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## SUMMARY

I am a behavioral economist and internationally experienced consultant interested in generating and applying insights on trans-contextual questions related to economics and decision-making. In my research, I explore topics such as collective intelligence and preferences using crowd- and meta-science approaches, experiments, surveys, structural estimations, Bayesian statistics, and machine learning.

## CURRENT POSITION

**Postdoctoral Researcher / Research and Lab Coordinator**                          *since Oct 2024*
*WZB - Berlin Social Science Center - Lab$^2$, Germany*

## RESEARCH PAPERS

**Job Market Paper: Mitigating manipulation in committees: Just let them talk!** *- link*

- 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*

- 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*

- 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

**Debt aversion among German households**
(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.

## REFERENCES

**Martin Strobel** (m.strobel (at) maastrichtuniversity.nl)
*Maastricht University, Microeconomics & Public Economics*

**Alexander Brüggen** (a.bruggen (at) maastrichtuniversity.nl)
*Maastricht University, Accounting & Information Management*

**Thomas Meissner** (t.meissner (at) maastrichtuniversity.nl)
*Maastricht University, Microeconomics & Public Economics*

**Karsten Mau** (k.mau (at) maastrichtuniversity.nl)
*Maastricht University, Macro, International & Labour Economics*

## ACADEMIC VISITS

**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*

## AWARDS

**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

## SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

**Interdisciplinary Seminar of Behavioral Sciences – Theory and Empirics**   *2022 - 2024*
*- link to seminar webpage*

## TEACHING AND TEACHING INNOVATION

**Maastricht University**                                                      *2019 - 2023*

- 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.

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

UM Behavioral Insights Center Research Retreat                                 *2023*
ESA Job Market Seminar Series
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*

## EDUCATION

**PhD in Human Decisions & Policy Design (Economics)**          *2019 - 2024*
*Maastricht University, Netherlands*

**M.Sc. in Economics and Management Science (MEMS)**          *2014 - 2017*
*Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany*

   **Thesis:** *Probability Perception in Decision Making under Risk*

   **Study visit:** *Tel Aviv University, Israel*          *2016*

**B.A. in Economics and Sociology**          *2011 - 2014*
*Georg August University, Göttingen, Germany*

   **Study visit:** *University of Groningen, Netherlands*          *2013 - 2014*

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

**Affiliated Researcher (earlier PhD Candidate) - Behavioral Economics**          *2019 - 2024*
*Maastricht University, The Netherlands*
*PhD Graduation Feb 2024 - Supervisors: Alexander Brüggen, Martin Strobel, and Thomas Meissner*

**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 strategic development and program management.
- Lead-authored papers on behavioral insights for strategic decisions and robotic process automation.

**Research Associate (20h/week)**          *2015 - 2016*
*NERA Economic Consulting, Berlin, Germany*

- Supported competition economics and energy practice case work in data management and analysis, damage quantification, and market share calculation workflows.

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

## INVOLVEMENT

**Foodsaver**
*Foodsharing Maastricht, Netherlands*          *2020 - 2022*

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

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

**Technical:** MS Office, R, LaTex, oTree, zTree, Python, Stata, Mata, ORSEE, GitHub, PostgreSQL

**Soft Skills:** Lead projects, present to various audiences, experimental research, academic teaching

**Fields of Interest:** Behavioral Science, Data Analysis, Effective Altruism, Sustainable Growth, Bicycles and Cycling, Espresso, Cuisine and Food Production, Tailoring, Urban Gardening, and many more

**Languages:** German (native), English (C2), Dutch (B2), Italian (B1), French (A2)