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CURRENT POSITION

today Sep 2025	MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS, Bonn, Germany Senior Research Fellow (Postdoc)
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EDUCATION

May 2025 Sep 2019	UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, Mannheim, Germany Economics, Ph.D. (Dr. rer. Pol.), summa cum laude
Jun 2023 Jan 2023	POMPEU FABRA UNIVERSITY, Barcelona, Spain Research Stay
Feb 2019 Sep 2016	UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM, Mannheim, Germany Economics, M.Sc., GPA : 1.3
Jul 2018 Feb 2018	BOCCONI UNIVERSITY, Milan, Italy Visiting Student
Mar 2016 Sep 2012	OSNABRÜCK UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, Osnabrück, Germany Applied Economics, B.A., GPA : 1.37
Nov 2014 Jul 2014	NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY, Port Elizabeth, South Africa Visiting Student

PUBLICATIONS

LinkedOut? A Field Experiment on Discrimination in Job Network Formation with Yulia Evsyukova and Wladislaw Mill
The Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2025

Few Voices, Strong Echo : Measuring Follower Homogeneity of Politicians' Twitter Accounts
New Media & Society, 2024

WORKING PAPERS

Broadcasting Change : India's Community Radio Policy and Women's Empowerment
Best paper in gender economics – Unicredit Foundation 2025
Best paper in public policy evaluation – Bruno Kessler Foundation (IRVAPP) 2025
Best applied paper – Econometric Society Europe Meeting 2024

Reporting the Big News, Missing the Big Picture? Stock Market Performance in the Media *with Antonio Ciccone*

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Baby Steps into Inequality : Parents' Fears and (Anticipated) Discrimination in Early Childcare, (starting experiment in January 2026) *with Wladislaw Mill*

Learning about own discriminatory preferences (data analysis) *with Wladislaw Mill*

OTHER WORK

Investigating the analytical robustness of the social and behavioural sciences *with >450 co-authors/-analysts*
Forthcoming at Nature

#ManyDaughters : Impact of Having Daughters on Attitudes, Preferences, and Behaviors (multi-analyst research project)

