

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

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| Since 2014 | University of Munich (Germany)
Ph.D. in Economics
Thesis Committee: Prof. Uwe Sunde and Prof. Davide Cantoni |
| 2013-2014 | University of Cambridge (United Kingdom)
Master in Economics (M.Phil.)
(Thesis: <i>"The evolution of top incomes in the US in the 20th century"</i>) |
| 2009-2013 | University of St.Gallen (Switzerland)
Bachelor in Economics (B.Sc.)
(Thesis: <i>"Interdependencies between the demographic transition and democracy"</i>) |
| 2009-2012 | University of St.Gallen (Switzerland)
Bachelor in Business Administration (B.Sc.)
(Thesis: <i>"Empirical analysis of productivity differences in the Eurozone"</i>) |

RESEARCH VISITS

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| 08/2016-12/2016 | University of California, Berkeley (USA)
Visiting Research Scholar |
| 07/2015-09/2015 | Namibia
Field Research |
| 08/2011-12/2011 | Harvard University (USA)
Visiting Undergraduate Student |

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Econometrics, Political Economy, Labor Economics, Development Economics, Demography

RESEARCH

"Regional Employment Changes and Anti-EU Sentiment"

- I use regional and temporal variation in employment across European regions to estimate the effect on support for the EU. To do so, I apply FE panel methods and construct a Bartik-style instrument.
- I find a positive effect of employment changes on support for the EU, which is particularly strong for unemployed and low-skilled workers in regions with a high share of migrants from other European member states.

“Indirect Colonial Rule Undermines Support for Democracy: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Namibia” (joint with Lachlan McNamee), *Comparative Political Studies*, *forthcoming*.

- We identify indirect and direct colonial rule as causal factors in shaping support for democracy by exploiting a within-country natural experiment in Namibia.
- To causally identify the effect we apply a spatial regression discontinuity design based on a historical border, which is located where the progressive extension of direct German control was stopped after a rinderpest epidemic in the 1890s.

“Individual Life Horizon Influences Preferences for Democracy” (joint with Uwe Sunde)

- We exploit variation in age specific life expectancy across genders, countries, and time, in order to decompose the influence of age on democratic attitudes from the influence of the expected proximity to death.
- The evidence shows that support for democracy increases with age, but declines with expected proximity to death, implying that increasing longevity might help fostering the support for democracy.

“Industrial Wastewater and Health: The Curse of Living Downstream” (joint with Miriam Breckner)

- We study urbanisation and industrialisation as important contributors to water pollution in the Nile.
- Using a diff-in-diff framework we find that upstream population density and upstream industrial activity have negative health effects on children living along the Nile.

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

2017	The Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, Lindau Annual Congress of the German Economic Association, Vienna Annual Meeting of the African Economic History Network, Stellenbosch
2016	Working Group in African Political Economy, Stanford University Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics, Washington D.C. Spring Meeting of Young Economists, Lisbon Credible Identification and Structural Modelling Workshop, Ohlstadt Evidence Based Economics Summer Meeting, Munich Development Workshop, Munich
2015	Doctoral Research Seminar, Munich

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2017	Recipient of Reinhard Selten Preis , German Economic Association’s best young economist award. Selected Young Scientist at Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings , Selected in multi-stage, international selection process to participate in 6-day workshop with 16 Nobel Laureates in economics.
2014-2017	DFG (German Research Foundation) scholarship for doctoral studies.
2013-2014	DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship for graduate studies abroad.
2010-2014	Fellow of Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation , Scholarship for exceptional academic achievement and outstanding political and social commitment.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Advanced Macroeconomics, undergraduate tutorial (2017)
- Advanced Econometrics, undergraduate tutorial (2015, 2016, 2017)
- Long-run Development, graduate seminar (2016)
- The Determinants of Development: Bringing Theories to the Data, undergraduate seminar (2015)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2017 **Conference Management at Department of Economics LMU**, Munich
- (Co-)Organisation of academic conferences and workshops with 50-150 participants in and around Munich.
 - *The Review of Economic Studies May Meetings* (Munich, 2015), *Christmas Meetings of German Economists Abroad* (Munich, 2015), *Natural Experiments and Controlled Field Studies* (Ohlstadt, 2016 & 2017).
- 05/13-08/13 **Internship at Deutsche Bank Research**, Frankfurt a.M.
- Data analysis (focus on real estate cycles and euro-crisis) for internal and external publications as part of the macroeconomics team.
 - Co-author of "Is there a bubble in the German housing market?" (Wirtschaftsdienst, 94, 1/2004, p.76-78).
- 01/13-03/13 **Internship at Allianz SE, Economic Research and Corporate Development**, Munich
- Research on economic, demographic and political megatrends as part of Allianz's corporate foresight process.
 - Support of chief economist Prof. Heise (preparation of contents of publications, talks and negotiations).
- 01/12-01/13 **Research Assistant to Prof. Ernst Mohr**, University of St.Gallen
- Discussion of recent publications, conducting statistical analysis and literature reviews.
- 06/10-09/10 **Student Researcher at Indian NGO (SUTRA)**, Himachal Pradesh, India
- Field work to analyse the role of single women in rural India and government schemes, which aim at supporting these women.
 - Publication of "Single women in Himachal Pradesh. An analysis about governmental schemes" (SUTRA, 2010).

OTHER

Languages	German (Native), English (Fluent, TOEFL ibt 116), Spanish (intermediate, GER B2), Latin (intermediate, Latinum)
GRE	Quantitative Reasoning: 98 th percentile
Computer skills	ArcGIS, LaTeX, Office (Word, Excel, Power Point), R, Stata, QGIS.