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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
09/2012–09/2013	Economist at Deloitte & Touche GmbH, Munich
08/2008–07/2012	Junior Researcher & Doctoral Student Ifo Institute for Economic Research, Munich

## 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

since 2020	Member of the Cluster of Excellence “ECONtribute: Markets & Public Policy”, Cologne/Bonn
2019-2020	Member of the Extended Board of the Verein für Socialpolitik, Local Organizer of the Annual Conference 2020
since 2019	Academic director for BSc Economics, University of Cologne
since 2018	Member of the Standing Field Committee for Economic History, VfS
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

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## Research visits

10/2020	CESifo, Munich (postponed)
11/2018	UCLA Anderson School of Management
09/2015	University of Warwick
01/2012	University of Warwick

## Education

08/2008 - 05/2012	Ph.D in Economics, University of Munich (LMU), Germany Committee: Ludger Woessmann (Advisor), Sascha O. Becker, Davide Cantoni 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*

"Roman Transport Network Connectivity and Economic Integration" (with Matthias Flückiger, Mario Larch, Markus Ludwig, and Allard Mees), *Review of Economic Studies*, accepted for publication

"The Political Economy of the Prussian Three-class Franchise" (with Sascha O. Becker), *Journal of Economic History*, 80(4), 2020, 1143–1188

"Bismarck's Health Insurance and then Mortality Decline" (with Stefan Bauernschuster and Anastasia Driva), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, 18(5), 2020, 2561–2607

"Diasporas, Diversity, and Economic Activity: Evidence from 18th-century Berlin" *Explorations in Economic History*, 73, 2019, 101261

"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

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### Working Papers

["Structural Change, Elite Capitalism, 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, *R&R at Review of Economic Studies*

### Research in progress

"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)

"NAFTA and drug-related violence in Mexico" (with Eduardo Hidalgo and Pablo Selaya)

"The Political Effects of the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in Germany" (with Stefan Bauernschuster, Matthias Blum and Christoph Koenig)

"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

"Bildung, Entwicklung und Nationsbildung im 19. Jahrhundert" (with Sascha O. Becker and Francesco Cinnirella), in U. Pfister, J.-O. Hesse, M. Spoerer and N. Wolf (Eds.), *Deutschland 1871: Die Nationalstaatsgründung und der Weg in die moderne Wirtschaft*, 2021, Mohr Siebert, Tübingen

["Land Inequality, Education, and Marriage: Theory and Evidence"](#) (with Francesco Cinnirella), in M. Cervellati and U. Sunde (Eds.), *Demographic Change and Long Run Development*, 2017, MIT Press, Cambridge

### Policy columns

["The effect of unequal voting rights on policies"](#), VoxEU (17th May 2020)

["How Roman transport network connectivity shapes economic integration"](#), VoxEU (28th August 2019)

["Bismarck's Health Insurance and its Impact on Mortality"](#), VoxEU (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)

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*Non-refereed policy papers*

“Industrialisierung im Deutschen Reich: Welche Rolle spielte die öffentliche Infrastruktur?”, *Wirtschaftsdienst*, 101(4), 2021, 258–262

“Der europäische Tiefbau bis 2008 - geprägt vom hohen Wachstum in Mittel- und Osteuropa. Ausgewählte Ergebnisse der Euroconstruct-Sommerkonferenz 2006” (with Erich Gluch), *ifo Schnelldienst*, 59(14), 2006, 23–27

“Europäischer Wohnungsbau mit guten Aussichten für 2006” (with Erich Gluch), *ifo Schnelldienst*, 59(13), 2006, 16–20

*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

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## Academic Service

*Editorial service*

Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic History* (since 2019)

Economic Policy Panel, *Economic Policy* (2021-2022)

*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, Explorations in Economic History, International Regional Science Review, Journal of Applied Econometrics, 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 (2019–2021), Spring Meeting of Young Economists (2012, 2013).

