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Research Interests

Environmental Economics, Transportation Economics, Behavioral Economics

Education

University of Mannheim Ph.D. Student in Economics	since 09/2019
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University of Mannheim Master of Science in Economics	09/2019 – 10/2021
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University of Mannheim Bachelor of Science in Economics	09/2016 – 08/2019
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Justus Liebig University Giessen B.Sc. Student in Economics and Business Administration	10/2015 – 08/2016
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Work in Progress

Can social comparisons and moral suasion increase public transport ridership and decrease car use? (with Ulrich Wagner and Wolfgang Habla)

Dormant Papers

Are there Rebound Effects from Electric Vehicle Adoption? Evidence from German Household Data (with Vera Huwe), *ZEW Discussion Paper* No. 20-048, 2020

Abstract: We analyze rebound effects of electric vehicle adoption on both the extensive (vehicle ownership) and the intensive (vehicle mileage) margin using cross-sectional household level data on vehicle ownership and use from Germany. To investigate the effect of electric vehicle adoption on household mileage, we predict the counterfactual number of cars owned if the household had not adopted an electric vehicle using a supervised learning model. We trained this model on a set of households not owning electric vehicles that were matched to the electric vehicle owners. We do not find a significant increase in the number of cars owned for households owning one electric and one conventional vehicle. However, electric vehicle ownership is associated with a significant reduction in annual mileage of -23 % of the sample mean. For the selection of covariates for matching, we contrast an ad hoc variable selection with a data-driven variable selection method (double LASSO). We find that the data-driven variable selection changes the magnitude of the estimation results substantially.

Relevant Professional Experience

Research Assistant

RWI - Leibniz-Institute for Economic Research e.V.	since 07/2022
ZEW - Leibniz-Centre for European Economic Research GmbH	02/2020 – 06/2020
ZEW - Leibniz-Centre for European Economic Research GmbH	01/2019 – 06/2019

Teaching Assistant

Advanced Econometrics (Master), Uni Mannheim	since 09/2022
Principles in Economics (Bachelor), Uni Mannheim	09/2021 – 02/2022
Linear Algebra 1 (Bachelor), Uni Mannheim	09/2017 – 01/2018

Internships

NERA Economic Consulting	08/2021 – 09/2021
Institute of Energy Economics at the University of Cologne	07/2020 – 08/2020
Leibniz-Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)	07/2019 – 08/2019

Scholarships

Scholarship, PROMOS, German Academic Exchange Service (<i>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst</i>)	08/2018 – 12/2018
Scholarship, Deutschlandstipendium, University of Mannheim	08/2017 – 07/2019

Presentations

2022	27th EAERE Annual Conference, 10th Mannheim Conference on Energy and the Environment, University of Mannheim
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Skills

Software:	R, Stata, MATLAB, Python, GAMS, LaTeX, MS Office, Git
Languages:	German (native), English (C2), French (A2)

Citizenship: German

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