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**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** September 3, 1987, Citizenship: German, Married

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

Associate Professor (interim), Department of Statistics, LMU Munich, Oct. 2023 – Mar. 2024  
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, LMU Munich, 2018 –  
Visiting Graduate Student, Harvard University, 2015 – 2016

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. Economics, IIES, Stockholm, 2018 (Advisors: Jakob Svensson and Torsten Persson)  
M.Sc. Economics, Goethe University Frankfurt, 2012  
B.Sc. Economics, Mannheim University, 2010

**TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS:**

Primary fields: Applied Econometrics, Political Economics  
Secondary fields: Developing Economics, Economic History

**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

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

[Who Benefits from Free Trade?](#)  
*World Development* 179(July), 2024

**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*

[From Couch to Poll: Media Content and the Value of Local Information](#) (with Andrew Dickens)  
*CESifo WP No. 10959*

[City Directories as a Source of Historical Microdata](#) (with Davide Cantoni and Matthias Weigand)

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

Who Benefits from Free Education? Long-Term Evidence from a Policy Experiment in Cambodia  
(with Maria Cheung, Andreas Madestam and Jakob Svensson)

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

### **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

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	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (w. A. Dickens): Insight Development Grant, 2019-2021 (74,000 CAD\$)
2018	Asia Foundation Research Grant 2018-2019 (120,000 SEK)
2017	Fundación Ramón Areces Grant
2016	Mannerfelt Travel Grant, K&A Wallenberg Foundation (10,000 SEK)
2014	Handelsbanken Jan Wallander and Tom Hedelius Foundation (586,000 SEK)

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT:**

2012-2014	Research assistant, Institute for International Economic Studies
2011-2012	Research assistant, Goethe University Frankfurt, Professor Sebastian Krautheim
2011	Research assistant, Goethe University Frankfurt, Professor Helmut Gründl
2009-2011	Research assistant, Center for European Economic Research, Mannheim

### **REFEREEING EXPERIENCE:**

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Explorations in Economic History

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

Fall 2023	Seminar in Causal Inference (Master, Statistics)
Fall 2023	Causal Inference (Master, Statistics)
Fall 2023	Seminar in Data Analytics (Master, Economics)
Fall 2023	Empirical Research Reading Group (Master, Economics)
Fall 2023	Econometrics (Master, Economics)
Summer 2023	Data Analytics using Python and R
Fall 2022	Econometrics (Master)
Summer 2022	Data Analytics using Python and R
Fall 2021	Econometrics (Master)
Summer 2021	Political Economics II (Master)
Fall 2020	The Political Economy of Development (Bachelor)
Fall 2020	Econometrics (Master)
Summer 2020	Political Economics II (Master)
Fall 2019	Econometrics (Master)
Summer 2019	Spatial Data in Economics (Master)
Fall 2018	Econometrics (Master)
Spring 2017	PhD mini course: ArcGIS in Economics, Department of Economics
Spring 2017	PhD course: Analysis and Management of Big Data, Department of Economics, Teaching assistant for Professor David Strömberg
Spring 2015	PhD mini course: ArcGIS in Economics, Department of Economics
Spring 2014	PhD course: Macroeconomics II, Department of Economics, Teaching assistant for Professor John Hassler and Professor Per Krusell
Spring 2011	Bachelor course: Principles of Economics, Department of Economics, Goethe University, Teaching assistant for Professor Rainer Klump

**THESIS SUPERVISED:**

Topic: 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
- D. Shelomentsev *M.Sc.* Examining Party Alignment: Assessing Correspondence between Parliamentary Speeches and Party Manifestos in Liberal and Conservative Parties
- 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

Topic: 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

Topic: 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