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

Local Organizer: Annual meeting of the German Economic Association (VfS) 2020

Session Organizer: The Causes and Effects of Labor Coercion in Global Perspective (WEHC 2018)

Session Organizer: Committee on Economic History Session (VfS 2018)

*Post-Doc supervision*

Melissa Rubio Ramos (since 2020)

Markus Ludwig (2016–17, placement TU Braunschweig)

*PhD supervision*

Carola Engelke (since 2019)

Eduardo Hidalgo (since 2018)

*PhD committee member*

Maurizio Strazzeri (3rd) at University of Konstanz

Anna Kerkhof (Chair) at University of Cologne

Nayeli Salgado Granados (external examiner) at Vienna University of Economics and Business

Christoph Wigger (Chair) at University of Cologne

Eric Melander (external examiner) at University of Warwick

Max Löffler (Chair) at University of Cologne

Nicolas A. Lillo Bustos (external examiner) at University of Warwick

Sebastian Knake (3rd) at University of Bayreuth

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## 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

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 Invited seminars and conference presentations (incl. scheduled)

- 2021 LEAP seminar, Stellenbosch University (virtual). Quantitative History Webinar, University of Hong Kong (virtual). Max Planck Innovation & Entrepreneurship Seminar, Munich (virtual). CAGE Economic History Workshop, Warwick (virtual). Workshop 'Elections, Institutional Reforms, and Public Policy', Bochum. Workshop 'Political Economy of Wars and Political Transitions', Cambridge, UK. Workshop 'Instrumentalizing Economics for Political Goals, Instrumentalizing Politics for Economic Goals', Berlin.
- 2020 Workshop 'Political Economy and Development', Zurich (virtual). Brown Bag Seminar, Ifo Institute Munich (virtual). IZA/ECONtribute Human Capital Meeting, Cologne/Bonn (virtual). Applied Microeconomics and Organization Seminar, Goethe Frankfurt (virtual). RIDGE Virtual Forum 2020 'Towards sustainable growth'. Economic History Seminar, Münster (virtual).
- 2019 Macrohistory Seminar, Bonn. CEPR Conference on The Economics of Religion, Venice. 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', 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. Public Choice Seminar, George Mason. Research Colloquium, Konstanz.
- 2017 cege-Seminar, Göttingen. Economics Seminar, HKUST. German Economic History Conference (GEHC), Bonn. ZEW Research Seminar, Mannheim. CMR Research Seminar, Cologne. Macrohistory Seminar, Bonn.
- 2016 Research Seminar, Linz. Brown Bag Seminar, Caltech. GEM Seminar, UCLA Anderson. BEHL Seminar, UC Berkeley. Economic History Seminar, UC Davis. Macro-Finance-Labor Seminar, Zurich. Workshop 'Markets and States in History', Warwick. Brown Bag Seminar, Ifo Institute Munich. Workshop 'Culture, Institutions and Development', Galatina. Economic History Association (EHA), Boulder. Research Seminar, NES Moscow. Research Seminar, HSE Moscow. Research Seminar, Hohenheim. Applied Microeconomics and Organization Seminar, Goethe Frankfurt.
- 2015 Allied Social Science Association (ASSA), Discussion, Boston. German Economic History Conference (GEHC), Münster. MEF-Seminar, Bonn. Berlin Colloquium in Economic History, HU Berlin. Empirical Economics and Econometrics Seminar, Innsbruck. Social Impacts of Economic Policies and Change, Discussion, Heidelberg. World Economic History Congress (WEHC), Kyoto. Brown Bag Seminar, Warwick. Institutions, Culture and Long-Run Development, CAS Munich. HEDG Seminar, University of Southern Denmark. MEHR Seminar, Copenhagen.
- 2014 Economic History Seminar, Mannheim. European Economic Association (EEA), Toulouse. Verein für Socialpolitik (VfS), Hamburg. Economics Brown Bag Seminar, Passau.
- 2012 CAGE Seminar, Warwick. Economic History Association (EHA) Dissertation Session, Vancouver
- 2011 Economic History Society (EHS), Cambridge, UK. 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.
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## Teaching

Wirtschaftsgeschichte/Economic History (UG), Bayreuth, Cologne  
Determinants of Growth in Economic History (G), Bayreuth, Cologne  
Development Economics (G), Cologne  
Technical Change, Labor, and Inequality (PhD), 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

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