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Past and current positions

since 10/2017	Professor (W3) of Economic History University of Cologne
04/2016–09/2017	Professor (W3) of Economics (Quantitative Economic History) University of Bayreuth
04/2015–03/2016	Visiting Professor of Economics (Quantitative Economic History) University of Bayreuth
10/2013–03/2016	Senior Research Fellow (Assistant Professor) Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance, Munich
04/2014–09/2014	Visiting Lecturer at University of Munich (LMU)
09/2012–09/2013	Economist at Deloitte & Touche GmbH, Munich
08/2008–07/2012	Junior Researcher & Doctoral Student ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich
04/2006–07/2008	RA at ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich
01/2004–03/2006	RA at Fraunhofer Institute (IAO), Stuttgart

Affiliations

since 2015	Research Affiliate: CEPR, London
since 2014/2019	Research Affiliate/Research Fellow: CESifo, Munich
since 2014	Research Associate: CAGE, University of Warwick

Professional activities

2019-2020	Member of the Extended Board of the Verein für Socialpolitik, Local Organizer of the Annual Conference 2020
since 2018	Member of the Council for Economic History, Verein für Socialpolitik
since 2017	Director of the Center for Macroeconomic Research (CMR), University of Cologne
2016-2017	Member of the Program Committee, MA History & Economics, University of Bayreuth

Research visits

09/2015	University of Warwick, UK (invited by Sascha O. Becker)
01/2012	University of Warwick, UK (invited by Sascha O. Becker)

Education

08/2008 - 05/2012	Ph.D in Economics, University of Munich (LMU), Germany Committee: Ludger Woessmann (Advisor), Sascha O. Becker, Davide Cantoni Thesis Title: Human Capital, Technology Diffusion, and Economic Growth - Evidence from Prussian Census Data (summa cum laude) Awarded the Doctoral Dissertation Prizes by the Leibniz Association and the Munich University Society in 2013
08/2008 - 12/2011	Doctoral Program of the Munich Graduate School of Economics (MGSE)
10/2002 - 03/2008	Diploma in Economics and technics (Diplom-Volkswirt t.o.), University of Stuttgart (and Hohenheim), Germany
09/2006 - 12/2006	Visiting student, University of Ottawa, Canada

Publications

Articles in Refereed Journals

"Bismarck's Health Insurance and then Mortality Decline" (with Stefan Bauernschuster and Anastasia Driva), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, forthcoming

"Diasporas, Diversity, and Economic Activity: Evidence from 18th-century Berlin" *Explorations in Economic History*, forthcoming

"Landownership Concentration and the Expansion of Education" (with Francesco Cinnirella) *Journal of Development Economics*, 121, 2016, 135–152

"Railroads and Growth in Prussia" *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 13(4), 2015, 699–736

"iPEHD - The Ifo Prussian Economic History Database" (with Sascha O. Becker, Francesco Cinnirella, Ludger Woessmann) *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, 47(2), 2014, 57–66

"Immigration and the Diffusion of Technology: The Huguenot Diaspora in Prussia" *American Economic Review*, 104(1), 2014, 84–122

"Education and Catch-up in the Industrial Revolution" (with Sascha O. Becker, Ludger Woessmann) *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 3(3), 2011, 92–126

Working Papers

"Roman Transport Network Connectivity and Economic Integration" (with Matthias Flückiger, Mario Larch, Markus Ludwig, and Allard Mees), CEPR Discussion Paper No. 13838

"Capital-Skill Complementarity and the Emergence of Labor Emancipation" (with Quamrul Ashraf, Francesco Cinnirella, Oded Galor, and Boris Gershman), CESifo Working Paper No. 6423, CEPR Discussion Paper No. 12822

Research in progress

"The Political Economy of the Prussian Three-class Franchise" (with Sascha O. Becker), *R&R at Journal of Economic History*

"Religious Practice and Student Performance" (with Guido Schwerdt and Maurizio Strazzeri)

"Flow of Ideas: Economic Societies and the Rise of Useful Knowledge" (with Francesco Cinnirella and Julius Koschnick)

"Industrialization and the Return to Labor - Evidence from Prussia"

Monographs

"Human Capital, Technology Diffusion, and Economic Growth - Evidence from Prussian Census Data", *ifo Beiträge zur Wirtschaftsforschung*, 46, ifo Institut, 2012

Book chapters

"Land Inequality, Education, and Marriage: Theory and Evidence" (with Francesco Cinnirella), in M. Cervellati and U. Sunde (Eds.), *Demographic Change and Long Run Development*, MIT Press, Cambridge

Book reviews

Margaret C. Jacob, *The First Knowledge Economy: Human Capital and the European Economy, 1750-1850*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014, EH.net, September 2015

Policy columns

"Bismarck's Health Insurance and its Impact on Mortality" (3rd October 2017)

"Preussen während der Industriellen Revolution—rascher Aufholprozess dank Bildung", *Oekonomenstimme* (7th June 2010)

"Being the educational world leader helped Prussia catch up in the Industrial Revolution", *VoxEU* (9th May 2010)

Honors and awards

Outstanding achievements award of the Ifo Institute (Prize for paper), 2015

Arthur H. Cole Grant in Aid of the Economic History Association, 2015

Fellow of the Max Planck Society at the 5th Nobel Laureate Meeting in Economics at Lindau 2014

Leibniz Association Young Scientists Award (Prize for Doctoral Dissertation) 2013

Promotionsförderpreis der Münchner Universitätsgesellschaft (Prize for Doctoral Dissertation) 2013

Shortlisted for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize of the Economic History Association 2012

Verein für Socialpolitik, Award for Presentation at EEA 2011 Congress

Verein für Socialpolitik, Award for Presentation at RES 2010 Congress

Exploratory Travel and Data Grant of the Economic History Association, 2009

Academic Service

Referee for journals

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, Cliometrica, Econometrica, Economic History Review, Economic Journal, European Economic Review, European Review of Economic History, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Journal of Political Economy, Research Policy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies.

