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1 Personal Information

Date of birth: Sept. 3, 1987 • Citizenship: German • Married, 1 child (Parental leave until Oct. 2026)

2 Academic Positions

Associate Professor for AI (interim), Department of Economics, LMU Munich	Apr. 2026 – Sept. 2026
Associate Professor (interim), Department of Statistics, LMU Munich	Oct. 2023 – Mar. 2024
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, LMU Munich	2018 –

3 Education

Ph.D. Economics, Institute for International Economic Studies (IIES), Stockholm	2018
Advisors: Jakob Svensson and Torsten Persson	
Visiting Graduate Student, Harvard University	2015 – 2016
M.Sc. Economics, Goethe University Frankfurt	2012
B.Sc. Economics, University of Mannheim	2010

4 Teaching and Research Fields

Primary: Political Economics, Applied Econometrics
Secondary: Development Economics, Economic History

5 Publications

- *On the Other Side of the Fence: Property Rights and Productivity in the United States.* **Journal of the European Economic Association**, 21(1): 93–134, 2023. DOI

- *Female Education and Social Change* (with Leonhard Vollmer and Johannes Wimmer). **Journal of Economic Growth**, 29(1): 79–119, 2024. DOI

- *Who Benefits from Free Trade?* **World Development**, 179 (July), 2024. DOI

6 Working Papers

- *State Repression, Exit, and Voice: Living in the Shadow of Cambodia's Killing Fields* (with Andreas Madestam). **R&R Review of Economic Studies**; CEPR Discussion Paper No. 18815.

- *The Message is the Message Too: National Discourse and Local Political Consequences* (with Andrew Dickens). **R&R Journal of Public Economics**; CESifo Working Paper No. 10959.

- *Female Enfranchisement and the Conservative Voting Gap: Evidence from Gender-Separated Precinct Returns* (with Navid Sabet). **R&R European Journal of Political Economy**; CESifo Working Paper No. 11771.

- *City Directories as a Source of Historical Microdata* (with Davide Cantoni and Matthias Weigand).

7 Work in Progress

- *Accountability, Elite Capture and the Returns to Peace* (with Daniel Borbely, Joris Mueller, and Jonathan Norris).

- *A Chicken in Every Pot? The Political Consequences of a Large Wealth Shock in the Western United States* (with Jérôme Schäfer).

- *Women's Suffrage and Conservative Gains: Heterogeneous Responses and the SPD in Weimar Germany* (with Navid Sabet).

8 Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

- 2024: CES Junior Faculty Fellowship "Why Democracies Fail"

- 2023: Junior Researcher Fund (LMU) "Preferences, people, and political institutions" (35,000 €)

- 2020: Junior Researcher Fund (LMU) "The economic geography of cities" (50,000 €)

- 2019: DFG Project "Measuring the persistence, memory, and salience of state repression. Evidence from Cambodia" (74,252 €)

- 2019: SSHRC Insight Development Grant (with A. Dickens), 2019–2021 (74,000 CAD$)

- 2018: Asia Foundation Research Grant, 2018–2019 (120,000 SEK)

- 2014: Handelsbanken Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation (586,000 SEK)

9 Refereeing

Quarterly Journal of Economics; Econometrica; Journal of Political Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Political Economy: Micro; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Growth; Comparative Political Studies; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Economic History; Explorations in Economic History; Economic Journal; European Journal of Political Economy.

10 Teaching

Fall 2024: Econometrics (Master, Economics)
Fall 2023: Seminar in Causal Inference (Master, Statistics); Causal Inference (Master, Statistics); Seminar in Data Analytics (Master, Economics); Empirical Research Reading Group (Master, Economics); Econometrics (Master, Economics)
Summer 2023: Data Analytics using Python and R
Fall 2022: Econometrics
Summer 2022: Data Analytics using Python and R
Fall 2021: Econometrics
Summer 2021: Political Economics II
Fall 2020: The Political Economy of Development (Bachelor); Econometrics
Summer 2020: Political Economics II
Fall 2019: Econometrics
Summer 2019: Spatial Data in Economics
Fall 2018: Econometrics
Spring 2017: PhD mini course: ArcGIS in Economics (Department of Economics); PhD course: Analysis and Management of Big Data (Teaching assistant for Professor David Strömberg)
Spring 2015: PhD mini course: ArcGIS in Economics (Department of Economics)
Spring 2014: PhD course: Macroeconomics II (Teaching assistant for Professors John Hassler and Per Krusell)

Spring 2011: Principles of Economics (Bachelor, Goethe University; Teaching assistant for Professor Rainer Klump)

11 Thesis Supervision

Supervised Master's and Bachelor's theses across political economy, machine learning, and spatial data.

Political economy

L. Gärtner (M.Sc.) — Social capital and affirmative action: Does institutionally enforced diversity enhance generalized trust?
K. Zillur (M.Sc.) — How does gender define the impact of Covid-19? Evidence from Bangladesh
H. Chen (M.Sc.) — Does Female Leadership Help Close the Gender Gap in the Fields of Politics and Labour Market in Germany?
J. Zheng (M.Sc.) — Trade Reforms, Income, and Electoral Outcomes in India
N. Omer (M.Sc.) — The Effect of Immigration on Union Elections
B. Wang (M.Sc.) — Primogeniture Scheme in Ancient China
T. Novák (M.Sc.) — Economic Impact of Liberalization Strategies on Transition Economies: A Synthetic Difference-in-Differences Approach
L. Gala (M.Sc.) — Pitch Perfect Society? An Empirical Study on Cricket's Social Impact on Crime in India
D. Shelomentsev (M.Sc.) — Examining Party Alignment: Assessing Correspondence between Parliamentary Speeches and Party Manifestos

Machine learning

Y. Zurl (B.Sc.) — Digitization and prediction of historical wages in Munich: A machine learning approach
E. Yang (B.Sc.) — Machine Learning in Economic History: A Benchmarking Analysis for Record Linking Methods
K. White (M.Sc.) — Evaluating State-based Conflict Forecasting Methods
K. Andexer (M.Sc.) — Uncertainty in Monetary Policy Making. A Machine Learning Text Analysis of Beige Book Reports

Spatial data and geographic analyses

A. Stolte (M.Sc.) — The Wrong Side(s) of the Freeways: The Effects of Segregation on Urban Poverty and Inequality
L. Kondmann (M.Sc.) — Blinded by the Light: Monitoring Local Economic Development Over Time with Night-light Emissions
S. Wilson (M.Sc.) — Discrimination in Disaster: The Impact of Racial and Socioeconomic Factors on FEMA Flood Zones
I. Fedorchuk (M.Sc.) — Effects of the Berlin Wall on the market potential and population of the West German settlements
N. Wilson (M.Sc.) — Hate Thy Neighbor? Conflict, Fear, and Mistrust in Kenya's White Highlands
R. Dolobáč (M.Sc.) — On Track to Sustainability? The Effects of Urban Rail on Carbon Emissions Using Spatial Machine Learning