarkable collaboration which is developing and deploying tools

#### Four different CDH approaches in 2017

#### "survey-based (or census-based) approaches"

- Dedicated survey (eg Netherlands)
- Labor-Force Survey (LFS) (eg Germany)
- Population Census

Register data\* (eg Norway)

|  | Germany | Spain   | Netherlands | Norway |
|--|---------|---------|-------------|--------|
| Agriculture, forestry,<br>fisheries and veterinary | 28 080  | -       | 1 736       | 1 670  |
| Arts and humanities                                | 63 504  | 37 200  | 3 203       | 5 764  |
| Business administration<br>and law                 | 79 785  | 16 900  | 1 077       | 2 205  |
| Education  | 26 972  | -       | 533         | 1 001  |
| Engineering  | 72 367  | -       | 4 384       | 2 954  |
| Health and welfare                                 | 296 184 | 44 700  | 13 565      | 7 711  |
| ICT  | 13 808  | -       | 1 067       | 97     |
| Natural sciences                                   | 190 075 | 63 500  | 11 484      | 12 116 |
| Services   | 2 347   | -       | -           | 367    |
| Social sciences                                    | 47 283  | 15 900  | 7 616       | 3 082  |
| Not known  | 6 619   | -       | -           | 175    |
| Total  | 827 024 | 178 200 | 44 665      | 37 142 |

Note: Norway presents total number of persons (2016) by educational attainment. It includes all resident individuals aged 16 years and above.

## Advantages of the 'light' register-based **RISIS** approach

- Collecting data:
  - UOE routines for data collection provides common concepts, definitions, classifications
  - Readily implemented on data already collected by national statistical offices
  - Once implemented, it is relatively easy to update with subsequent years: this makes comparisons across time easier
- Collating data:
  - Existing links between employee-employer data become enriched
  - Data compatibility across countries and time
  - The microdata (education x laborforce) are easily linkable to other (demographic) data.
- Making use of the data
  - Light-weight: Education data (which degree, what field, when) x Employment /social security data
  - The microdata are easily pseudonymized and do not (need) to include sensitive informaton
  - Light-weight data that address prinicipal questions e.g. What happens to PhDs that don't go into the HE Sector?

# Challenges of a register-based approach



- Data collection standards:
  - Difference in how (when) data is collected (for whom)
- Potential sources of measurement error:
  - Differences in coverage
  - Differences in time of measurement
  - Differences in the application of definitions, particularly in allocating a field-ofscience, what is a foreigner
- Need to align with other data including a curated population-frame (eg. Doctorate Register)



## "CDH Plus"

Demonstration of how to address challenges using official statistics

## Data architecture

Source: Statistics Norway (DIAN contract)

- Blue: Individual data
- Green: Employment data
- Grey: Education data
- Purple: Enterprise data

Time-span: 2000-2016



### How to verify the intersection of T1 & T2

Dividing into 4 quadrants, we expect a high correspondence in the upper-left quadrant



|  |             | NORWEGIAN LABOR-MARKET |         |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Degree from                              |             | Inside (t2)            | outside |  |  |  |  |  |
| HEI                                      | citizenship |                        |         |  |  |  |  |  |
| rwegiar<br>(t1)                          | Norway      | хххх                   | х       |  |  |  |  |  |
| °N<br>N                                  | Foreign     | ххх                    | хх      |  |  |  |  |  |
| l (T2)                                   |             |                        |         |  |  |  |  |  |
| reign HE                                 | Norway      | x                      | XX      |  |  |  |  |  |
| P. P | Foreign     | XXX                    | na      |  |  |  |  |  |

# How to verify the intersection of T1 & T2

We distinguish:

1. Doctorate degree from Norway, employment in Norway (T1  $\cap$  T2)

- a. Norwegian nationals
- b. Foreign nationals

2. Doctorate degree from Norway, not in Norwegian labor-market (foreign, unemployed) (T1 only)

- a. Norwegian nationals
- b. Foreign nationals

3. Doctorate degree from abroad, employment in Norway (T2 only)

Step 0. Include Phds issued to 24-67 year-olds during the period 2001-2016.

