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## SUMMARY

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I am a behavioral economist interested in interdisciplinary research on group and individual decision-making. I explore topics such as collective intelligence, forecasting, and individual preferences using experimental methodology, structural estimations, Bayesian statistics, and machine learning.

## 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 Brügger, Martin Strobel, and Thomas Meissner*

## RESEARCH PAPERS

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**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

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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.

## REFERENCES

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**Martin Strobel** (m.strobel (at) maastrichtuniversity.nl)

*Maastricht University, Microeconomics & Public Economics*

**Alexander Brügger** (a.brugger (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

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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*

## 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

## SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

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### Interdisciplinary Seminar of Behavioral Sciences – Theory and Empirics

*Since 2022*

*- [link to seminar webpage](#)*

## 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.

## 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*

## 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*

## 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.

## 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