

# Matthias Weigand

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## Education

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### Harvard University

*PhD* 2021–

Economics

### Brown University

*Pre-Doctoral Fellow* 2019–2020

Economics

### University of Oxford

*Visiting Student* 2018–2019

Mathematics, Economic and Social History, and Social Data Science

### Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich

*B.Sc. in Economics* 2015–2018

## Working Papers and Work in Progress

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The Rise of Fiscal Capacity (with Davide Cantoni and Cathrin Mohr).

[Conditionally accepted, *Econometrica*]

How Autocracies Form: State Capacity, Absolutism, and the Thirty Years' War (with Luis Bosshart).

The Consequences of Party Bans (with Andrew Kao).

Individualism, Identity, and Institutional Change (with Davide Cantoni and Cathrin Mohr).

City Directories as a Source of Historical Microdata (with Mathias Bühler and Davide Cantoni).

Housing Policy in West Germany Cities, 1945–1970.

Public Health Provision in Early Modern Europe (with Davide Cantoni and Maria Waldinger).

## Scholarships, Awards, and Affiliations

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05/2023–: Graduate Student Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science

09/2021–09/2023: ERC Program of the German National Academic Foundation

02/2018–03/2020: German National Academic Foundation

10/2016–07/2017: Munich Honors Program in Economics

10/2015–08/2021: Maximilianeum Foundation

10/2015–03/2020: Max Weber Program

## Teaching Experience

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History of Human Capital (Graduate), Teaching Fellow for Claudia Goldin and Larry Katz, 2024

The History of Economic Growth (Undergraduate), Teaching Fellow for Melissa Dell, 2024

Quantitative Methods in Economics (Undergraduate), Teaching Fellow for Phillip Heiler, 2024

## Data

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"Princes and Townspeople: A Collection of Historical Statistics on German Territories and Cities.", Harvard Dataverse:

- "City Locations and Border Maps" (with Edyta P. Bogucka and Davide Cantoni, 2019).
- "Territorial Histories" (with Cathrin Mohr and Davide Cantoni, 2019).
- "Town Charters and First Mentions" (with Cathrin Mohr and Davide Cantoni, 2020).
- "Markets" (with Cathrin Mohr and Davide Cantoni, 2020).
- "Construction Activity" (with Davide Cantoni, 2020).
- "Conflict Incidents and Wars" (with Davide Cantoni, 2021).

## Research Grants

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Weatherhead Center Pre-dissertation Grant (2024); Economic History Association Early Stage Dissertation Grant (2024); GSAS Summer Predissertation Fellowship (2023); IQSS Research Grant (2023); Kenneth C. Griffin Economics Research Fund ("Political Economy and Development") (2023); Chae Family Economics Research Fund ("The Economics of Crises") (2022)

## Presentations

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**2024:** ASSA 2024 Conference, San Antonio; Alberto Alesina Workshop in Political Economy and Culture; Harvard Economic History Workshop

**2023:** Economic History Seminar, Northwestern University; 27th Annual ISNIE/SIOE Conference, Goethe University Frankfurt; ASREC 2023 Conference, Cambridge; Alberto Alesina Workshop in Political Economy and Culture; Harvard Economic History Workshop

**2022:** 26th Annual ISNIE/SIOE Conference, University of Toronto; Harvard Economic History Workshop

**2021:** Harvard Economic History Workshop

**2019:** Annual Economic and Social History Conference, University of Oxford

## Academic Service

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Reviewer for *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*; *Journal of Economic History*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*  
Mentor for *Harvard and MIT Application Assistance and Mentoring Program*; *Harvard Undergraduates for Inclusion in Economics*; *Harvard Graduate Student Peer Mentoring Program*

Organizer of *Economic History Graduate Student Workshop, Harvard University*; *Economic History Reading Group, Harvard University*

## Research Assistant Experience

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Nathan Nunn, University of British Columbia, 2022

Jesse Shapiro, Brown University, 2019-2020

Joachim Voth, University of Zurich, 2018