#### Step 1. Population 1: Norwegian nationals

- Definition of this group is clear-cut in both databases. This forms the benchmark for comparison as we expect correspondence to be best for this population.
- There are potential discrepancies.
  - Norwegian-nationals awarded a PhDs domestically may subsequently move to a position abroad (or otherwise exit the Norwegian labor-market).
  - Norwegian-nationals awarded a PhDs abroad may subsequently enter the Norwegian labor-market.

### Step 2. **Population 2**: Foreign nationals with Norwegian PhD (ie. assumes arrival in Norway before the award of the PhD

<u>degree )</u>

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 Definitions of foreigner potentially differ: Based on residency ("botid") in Norway in T2.vs registered nationality (T1)

### Step 3. Population 3: Foreign nationals (who arrived in Norway after PhD degree )

## Key variables used to verify overlap between T1 and T2



- Domestic versus foreign:
  - T1. Based on registered nationality.
  - T2. Based on residency ("botid") in Norway
- Year of Phd according to each database
  - T1 Based in information from the awarding university
  - T2 Registration of awarded degree is either based on
    - information from T1, in cases in which the PhD was issued by a Norwegian HEI;
    - \*\*\*or on a certification process if the PhD was issued by a foreign HEI.\*
- (Approximate) age of candidate in year the PhD was rewarded according to each database
  - T1. Based on registered date-of-birth at date of issued PhD (collected once a year?\*)
  - T2. Birthdates are provided in three-year bands (e.g. 1981-1983) to avoid the identification of individuals. Date of issued PhD is tallied (collected twice a year?\*)

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- Field-of-Science (FoS) of doctorate degree according to each database.
  - T1. Curated list based on faculty and dissertation information
  - T2. FoS should be aligned in the cases in which labor-market participants received their degree from a Norwegian HEI (subpopulation 1 and 2, below).
  - The assignment of FoS is potentially different for another subpopulation: ie. the case in which a foreign national enters the Norwegian labor-market with a PhD from abroad.
    - \*\*\*In this case, the FoS is assigned during the certification process when the employee enters the Norwegian labor-market (see above)

# Comparison between T1 and T2 using identificaiton procedure

Table 2.0. Population 1 and 2: Norwegian Doctoral Register ("T1"): Doctorate degrees awarded by Norwegian HEIs

| yr_phd    | count | of which,<br>unallocated<br>FoS | share (male) | share<br>(foreigners) | median<br>age at<br>PhD |
|-----------|-------|---------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|           |       |                                 |              |                       |                         |
| 2001-2004 | 2916  | 0                               | .62          | .18                   | 35                      |
|           |       |                                 |              |                       |                         |
| 2005-2008 | 4032  | 0                               | .58          | .23                   | 36                      |
|           |       |                                 |              |                       |                         |
| 2009-2012 | 5104  | 0                               | .53          | .31                   | 35                      |
|           |       |                                 |              |                       |                         |
| 2013-2016 | 5809  | 0                               | .51          | .36                   | 35                      |
|           |       |                                 |              |                       |                         |
| Total     | 17861 | 0                               | .55          | .29                   | 35                      |

Table 2.1. Populations 1 and 2 in the Employee-Education Dataset («T2»): Doctorate degrees awarded by Norwegian HEIs to Populations 1 and 2

| yr_phd    | count | of which,<br>unallocated<br>FoS** | share<br>(male) | share<br>(foreigners) | median age at<br>PhD |
|-----------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|           |       |                                   |                 |                       |                      |
| 2001-2004 | 2980  | 215                               | .61             | .23                   | 35                   |
| 2005-2008 | 4068  | 300                               | .56             | .26                   | 35                   |
| 2009-2012 | 5145  | 472                               | .52             | .32                   | 35                   |
| 2013-2016 | 5707  | 243                               | .49             | .36                   | 35                   |
|           |       |                                   |                 |                       |                      |
| Total     | 17900 | 1230                              | .53             | .3                    | 35                   |

