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## SUMMARY

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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

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**Visiting Graduate Student** *September 2022 - Present*  
*University of California, San Diego - Rady School of Management, USA*

**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

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**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.

**The Debt Aversion Survey Module: An experimentally validated tool to measure individual debt aversion** (with Thomas Meissner) - [link to paper](#)

- 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.

## ONGOING RESEARCH

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**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.

**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

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**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

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ESA North America Meeting Santa Barbara 2022  
UC San Diego Theoretical Behavioral Economics Seminar  
UC San Diego Graduate Student Research Seminar  
Maastricht University Interdisciplinary Seminar of Behavioral Sciences – Theory and Empirics  
Maastricht University BEElab meeting

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

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

## AWARDS

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**Maastricht University - GSBE International Travel Grant (€3000)** 2022

- Research visit - Rady School of Management at UC San Diego

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

- Hidden Agendas in Small Group Judgment Aggregation

## TEACHING AND TEACHING INNOVATION

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**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

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### **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

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**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