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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 POSITION

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**PhD Candidate in Human Decisions and Policy Design** *Sep 2019 - expected Feb 2024*  
*Maastricht University, The Netherlands*  
*Supervisors: Alexander Brüggen, Martin Strobel, and Thomas Meissner*

- Pursue research on collective intelligence, forecasting, and individual preferences.
- Utilize experimental methodology, experimentics, structural estimations, Bayesian statistics, and machine learning to uncover intricacies of human behavior.
- Equip future problem solvers with an economic toolbox by teaching various PBL-based courses.

## ACADEMIC VISITS

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**Visiting Graduate Student** *Oct 2023*  
*Technische Universität Berlin, Germany - Host Prof. Dr. Frank Heinemann*

**Visiting Graduate Student** *Sep 2022 - Jan 2023*  
*University of California, San Diego - Rady School of Management, USA - Host Uri Gneezy*

## RESEARCH PAPERS

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**Mitigating manipulation in committees: Just let them talk!** - [link to paper](#)

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

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

- We propose a formal model incorporating debt aversion as a genuine 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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**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 Job Market Seminar Series 2023  
ESA Europe Meeting Exeter  
EEA ESEM Meeting Barcelona  
Maastricht Behavioral Economics Symposium  
IAREP SABE Annual Meeting Nice

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 (online) 2021  
EADM Subjective Probability, Utility and Decision Making Conference (online)  
Maastricht Behavioral Economics Symposium  
Lyon-Maastricht Behavioral Workshop (online)  
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, Growth & Institutions
- 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)**

2017 - 2019

*BwConsulting GmbH, Berlin, Germany*

- Solved managerial and economic challenges of the German Ministry of Defence by applying good project and change management practices to a major organizational area of ~35 000 employees.
- Implemented a goal-oriented system of organizational 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 - CHE), Deutsche Bahn Management Consulting (Berlin - GER), NERA Economic Consulting (Berlin - GER), IGEF Foundation (Gurgaon - IND)*

## INVOLVEMENT

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### **Foodsaver**

*Foodsharing Maastricht, Netherlands*

January 2020 - Aug 2022

- Fight food waste by collecting and redistributing expired, edible food from vendors and retailers.

### **Employee Representative**

*BwConsulting GmbH, Berlin Germany*

April 2018 - July 2019

- Facilitated employee-driven development of the Berlin liaison office.

## 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