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2023 - 2027** Add-on Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Research in Economics, Joachim Herz Foundation (12,500€ grant)
- 2025** Schmölder Award, Verein für Socialpolitik (German Economic Association) (3,000€)
- 2025** Award for the best paper in gender economics, Unicredit Foundation (2,500€)
- 2025** Award for the best paper in public policy evaluation, FBK/IRVAPP (1,000€)
- 2025** Best Scientific Publication in 2024/25 Award, Centre for European Economic Research, ZEW (2,000€)
- 2025** First Prize – Goldmedia Award for innovative dissertations in Media Economics (500€)
- 2021-25** CRC TR 224 : funding of research stay and various conference visits (approx. 20,000€)
- 2024** Award for best applied paper at the Econometric Society's Europe Meeting 2024
- 2024** CRC TR 224 Research Grant for an experiment (4,000€)
- 2021** CRC TR 224 Research Grant for an experiment (4,000€)
- 2019 - 2021** PhD Scholarship, Freudenberg Foundation & ZEW (30,000€)
- 2020** Second Prize – Goldmedia Award for innovative theses in Media Economics (400€)
- 2014 - 2019** German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) - Scholarship for 'academic excellence, interdisciplinary expertise, and social responsibility' (30,000€+ and ideational support)
- 2016** StudyUp-Award for excellent bachelor's theses, Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences (500€)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Presentations** **2025** : CEPR Annual Symposium (Paris), Chicago Economics Experimental Summer School (Bonn), Workshop on Networks and Development (Naples), University of Gothenburg, MPI Behavioral Economics (Bonn), IRVAPP Summer School (Bertinoro), LISER Luxemburg, ifo Institute (Munich), Bocconi University (University & LEAP, Milan); **2024** : ASSA Annual Meeting (San Antonio), Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Economic Seminars, Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society (Hangzhou), Europe Meeting of the Econometric Society (Rotterdam), Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (Belfast), ifo Digital Transformation & Innovation Seminar (Munich), Joachim Herz Foundation (Hamburg), CRC TR224 YR Workshop (Bonn & Mannheim), FHM+ Workshop in Development Economics (Mannheim); **2023** : NBER Summer Institute : Labor Studies, Advances with Field Experiments (Chicago), Discrimination and Diversity Workshop (University of East Anglia), Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), Pompeu Fabra University (PhD & Internal Applied Seminar), London Business School Transatlantic Doctoral Conference, Nordic Conference in Development Economics (Gothenburg), German Development Economics Conference, German Economic Association Annual Conference, Barcelona School of Economics PhD Jamboree, HeiKaMaXY Workshop (Heidelberg), CRC TR224 Retreat (U Bonn & Mannheim); **2022** : CRC TR224 YR Workshop (Bonn & Mannheim), Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Workshop; **2020** : Bonn-Mannheim PhD Workshop; **2019** : ZEW Conference on the Economics of Information and Communication Technologies
- Refereeing** Quarterly Journal of Economics; International Economic Review; Journal of Comparative Economics; Information, Communication & Society; New Media & Society; Frontiers in Behavioral Economics
- Media & Policy** **2025** : contributions to Ideas for India, VoxEU, Media@LSE blog; interview with Mannheimer Morgen; presentation at the ZDF's economic and financial unit (German public television); **2024** : contributions to Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, economics that really matters; presentation at Federal Communications Commission
- Events** **2023** : Co-organizer of the 1st Frankfurt-Mannheim-Bonn Ph.D. Conference (90 presentations, 160 participants) **2022** : Co-organizer of the 1st Frankfurt-Mannheim Ph.D. Workshop (43 presentations, 100 participants)
- Field Research** Independent field research on community radios across northern India (03/2022 - 04/2022)
- Summer Schools** **2025** : Chicago School in Experimental Economics (Bonn edition); **2024** : Add-on Meeting on Science Communication (Joachim Herz Foundation); **2023** : CRC Media Training (EconNewsNetwork), Data Science Summer School 2023 (Hertie School); **2022** : Network Analysis Workshop (LMU Munich), Natural Language Processing for Economists Workshop (Uni Heidelberg), Data Science Summer School 2022 (Hertie School); **2021** : Unstructured Data in Empirical Economics (CEMFI), Data Science Summer School 2021 (Hertie School)

AFFILIATIONS, TEACHING EXPERIENCE, AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

2026 (scheduled)	Labor Economics (master), lecturer, University of Bonn (summer term)
2021 - today	Fellow, Collaborative Research Center 224, Universities of Bonn and Mannheim
2021 - 2025	Research assistant to Antonio Ciccone, University of Mannheim
2021	Microeconomics B (bachelor), teaching assistant, University of Mannheim
2021	Introduction to Econometrics (bachelor), teaching assistant, University of Mannheim
2019	Master's thesis student/intern, Digital Economy Research Department, Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim, Germany

MISCELLANEOUS

Citizenship	German
Languages	German (native), English (fluent – TOEFL 2019 : 114 of 120 points / Top 3%), Spanish (B1)
Technical Skills	R, Python, Stata, Qualtrics, QGIS

EXTRACURRICULARS

2019 - 2025	Ph.D. Cohort Representative
2019 - 2023	Elected member of the Department Council, University of Mannheim
2021 - 2022	Mentor, Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN), application support of an African economics student
2015 - 2019	Seminars of the German National Merit Foundation : [1] Two-year social science research seminar 2017-19 – Digitization, Ethics, and Society : An Integrative Analysis, [2] Seminar 2017 – Effective Altruism : Risks of Artificial Intelligence, [3] Seminar 2016 – Freedom vs. Security : The Internet as a new Space for an Enduring Conflict, [4] Summer School 2015 – Narratives of the Future : Visionary Utopia or Botch ?
2018 - 2019	Board Member of 'Nice to Meet You', Uni Mannheim - student refugee integration project.
2015 - 2016	'Campus Without Borders' in Osnabrück : setup of a student refugee integration project.

NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

03/2015 - 07/2015	Internship, Political Department, German Embassy Beijing, China
07/2013 - 09/2013	Internship, Strategic Finance, Deutsche Börse AG, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
07/2011 - 09/2011	Internship, Various Business Departments, Frimo Inc, Detroit, USA

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