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RESEACH FIELDS Applied Microeconomics

Labor Economics, Health Economics

EDUCATION Ph.D., Economics, University of Duisburg-Essen Expected 2024

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Visiting PhD Student, Tilburg University

M.Sc., Economics, University of Bonn

2017-2019

B.Sc., Economics, University of Bonn

2014-2017

WORK IN PROGRESS "Job Loss and Retirement"

Abstract: This paper provides new evidence on the long-run effects of job loss on retirement based on German administrative data from 1975 to 2021. To identify the effect of job loss, I exploit firm closures and apply matching techniques to flexibly compare the retirement probability of displaced workers with those of similar workers who did not suffer a job loss. The results show that displaced workers change their retirement behavior in response to the job loss: displaced workers are about 7pp less likely to retire from age 60 to 64. Evidence shows that job loss leads to lower estimated pension benefits and large life-time income losses.

"Alive and Kicking? Short-Term Health Effects of a Physician Strike in Germany"

with Daniel Avdic, Martin Karlsson and Nina Schwarz

Abstract: We study short-run effects of a physician strike in German hospitals in 2006 on patient mortality. We use detailed administrative data on all German hospital admissions and digitised data on strike participation to compare striking and non-striking hospitals in a difference-in-differences model. Estimation results show that the strike led to a significant reduction in the number of admissions, while mortality results are partly driven by patient selection. To support this claim, we further show that emergency cases and more fragile patients, who were unable to substitute their immediate care needs, were more likely to be present in hospital during this period.

"Moving to Opportunity - Together"

with Seema Jayachandran, Matt Notowidigdo, Marie Paul, Heather Sarsons, and Elin Sundberg

TEACHING Econometrics (Master), University of Duisburg-Essen (Mercator School of Management)

Lecturer (joint with Karolin Süβ) Summer 2023

Macroeconomics (Bachelor), University of Duisburg-Essen (Mercator School of Management)

Teaching Assistant to Marie Paul Winter 2022/23

Seminar Economics (Bachelor), University of Duisburg-Essen (Mercator School of Management)

Teaching Assistant to Jens Wrona Summer 2022-

Supervision of Bachelor's theses, University of Duisburg-Essen Summer 2020-

Presentations 2023

EEA-ESEM Annual Congress (Barcelona, scheduled), EALE (Prague, scheduled), Essen Health Conference, RES and SES Annual Conference (Glasgow), GSS Seminar (Tilburg University), SEG Seminar (Tilburg University), Ph.D. Workshop Royal Holloway (London)

2022

 2^{nd} Berlin Workshop on Empirical Public Economics: Gender Economics (Berlin), EEA-ESEM Annual Congress (Milan), DFG conference "The German Labor Market in a Globalized World: Trade, Technology, and Demographics" (Mannheim), Annual Conference of the European Society of Population Economics (ESPE) (Rende), Spring Meeting Young Economists (Orléans), SOLE Annual Meeting (Minneapolis)

2021

Verein für Socialpolitik Annual Conference (virtual), 7^{th} Potsdam PhD Workshop in Empirical Economics (virtual), EEA-ESEM Annual Congress (virtual), BeNA Labor Economics Workshop (virtual), 1^{st} Annual Southern PhD Economics Conference (virtual), 13^{th} RGS Doctoral Conference (virtual)

REFEREEING Industrial Relations

COMPUTER SKILLS Stata, LATEX, R (basic), ArcGIS (basic)

LANGUAGES German (native), English (fluent), French (basic), Spanish (basic)

July 2023