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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 (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). CESifo Working Paper No. 10959.
- *City Directories as a Source of Historical Microdata* (with Davide Cantoni and Matthias Weigand).
- *Female Enfranchisement and the Conservative Voting Gap: Evidence from Gender-Separated Precinct Returns* (with Navid Sabet). CESifo Working Paper No. 11771.
- *Women's Suffrage and Conservative Gains: Heterogeneous Responses and the SPD in Weimar Germany* (with Navid Sabet).

7 Work in Progress

- *Autocratic Capture of Development: Evidence from Post-conflict Cambodia* (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).

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.

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 (Selected and Full List in Appendix)

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