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Research Interests

Development Economics, Political Economy, Economic History, Machine Learning, Satellite Imagery

Current Position

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

Chair of International and Development Politics, Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Axel Dreher
Heidelberg University, Germany

September 2021 - present

Education

University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany
Master of Science in Economic Research

2019 - 2021

University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany
Bachelor of Science in Economics, Top 5%

2016 - 2019

- Semester Abroad: ESAN University Lima, Peru

Working Papers

Where is Poverty Concentrated? New Evidence based on Internationally Consistent Urban and Poverty Measurements from 17 Sub-Saharan African Countries, with Shohei Nakamura, Pierre-Philippe Combes, Charlotte Robert, Mark Roberts, Benjamin Stewart, and Slava Yakubenko

Work in Progress

Fostering Climate Resilience: Socio-Economic Effects of Improved Urban Drainage in Bangladesh, with Angelika Budjan, Cristina Cibin, Khalid Imran, and Jingke Pan

Terrorism in the Media, with Axel Dreher, Krisztina Kis-Katos, and Christoph Weisser

Denazification in Germany, with Annika Kaiser, Tobias Korn, and Bente Jessen-Thiesen

Professional Experience

The World Bank

2024

Short term consultant for the Nigeria country team
Supervisor: Arthur Alik-Lagrange, Ph.D.

- Spatial data analysis in R
- Working with Nigerian survey data

The World Bank

2021 - 2023

Short term consultant for the Poverty and Equity Global Practice
Supervisor: Shohei Nakamura, Ph.D.

- Cleaning spatial data using QGIS
- Cleaning and analysing household budgetary survey (HBS) data using Stata

University of Cologne

2020 - 2021

Research assistant at the chair of Economic History
Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Erik Hornung

- Georeferencing historical maps using QGIS
- Generating historical data

Teaching

- **Teaching Assistant** at Heidelberg University Winter 2021 - present
Macroeconomics I
- **Co-Supervision** at Heidelberg University Winter 2021 - present
Development Economics Research Seminar (Bachelor and Master), Bachelor Thesis
- **Teaching Assistant** at Heidelberg University Summer 2022
Microeconomics I

Skills

- **Programming & Softwares:** R, Stata, Python, Matlab, QGIS, LaTeX, Git, MS Office
- **Languages:** German (Native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate), French (elementary), Latin (Latin Proficiency Certificate)

Field work experience

- **Barishal, Bangladesh:** Household-level data collection 2023
Project: Fostering Climate Resilience: Socio-Economic Effects of Improved Urban Drainage in Bangladesh

Scholarships and Funding

- HeiDocs, Heidelberg Graduate Academy, 700 Euro 2024
Travel grant to visit the Twenty-third summer school in international and development economics in Gargonza, Italy (Lecturers: Claudio Ferraz & Sandra Sequeira)
- IGC, International Growth Center, 66,756 GBP 2023
Full research grant, co-PI
Project: Fostering Climate Resilience: Socio-Economic Effects of Improved Urban Drainage in Bangladesh
- HeiDocs, Heidelberg Graduate Academy, 3,000 Euro 2023
Funding for the acquisition of datasets
Project: Denazification in Germany
- HeiDocs, Heidelberg Graduate Academy, 3,000 Euro 2023
Travel grant to conduct our Baseline study in Bangladesh
Project: Fostering Climate Resilience: Socio-Economic Effects of Improved Urban Drainage in Bangladesh
- PROMOS 2018
Travel grant for my semester abroad at the ESAN University Lima, Peru

Other Academic Activities

- Refereeing
2023: European Association of Young Economists (EAYE) Annual Meeting
- Workshop and Seminar Organization
2023: Beyond Basic Questions Seminar (online)
2022: FHM+ Workshop (Heidelberg), Beyond Basic Questions Seminar (online), Development Economics Research Seminar (Heidelberg)
- Summer School
2024: Twenty-third summer school in international and development economics in Gargonza, Italy (Lecturers: Claudio Ferraz & Sandra Sequeira)

Conferences

2024: Beyond Basic Questions Workshop (Groningen), European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Vienna), FHM+ Workshop (Mannheim), German Development Economics Conference (Hannover)

2023: Beyond Basic Questions Workshop (Stuttgart), FHM+ Workshop (Frankfurt)

2022: Beyond Basic Questions Workshop (Bern), European Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (Braga), FHM+ Workshop (Heidelberg)

References

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