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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Regional Economics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics since 09/2022
University of Cologne Cologne, Germany

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Sebastian Sieglösch

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics 08/2020 – 08/2022
University of Mannheim Mannheim, Germany

Joined my supervisor in his move to Cologne

M.Sc. in International Economics and Public Policy 10/2017 – 08/2019
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Mainz, Germany

ERASMUS+ Semester Abroad 09/2018 – 01/2019
Université Catholique de Louvain Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

B.Sc. in Economics 10/2014 – 09/2017
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Mainz, Germany

RESEARCH STAYS

University of California, Berkeley 01/2025 – 05/2025
Hosted by Prof. Emmanuel Saez Berkeley, CA

University of California, Irvine 04/2025 – 05/2025
Hosted by Prof. David Agrawal Irvine, CA

Ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich 05/2025
Hosted by Prof. Andreas Peichl Munich, Germany

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Student Research Assistant 04/2019 – 09/2019 and 11/2017 – 08/2018
Prof. Dr. Klaus Wälde Mainz, Germany

Student Research Assistant 01/2018 – 06/2019
Prof. Dr. Daniel Schunk Mainz, Germany

Internship as a Research Assistant <i>RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research</i>	08/2017 – 09/2017 <i>Essen, Germany</i>
Internship as a Research Assistant <i>German Council of Economic Experts</i>	02/2017 – 04/2017 <i>Wiesbaden, Germany</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economics of Inequality <i>University of Cologne</i>	Summer 2024 <i>Cologne, Germany</i>
Supervision of Bachelor Theses <i>University of Cologne</i>	since Winter 2023/24 <i>Cologne, Germany</i>
Macroeconomics <i>University of Cologne</i>	Winter 2022/23 – Winter 2023/24 <i>Cologne, Germany</i>
Empirical Economic Research <i>Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz</i>	Summer 2018 <i>Mainz, Germany</i>
Macroeconomics I <i>Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz</i>	Winter 2016/17 <i>Mainz, Germany</i>
Introduction to Economics <i>Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz</i>	Winter 2015/16 <i>Mainz, Germany</i>

AWARDS & GRANTS

Scholarship of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) <i>Scholarship for a research stay at the University of California, Berkeley in the USA</i>	01/2025 – 05/2025
Scholarship of the Peregrinus Foundation <i>Scholarship for a semester abroad to study Economics at the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium</i>	09/2018 – 01/2019
ERASMUS European Exchange Program Scholarship <i>Scholarship for a semester abroad with the Erasmus exchange program</i>	09/2018 – 01/2019
Deutschlandstipendium <i>Scholarship holder</i>	10/2016 – 09/2018

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

2025

Public Finance Seminar (UC Berkeley), IRLE Visiting Scholar seminar (UC Berkeley), Transportation, Urban and Environmental Seminar (UC Irvine), Applied Micro Workshop (UC Irvine), Public Economics Workshop (LMU Munich), Macroeconomics and Surveys Seminars (Ifo Munich), KIZ - Young Scholar Political Economy Workshop (Ifo Munich), Third Bonn-Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Conference (U Frankfurt), Local Public Finance and Fiscal Federalism Around the World (MPI Berlin), IIPF 2025 (Nairobi, scheduled), Verein für Socialpolitik (Cologne, scheduled), Mannheim Taxation Conference (Mannheim, scheduled), Research Seminar in Public Economics (U Mannheim, scheduled), Brown-Bag-Seminar (U Mainz, scheduled)

2024

Second Bonn-Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Conference (U Bonn), Applied Microeconomics Seminar (U Cologne), Workshop on Regional Economics (ifo Dresden), Mannheim Taxation Conference (ZEW Mannheim)

2023

First Bonn-Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Conference (U Frankfurt), Summer School on Economics of Gender (PSE)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “*Trade Shocks and Local Public Finance: Evidence from German Municipalities*”, joint with Adrian Lerche

Abstract: In this paper, we investigate the effect of import and export shocks on German municipalities’ local business tax (LBT) bases and fiscal outcomes for the period from 1992 to 2012. Import shocks have a detrimental effect on local outcomes, while export shocks increase LBT bases as well as municipal revenues and expenditures. The effect on expenditure patterns depends on municipalities’ initial fiscal and economic conditions. Results are stronger in the 2002 to 2012 period than in the 1992 to 2002 period. We find that our results are mostly driven by trade between municipalities located in West Germany and Eastern Europe.

- “*The Local Economic Impact of US Troop Withdrawals in Germany*”, joint with Jakob Schmidhäuser

Abstract: What are the local economic impacts of foreign troop deployments? To answer this question, we exploit variation from the historical large-scale US troop withdrawal from Germany at the end of the Cold War. We use administrative data from the US Department of Defense to precisely quantify the troop withdrawal’s size at the municipal level. We deploy a Synthetic Difference-in-Differences (SDID) estimator to estimate the impacts of the troop withdrawal on local outcomes. Our results show negative effects on local labor markets and municipal public finances. Local business tax revenues decrease. Affected municipalities react by lowering their expenditures, while increasing property tax multipliers.

- “*Local Tax Havens*”, single-authored
- “*Reducing Survivor Pension to Promote More Equal Labor Market Attachment of Women: Evidence from Sweden*”, joint with Nadja Dwenger, Martin Nybom and Sebastian Sieglöch

SKILLS

Languages	German (native), English (fluent), French (beginner)
Software skills	R, Stata, Python, L ^A T _E X, Matlab

SUPERVISORS

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OTHER

- Founder and organisator of the biannual Young ECONtribute Program (YEP) Workshop for PhD in Economics students of the University of Cologne and the University of Bonn (currently 5th edition)

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