# Verification= positive

• Very close correspondence when estimating whether an employee in Norwegian labormarket holds a PhD from a Norwegian HEI

- The Field-of-Science indicator is not strong
- The size of Population 3 (import of doctoral-level accreditation) is large

| yr_phd    | <b>T1</b> | T2     | mismatch |
|-----------|-----------|--------|----------|
| 2001-2004 | 2 916     | 2 980  | 2,2 %    |
| 2005-2008 | 4 032     | 4 068  | 0,9 %    |
| 2009-2012 | 5 104     | 5 145  | 0,8 %    |
| 2013-2016 | 5 809     | 5 707  | -1,8 %   |
|           |           |        |          |
| Total     | 17 861    | 17 900 | 0,2 %    |
|           |           |        |          |



## "CDH Plus" Demonstration of data-stocks

## PhD Production



#### **Population Frame: Doctorate Register**







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# Integrating the Population 3



#### Substantial import of doctorate-level competencies from abroad



The plot of distinct count of if for y\_phy Tear-Color shows details about of \_utland. The marks are labeled by degree\_type\_dig. The data is filtered on yy\_ahd Year, for\_simple and nrd\_dig. The yr\_phy Year-Color shows details about of \_utland. The marks are labeled by degree\_type\_dig. The data is filtered on yy\_ahd Year. Color shows details about of \_utland. The marks are labeled by degree\_type\_dig. The data is filtered on yy\_ahd Year. Color shows details about of \_utland. The marks are labeled by degree\_type\_dig. The data is filtered on yy\_ahd Year. Color shows details about of \_utland. The marks are labeled by degree\_type\_dig. The data is filtered on yy\_ahd Year. The wear shows and nrd\_dig. The yr\_ahd Year filter excludes Null and 2016. The for\_utland is filtered on the two shows and the two

## Changing stocks among the three populations

|             |                             |             | gend | er_bin | Distinct count | ofid  |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|------|--------|----------------|-------|
| foreign_bin | fos_simple                  | periods_4yr | male | female | • 41           |       |
| foreign     | humanities &                | 2001-2004   | -    |        | 200            |       |
| national    | social                      | 2005-2008   |      |        | 400            |       |
|             | sciences                    | 2009-2012   |      |        | 600            |       |
|             |                             | 2013-2016   |      |        | 800            |       |
|             | medicine &                  | 2001-2004   |      |        | 934            |       |
|             | health                      | 2005-2008   |      |        | Median age at  | phd   |
|             |                             | 2009-2012   |      | -      | Median age_at  | _pna  |
|             |                             | 2013-2016   |      |        | 31.00          | 41.00 |
|             | natural & physical sciences | 2001-2004   |      | -      |                | ,     |
|             |                             | 2005-2008   |      |        |                |       |
|             |                             | 2009-2012   |      |        |                |       |
| _           |                             | 2013-2016   |      |        |                |       |
| norwegian   | humanities &                | 2001-2004   |      |        |                |       |
|             | social                      | 2005-2008   |      |        |                |       |
|             | sciences                    | 2009-2012   |      |        |                |       |
|             |                             | 2013-2016   |      |        |                |       |
|             | medicine &                  | 2001-2004   |      |        |                |       |
|             | health                      | 2005-2008   |      |        |                |       |
|             |                             | 2009-2012   |      |        |                |       |
|             |                             | 2013-2016   |      |        |                |       |
|             | natural &                   | 2001-2004   |      |        |                |       |
|             | physical                    | 2005-2008   |      |        |                |       |
|             | sciences                    | 2009-2012   |      |        |                |       |
|             |                             | 2013-2016   |      |        |                |       |

Median of age\_at\_phd (color) and distinct count of id (size) broken down by gender\_bin vs. foreign\_bin, fos\_simple and periods\_4yr.



