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## EDUCATION

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- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** Cambridge, MA, U.S.  
*MicroMasters in Data, Economics, and Development Policy.*  
Feb. 2020 – May 2021
  - Graduate-level coursework.
  - **Letter of Accomplishment** by Prof. Esther Duflo.
  - Affiliate of the MIT Alumni Association.
- **Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg** Halle (Saale), Germany  
*B.Sc. in Business Economics; Current average grade: 2,0.*  
Oct. 2018 – Present
  - Bachelor's Thesis at the Chair of Econometrics:  
Title: “Carbon taxes and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the transport sector: a case study of Denmark and Norway using the synthetic control method.” Supervisor: Christoph Wunder.
  - **Electives:** Economics of Money, Banking, and Financial Markets; International Finance; Innovation Economics; Empirical Economics with R; Data Science I & Data Science II.
  - STIBET Degree Scholarship, managed by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

## EXPERIENCE

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- **Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)** Halle (Saale), Germany  
*Research Assistant, The Department of Agricultural Markets.*  
July 2023 - Present
  - Analyzes datasets using R and Stata, in addition to literature reviews.
- **Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg** Halle (Saale), Germany  
*Research Assistant, The Department of Macroeconomics.*  
April 2023 - Present
  - Supports the teaching and instructors at the Department of Macroeconomics.
- **Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)** Halle (Saale), Germany  
*Research Assistant, The Department of Macroeconomics.*  
April 2023 - Present
  - Supports the research groups: “Macroeconomic Analyses and Forecasts”, and “Econometric Tools for Macroeconomic Forecasting and Simulation.”
  - Analyzes, and contributes to the automation of downloading, the German national data, using R, to provide scientific assistance for the macroeconomic modelling at IWH.
- *Research Assistant, The Competitiveness Research Network ([CompNet](#)).* Sep. 2021 - Mar. 2023
  - Works on, and contributes to the 9<sup>th</sup> vintage of CompNet dataset.
  - Analyzes the CompNet data and cleans and analyzes other datasets (e.g. Eurostat, Orbis, Amadeus, EU KLEMS, OECD) to provide scientific assistance for the network's research.
  - Contributes to CompNet code, in Stata, that is sent to the European Statistical Offices to collect micro-aggregated data at different levels of aggregation from each country's firm-level microdata.
  - Works on the Reduced CompNet Dataset: a carefully cleaned dataset that contains few critical variables for the policy-oriented users.
- **Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg** Halle (Saale), Germany  
*Student Assistant, The Evaluation Office.*  
May 2019 - Feb. 2020
  - Collects the students' evaluations for the university courses through standardized surveys.
  - Creates a summary of the collected data and sends it to the professors of the evaluated courses.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- **Peer Editor, MathStatBites,**

*Institute for Mathematical & Statistical Innovation, hosted at the University of Chicago.*

*June 2022 – Present*

- **MathStatBites** is a blog that provides succinct summaries of Mathematics & Statistics research for a broader audience.
- Reviews the articles before publishing, and gives feedbacks about them.

- **Participant in “The Econometrics Game”, Oeconomica,**

*The University of Chicago.*

Chicago, IL, U.S.

*April 2022*

- Fast-paced econometrics competition for undergraduate students.
- Judges: Stéphane Bonhomme; James J. Heckman; Robert Shimer.

- **Associate Member, Global Volunteer,**

*AIESEC.*

Halle (Saale), Germany

*Mar. 2021 – Jan. 2022*

- **Intensive** support and quick contact for students who want to complete a social project abroad.
- **Assistance** in finding social/volunteering projects and compiling all the necessary documents for the stay abroad.

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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- R & RStudio; Stata; Git; L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X; Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook).

## LANGUAGES

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- Arabic (Native); English (C1); German (B1).

## REFERENCES

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- **Dr. Matthias Mertens.**

Head of the IWH-CompNet-Group, Coordinator of the Scientific Team of CompNet, IWH.

Head of the Research Group: “Innovation, Productivity, and Economic Dynamics”, IWH.

*E-mail: matthias.mertens@iwh-halle.de*

- **Prof. Dr. Christoph Wunder.**

Chairholder of the Chair of Econometrics, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg.

Research Fellow, The Labor and Socio-Economic Research Center (LASER), Nürnberg.

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- **Prof. Dr. Wolf-Heimo Grieben.**

Professor of Economic Growth and Development, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg.

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- **Prof. Dr. Lena Tonzer.**

Head of the Chair of Macroeconomics, Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg.

Head of the Research Group: “Regulation of International Financial Markets and International Banking”, IWH.

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