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## CURRENT POSITION

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today Sep 2025	MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON COLLECTIVE GOODS, Bonn, Germany Senior Research Fellow (Postdoc)
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## EDUCATION

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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

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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

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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*

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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

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

4G Internet and Educational Attainment : Evidence from India (early draft) *with Fabian Reutzel*

## OTHER WORK

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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

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

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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<b>Presentations</b>	<b>2025</b> : CEPR Annual Symposium (Paris), Chicago Economics Experimental Summer School (Bonn), Workshop on Networks and Development (Naples), University of Gothenburg, MPI Collective Goods (Bonn), IRVAPP Summer School (Bertinoro), LISER Luxembourg, ifo Institute (Munich), Bocconi University (University & LEAP, Milan); <b>2024</b> : 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); <b>2023</b> : 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); <b>2022</b> : CRC TR224 YR Workshop (Bonn & Mannheim), Frankfurt-Mannheim PhD Workshop; <b>2020</b> : Bonn-Mannheim PhD Workshop; <b>2019</b> : ZEW Conference on the Economics of Information and Communication Technologies
<b>Refereeing</b>	Quarterly Journal of Economics; International Economic Review; Journal of Comparative Economics; Information, Communication & Society; New Media & Society; Frontiers in Behavioral Economics
<b>Media &amp; Policy</b>	<b>2025</b> : 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); <b>2024</b> : contributions to Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, economics that really matters; presentation at Federal Communications Commission
<b>Events</b>	<b>2023</b> : Co-organizer of the 1st Frankfurt-Mannheim-Bonn Ph.D. Conference (90 presentations, 160 participants) <b>2022</b> : Co-organizer of the 1st Frankfurt-Mannheim Ph.D. Workshop (43 presentations, 100 participants)
<b>Field Research</b>	Independent field research on community radios across northern India (03/2022 - 04/2022)
<b>Summer Schools</b>	<b>2025</b> : Chicago School in Experimental Economics (Bonn edition); <b>2024</b> : Add-on Meeting on Science Communication (Joachim Herz Foundation); <b>2023</b> : CRC Media Training (EconNewsNetwork), Data Science Summer School 2023 (Hertie School); <b>2022</b> : Network Analysis Workshop (LMU Munich), Natural Language Processing for Economists Workshop (Uni Heidelberg), Data Science Summer School 2022 (Hertie School); <b>2021</b> : Unstructured Data in Empirical Economics (CEMFI), Data Science Summer School 2021 (Hertie School)

## AFFILIATIONS, TEACHING EXPERIENCE, AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

## EXTRACURRICULARS

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<b>2019 - 2025</b>	Ph.D. Cohort Representative
<b>2019 - 2023</b>	Elected member of the Department Council, University of Mannheim
<b>2021 - 2022</b>	Mentor, Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN), application support of an African economics student
<b>2015 - 2019</b>	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 ?
<b>2018 - 2019</b>	Board Member of 'Nice to Meet You', Uni Mannheim - student refugee integration project.
<b>2015 - 2016</b>	'Campus Without Borders' in Osnabrück : setup of a student refugee integration project.

## NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

## REFERENCES

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