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## Labor-market placement 5-yrs after degree

by sector of employment and field of study

|                          |     | research   | medical |         |          |          |
|--------------------------|-----|------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| nvd_dig                  | HES | institutes | health  | manufac | m extrac | services |
| Agriculture & Fisheries  | 24% | 39%        | 0%      | 9%      |          | 19%      |
| Health & Medicine        | 29% | 9%         | 42%     | 1%      | 0%       | 11%      |
| Humanities               | 68% | 3%         | 1%      | 0%      | 0%       | 18%      |
| Mathmatics & Natural Sci | 54% | 13%        | 0%      | 3%      | 4%       | 19%      |
| Social Sciences          | 53% | 18%        | 7%      | 0%      | 1%       | 15%      |
| Technology               | 26% | 24%        | 2%      | 8%      | 8%       | 22%      |
| Grand Total              | 35% | 17%        | 13%     | 5%      | 4%       | 18%      |

#### Employment by top industrial classes (sectors)



Labour-market placement of PhDs from Norwegian HES

# Sector deployment (shares employed)

#### by PhD graduation year

|                     |             | Year of yr_phd |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |         |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
|                     | year (group | 2001           | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  | 2007  | 2008  | 2009  | 2010  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015  | Grand T |
| academic_sector     | 2006-2010   | 43,5%          | 36,6% | 45,5% | 43,9% | 41,3% | 42,3% | 42,0% | 42,1% | 38,6% | 37,9% |       |       |       |       |       | 41,7%   |
|                     | 2011-2015   | 42,7%          | 36,3% | 44,3% | 39,7% | 38,4% | 40,6% | 38,0% | 39,2% | 36,8% | 37,3% | 37,2% | 36,1% | 36,2% | 38,1% | 40,4% | 38,4%   |
| institute_sector    | 2006-2010   | 23%            | 28%   | 25%   | 21%   | 20%   | 22%   | 20%   | 19%   | 21%   | 17%   |       |       |       |       |       | 22%     |
|                     | 2011-2015   | 20%            | 25%   | 24%   | 20%   | 19%   | 20%   | 18%   | 17%   | 17%   | 16%   | 15%   | 15%   | 14%   | 14%   | 14%   | 17%     |
| hospitals*          | 2006-2010   | 4%             | 4%    | 4%    | 7%    | 9%    | 8%    | 10%   | 13%   | 17%   | 23%   |       |       |       |       |       | 9%      |
|                     | 2011-2015   | 5%             | 4%    | 4%    | 8%    | 10%   | 9%    | 11%   | 14%   | 18%   | 22%   | 22%   | 22%   | 23%   | 23%   | 23%   | 15%     |
| non_research_sector | 2006-2010   | 29%            | 32%   | 26%   | 28%   | 29%   | 28%   | 28%   | 26%   | 23%   | 22%   |       |       |       |       |       | 28%     |
|                     | 2011-2015   | 32%            | 35%   | 28%   | 32%   | 33%   | 30%   | 33%   | 30%   | 28%   | 25%   | 27%   | 27%   | 26%   | 25%   | 23%   | 29%     |

