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Research Interests

Economic History, Labor Economics, Political Economy

Education

- since 12/2019 Ph.D. Candidate in Economics – Cologne Graduate School, first supervisor: Prof. Dr. Erik Hornung, second supervisor: Prof. Anna Bindler, Ph.D.
- 03/2024 – 04/2024 Research Visit Erasmus School of Economics, Rotterdam, visiting Prof. Dr. Anne Gielen
- 10/2017 – 12/2019 M.Sc. Economics (Research Track), University of Cologne, Grade: 1.0
- 10/2013 – 07/2017 B.Sc. Economics, University of Cologne, Grade: 1.1
- 01/2015 – 06/2015 Erasmus Exchange, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Lisbon

References

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Professor Anna Bindler

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Working Papers

Consequences of Forced Labor Conscription: Evidence from Dutch Civilians after WWII (Job Market Paper)

Disruptions of labor market trajectories have lasting effects on later economic success. Displacement due to forced labor conscription is a disruption that remains understudied despite its continued prevalence in contemporary contexts. I investigate the consequences of exposure to forced labor conscription for individuals' long-term labor market outcomes. I exploit the fact that cohorts of Dutch civilians faced a differential probability of temporary labor coercion in Nazi Germany during WWII in a Regression Discontinuity Design. Using Dutch census data from 1971, I find that conscripted individuals have lower education, income, and probability of employment. Analyzing heterogeneous effects, I find that exposure to harsher conditions in Germany is associated with reduced labor force participation and poorer health. My findings suggest that the negative impact on labor force participation is mitigated when individuals are conscripted to work in sectors that are also present in the Netherlands, which enhances their ability to reintegrate into the workforce.

Work in Progress

Rewriting the Social Contract: Elite Response to Labor Unrest (with Erik Hornung and Noam Yuchtman)

We study how autocratic elites modify the social contract in response to social unrest. Elites in early 20th-century Prussia were legitimized through unequal voting rights but faced mounting threats of mass mobilization. Using labor strikes as a proxy for mobilization, we find that locations with higher revolutionary pressure witnessed increased spending on redistributive public goods, public bourgeois support for suffrage reform, and parliamentary support for franchise extension – conditional on bourgeois support. This correlational evidence is bolstered with placebo checks and a shift-share instrumental variable approach that relates industry-specific international commodity price changes to Prussian regions based on industry exposure.

Missing Men and Women's Fight for the Vote (with Barbara Boelmann)

In this paper, we investigate whether power vacuums lead to the empowerment of marginalized groups by analyzing women's empowerment in Germany during World War I. Specifically, we study whether the large share of men missing during the war led to an increase in women's fight for the vote. We exploit exogenous variation in the drafting probability arising from regional differences in recruitment responsibility and link it to the number of local suffragette clubs lobbying for women's right to vote. Our results suggest that women were more likely to organize in local suffragette clubs when more men were missing during the war. We continue by investigating spillovers of women's empowerment along two dimensions. First, we show that empowerment translated into higher political participation once female voting rights were introduced. Second, we use data on employment by industry and gender during World War I to show that missing men also led to a growing importance of women in the economic sphere.

Forced Melting Pot: The Impact of Exposure to Foreigners on Long-Term Economic Relations (with Ann-Kristin Becker)

Pre-PhD Papers

- 2024 Transparency and forecasting: the impact of conditioning assumptions on forecast accuracy (with Katja Heinisch and Christoph Schult), *Applied Economic Letters*, 1-5.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2024.2388870>

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- 2024 EALE Conference, Bergen
 2024 Economic History Colloquium, University of Bayreuth
 2024 Essex PhD Conference in Applied Economics
 2024 Internal Seminar, Erasmus School of Economics Rotterdam
 2023 Research Seminar Economic History, WU Vienna
 2023 VfS Annual Conference, Regensburg
 2023 Annual Economic History Association Meeting, Pittsburgh (poster)
 2023 European Historical Economics Society Conference, Vienna

Conference and Seminar Presentations (contd.)

- 2023 Cologne FRESH Meeting
- 2023 Economic History Society Annual Conference, Warwick
- 2023 V. Congress for Economic and Social History, Leipzig
- 2022 2nd ECONtribute Young Economist Workshop, Cologne
- 2018 IWH-CIREQ-GW Macroeconometric Workshop, Halle (poster)

Research and Professional Experience

- since 10/2019 Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Cologne
- 10/2018 – 09/2019 Student Research and Teaching Assistant for Prof. Dr. Erik Hornung, University of Cologne
- 08/2018 – 09/2018 Internship at Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)
- 09/2015 – 04/2017 Student Assistant at Talanx Asset Management GmbH, Cologne

Scholarships

- since 09/2024 Funding Job Market Year, ECONtribute Cluster of Excellence, Bonn-Cologne
- 02/2020 – 12/2022 Young Econtribute Program Fellow, ECONtribute Cluster of Excellence, Bonn-Cologne
- 10/2017 – 09/2019 Research Track Economics (non-material support from the Cologne Graduate School)
- 11/2017 – 09/2018 Deutschlandstipendium (German federal scholarship)

Teaching Experience

- since 04/2023 Seminar in Long-Run Development and Labor (graduate), University of Cologne
- since 10/2019 Supervision of Bachelor's and Master's Theses, University of Cologne
- since 10/2019 Seminar in Empirical Economics and Economic History (undergraduate), University of Cologne
- since 04/2019 Economic History (undergraduate), Exercise Session, University of Cologne

Contributions to the Profession

- Refereeing for the Journal of Economic Inequality
- since 04/2022 Co-Organization of Internal Applied Micro Seminar, University of Cologne
- 05/2023 Co-Organization of Cologne FRESH Meeting
- 12/2019 – 09/2020 Co-Organization of Networking Coffee for Female Economists, University of Cologne

Other Qualifications

- Languages German (native), English (Professional proficiency), Spanish (basic)
- Computer Skills R, L^AT_EX, Matlab, Stata