

Center for Public Finance and Political Economy (CPFPE),
Ifo Institute.

Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to apply for the position of Postdoc in Economics, as advertised on Econ Job Market. I am a microeconomist specializing in political economy and industrial organization with particular focus on political communication, timing of elections and firm pricing. I will complete my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2022.

I am extremely interested in joining Ifo. As a member of the institute, I will contribute to its focus along with LMU on economics education, continue my research on strategic political communication and sequential elections, and lead service activities for CPFPE.

I find the research agenda at CPFPE very stimulating. In particular, my work can complement the exciting research by Professor Potrafke on American politics and the effects of populism. I am confident that my theoretical and empirical approach to socially relevant topics, my motivation to actively engage in innovative research, and my track record for collaborative work make me an excellent fit for the position in the center.

In addition, I have a strong interest in teaching. As I mention in my teaching statement, I have extensive teaching experience in a range of topics. During my doctoral studies at Illinois, I was honored to be selected by my students among the top 10% of teachers in the university.

Included in my application are copies of my CV, my job market paper titled “Messaging the Bases: Tailoring of Political Ads to Audiences”, statements on my research agenda and teaching philosophy. My other work is outlined in my research statement and I would be happy to make any additional materials available to you upon request. Letters in support of my application from Professors Dan Bernhardt (Chair), George Deltas, and Stefan Krasa will be sent under a separate cover.

I will be available for virtual interviews at the European Job Market in December 2021. I can be reached via email at ecnstnt2@illinois.edu or by phone at +1-217-721-5834.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any additional information that I can provide.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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