\* Hospitals changed sector in the period



## "CDH Plus" Demonstration of data-flows

## Between 2009 and 2017

| sector |   | all<br>employees | all<br>employees | all empl.  | PhD<br>employees | PhD<br>employees | PhD       |
|--------|---|------------------|------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| code   | sector name   | 2009             | 2017             | difference | 2009             | 2017             | atterence |
| 85     | Education   | 184811           | 197324           | 12513      | 6325             | 9363             | 3038      |
| 72     | Scientific research and development   | 12782            | 14616            | 1834       | 2838             | 4460             | 1622      |
| 86     | Human health activities   | 174911           | 191179           | 16268      | 1780             | 3216             | 1436      |
| 84     | Public administration and defence; compulsory<br>social security            | 136744           | 156551           | 19807      | 719              | 1352             | 633       |
| 69     | Legal and accounting activities   | 23847            | 27347            | 3500       | 39               | 80               | 41        |
| 70     | Activities of head offices; management<br>consultancy activities            | 8221             | 10522            | 2301       | 61               | 161              | 100       |
| 71     | Architectural and engineering activities;<br>technical testing and analysis | 38970            | 44483            | 5513       | 653              | 1089             | 436       |
| 06     | Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas                               | 20030            | 22400            | 2370       | 560              | 880              | 320       |
| 08     | Other mining and quarrying  | 3191             | 3111             | -80        | 6                | 10               | 4         |
| 09     | Mining support service activities   | 17552            | 24744            | 7192       | 55               | 203              | 148       |
| 62     | Computer programming, consultancy and<br>related activities                 | 29686            | 39348            | 9662       | 173              | 624              | 451       |
| 63     | Information service activities  | 3605             | 4689             | 1084       | 22               | 43               | 21        |
| 17     | Manufacture of paper and paper products                                     | 5365             | 2528             | -2837      | 36               | 15               | -21       |
| 30     | Manufacture of other transport equipment                                    | 26006            | 14554            | -11452     | 77               | 83               | 6         |

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## 2009-2012





## 2012-2015

## 2015-2017





1 Extraction of crude petroleum Extraction of natural gas Support activities for petroleum Engineering activities and relate Building of ships and floating sti Manufacture of instruments and appliances for measuring, testing and navigation 2 Wholesale of pharmaceutical gc Dispensing chemist in specialise Research and experimental dev Manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations

| 3 Other postal and courier activity  | iti General cleaning of buildings | Hotels and similar accommodat Restaurants and mobile food se Combined facilities support acti Temporary employment agency activities |                                 |   |                                |                                      |  |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 4 Primary education  | General secondary education       | Technical and vocational secon(Child day-care activities   | Other education n.e.c.          |   |                                |                                      |  |  |  |
| 5 Other research and experiment Tertiary education   |                                   | Research and experimental dev Defence activities   | Justice and judicial activities | Dental practice activities                                | Library and archive activities | Activities of religious organisation |  |  |  |
| 6 Regulation of and contribution (General public administration a Regulation of the activities of pr Museum activities   |                                   |  | Foreign affairs                 | Other social work activities without accommodation n.e.c. |                                |                                      |  |  |  |
| 7 Other software publishing Computer programming activiti Computer consultancy activities Computer facilities managemen Business and other management consultancy activities   |                                   |  |                                 |   |                                |                                      |  |  |  |
| 8 Hospital activities General medical practice activiti Specialist medical practice activi Other human health activities Residential nursing care activitie Social work activities without ac Residential care activities for the el |                                   |  |                                 |   |                                | he elderly and disabled              |  |  |  |



## Conclusions

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- PhD training is an investment
- Pay-off (to universities, to the PhD, to the economy at large) are potentially high
- Important to account for the changing shape of (research) careers, including the flows into (and out of) the economy
- As the landscape of (supply & demand) change, it becomes more important to take stock (and measure flows) stemming from this investment
- Persistent call for a good (reliable, comparative across time and country, safe (confidentiality), reproducible, and reasonable) metric

## Conclusions

A missing piece of a well-known puzzle

- what a 'good' lens for this metric would look like.
- Is a good lens not already being polished?

In light of longstanding and ongoing interntational efforts (of UOE and OECD in particular) we asked:

- Could a register-based CDH- approach work here?
- What are the challenges? (How) can they be succefully addressed?
- What answers could it provide to the different (policy, statistical, science) communities?

This exercise only carried out for one country (and for another purpose)

- Possible for others
- Does not replace the need for surveys and more general census.

But use the right tool for the right job...