Referee for grants

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation; Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG); German-Israeli Foundation (GIF); LMU Research Fellowship Program; National Science Center, Poland; Research Grants Council (RGC) of Hong Kong.

Referee for conferences

European Economic Association (2019), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (2012, 2013).

PhD committee member

Nayeli Noyolitzin Salgado Granados (external examiner) at Vienna University of Economics and Business
 Eric Melander (external examiner) at University of Warwick
 Max Löffler (Chair) at University of Cologne
 Nicolas Alejandro Lillo Bustos (external examiner) at University of Warwick
 Sebastian Knake (3rd) at University of Bayreuth

(Co-)Organizer of panels, workshops, and conferences

Session Organizer: The Causes and Effects of Labor Coercion in Global Perspective (WEHC 2018)
 Session Organizer: Committee on Economic History Session (VfS 2018)
 Local Organizer: Annual meeting of the German Economic Association (VfS) 2020

Teaching

Wirtschaftsgeschichte (UG), Bayreuth, Cologne
 Determinants of Growth in Economic History (G), Bayreuth, Cologne
 Empirical Economic History of Germany (G), Bayreuth
 Culture and Institutions in Economic History (UG), Munich (LMU)
 Foundations of Economic History I - Growth and Crises (G), Bayreuth
 Foundations of Economic History II - Global Economy (G), Bayreuth
 Seminars: Long-run Development, Cologne, WS 2018/19. Economics of Religion, Bayreuth, SS 2016. Historical Roots of African Development, Bayreuth, WS 2015/16. Mechanisms of Persistence in Economics,

Bayreuth, SS 2015. The long shadows of history for today's economic development, Munich (LMU), SS 2011. Economic Returns to Human Capital Accumulation, Munich (LMU), SS 2009

Invited seminars and conference presentations (incl. scheduled)

- 2019 Macrohistory Seminar, University of Bonn. CEPR Conference on The Economics of Religion, Venice. European Historical Economics Society Conference (EHES), Paris. Economics External Seminar, Bristol. Applied Seminar, Mannheim. Research Seminar, Trier.
- 2018 Research Colloquium, TU Darmstadt. Wirtschaftshistorischer Ausschuss des VfS, Frankfurt. Research Seminar, CERGE-EI, Prague. Workshop Regional Economics & Local Political Economy, University of Siegen. IZA Research Seminar, Bonn. World Economic History Congress (WEHC), Boston. WU.EconHist Research Seminar, WU Wien. The Economic History of Religion Conference, Discussion, Northwestern University. Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University. Research Colloquium, University of Konstanz.
- 2017 cege-Seminar, University of Göttingen. Economics Seminar, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology. German Economic History Conference (GEHC), Bonn. ZEW Research Seminar, Mannheim. CMR Research Seminar, University of Cologne. Macrohistory Seminar, University of Bonn.
- 2016 Research Seminar, Johannes Kepler University Linz. Brown Bag Seminar, Caltech. GEM Seminar, UCLA Anderson. BEHL Seminar, UC Berkeley. Economic History Seminar, UC Davis. Macro-Finance-Labor Seminar, University of Zurich. Workshop 'Markets and States in History', University of Warwick. Brown Bag Seminar, Ifo Institute Munich. Workshop 'Culture, Institutions and Development', Galatina. Economic History Association (EHA), Boulder. Research Seminar, New Economic School Moscow. Research Seminar, Higher School of Economics Moscow. Research Seminar, University of Hohenheim. Applied Microeconomics and Organization Seminar, Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 2015 Allied Social Science Association (ASSA), Discussion, Boston. German Economic History Conference (GEHC), Münster. MEF-Seminar, University of Bonn. Berlin Colloquium in Economic History, HU Berlin. Empirical Economics and Econometrics Seminar, University of Innsbruck. Social Impacts of Economic Policies and Change, Discussion, University of Heidelberg. World Economic History Congress (WEHC), Kyoto. Brown Bag Seminar, University of Warwick. Institutions, Culture and Long-Run Development, CAS Munich. HEDG Seminar, University of Southern Denmark. MEHR Seminar, University of Copenhagen.
- 2014 Economic History Seminar, University of Mannheim. European Economic Association (EEA), Toulouse. Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Hamburg. Economics Brown Bag Seminar, University of Passau.
- 2012 CAGE Seminar, University of Warwick. Economic History Association (EHA) Dissertation Session, Vancouver
- 2011 Economic History Society (EHS), University of Cambridge. European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Hangzhou. European Economic Association (EEA), Oslo. Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Frankfurt. European Association of Labour Economists (EALE), Paphos.
- 2010 Economic History Society (EHS), Durham. Royal Economic Society (RES) University of Surrey. Spring Meeting of Young Economists (SMYE), Luxembourg. European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), Essen. Economic History Association (EHA), Northwestern/Chicago. Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Kiel.
- 2009 Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Magdeburg.