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SUMMARY

I am a behavioral economist interested in interdisciplinary research on group and individual decision making. In particular, I explore topics such as collective intelligence, forecasting and individual preferences through economic experiments and empirical analysis.

CURRENT POSITIONS

PhD Candidate in Human Decisions and Policy Design   *September 2019 - Present*
Maastricht University, The Netherlands

- Pursue experimental research on collective intelligence, forecasting and individual preferences.
- Equip future problem solvers with an economic toolbox by teaching various PBL-based courses.

Co-Founder   *September 2019 - Present*
Bat & Ball, Henstedt-Ulzburg, Germany

- Build a consulting firm dedicated to transform scientific insights into real-world solutions.

RESEARCH PAPER

Debt Aversion: Theory and Measurement (with Thomas Meissner) *- link to paper*

- We propose a formal model incorporating debt aversion as standalone domain of preferences, and use a novel experiment to jointly estimate debt aversion with preferences over time, risk and losses.

ONGOING RESEARCH

Hidden Agendas in Small Group Judgment Aggregation *- link to preregistration*

- I analyse how the format of interaction and threats of manipulation influence accuracy and trustworthiness of judgments derived in small groups such as expert committees or project teams.

The Debt Aversion Survey Module (with Thomas Meissner)

- We develop an experimentally validated, short and easy-to-use survey module for measuring individual preferences towards saving and borrowing, as if elicited through an incentivized experiment.

Debt aversion among German households - Evidence from the SOEP
(with Thomas Meissner and Ciril Bosch-Rosa)

- We investigate the relation of individual debt attitudes to other socio-economic characteristics and its predictive power for real-world behavior based on a German representative sample.

EDUCATION

M.Sc. in Economics and Management Science (MEMS)   *2017*
Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

- Thesis on *Probability Perception in Decision Making under Risk*

B.A. in Economics and Sociology   *2014*
Georg August University, Göttingen, Germany

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Maastricht University BEElab meeting   *2022*

ESA Global Conference,   *2021*
EADM Subjective Probability, Utility and Decision Making Conference
Maastricht Behavioral Economics Symposium
Lyon-Maastricht Behavioral Workshop
Maastricht University MU-CEN Seminar

Maastricht University Behavioral and Experimental Economics Reading Group   *2020*

SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

Interdisciplinary Seminar of Behavioral Sciences – Theory and Empirics   *Since 2022*

AWARDS

Maastricht University - GSBE Grant for Primary Data Collection (€7200)   *2021*

- Hidden Agendas in Small Group Judgment Aggregation

TEACHING AND TEACHING INNOVATION

Maastricht University   *Since 2019*

- Economics and Business, History of Economic Thought, Public Economics,
  Data Workshops (Python), Economy Game, Economy Game for MBA
- Economy Game 2.0: Develop a double auction market tool in oTree (Python, JavaScript and
  HTML) to facilitate experience based education on markets and their economic implications.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Senior Consultant (earlier Consultant)   *October 2017 - July, 2019*
BwConsulting GmbH, Berlin, Germany

- Solved managerial and economic challenges of the German Ministry of Defence by applying good
  practices in project and change management to a major organisational area of ∼35 000 employees.
- Implemented a goal-oriented system of organisational development and program management.
- Lead-authored papers on behavioral insights for strategic decisions and robotic process automation.

Various internships in Economic and Management Consulting   *2014 - 2017*
FehrAdvice & Partners AG (Zurich - CH), Deutsche Bahn Management Consulting (Berlin - GER),
NERA Economic Consulting (Berlin - GER), IGEP Foundation (Gurgaon - IND)

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Technical: MS Office, LaTex, R, Python, oTree, STATA, zTree, ORSEE
Soft Skills: Project Leadership, Facilitation, PBL-Teaching
Fields of Interest: Behavioral Science, Data Analysis, Effective Altruism, Degrowth, Bicycles and
Cycling, Espresso, Cuisine and Food Production, Tailoring, Urban Gardening, and many more
Languages: German, English, Dutch, Italian, French