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EDUCATION

University of Bern, Ph.D. in Economics (Supervisor: Maximilian von Ehrlich)

Expected completion: September 2024

Visiting researcher at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (8 months)

University of Bern, M.Sc. in International and Monetary Economics

summa cum laude | GPA 5.88/6.00 | Visited the Toulouse School of Economics

University of Bern, B.Sc. in Economics

2018

insigni cum laude | GPA 5.73/6.00 | Minor in Computer Science

Relevant Experience

Teaching Assistant – Prof. von Ehrlich

since 09.2020

University of Bern, Department of Economics

- Served as TA for four courses and two seminars
- Developed and held exercise sessions, supervised students, wrote and corrected exams
- Co-organizer of four academic workshops on spatial economics and public finance
- Representative of doctoral students at the faculty

Junior Teaching Assistant and Student Advisor - Prof. Lenz, Emons, Melly

02.2018 - 08.2020

University of Bern, Department of Economics

• Served as TA for five courses in micro- & macroeconomics and taught programming with R

Intern and Working Student - Digitalization

01.2017 - 12.2017

Lauber IWISA - Naters, Switzerland

• Part of a team working on a new ERP system using OpenERP, Python, and Excel

Intern and Working Student - Site Controlling and Finance

07.2014 - 06.2016

Lonza - Visp, Switzerland

- Supporting the site controlling and finance team during the budgeting process
- Creating reports, analyses, and visualizations for the team leaders using SAP, Excel, VBA

DISSERTATION PROJECTS

The Apple Does Not Fall Far From the Tree: Intergenerational Persistence of Dietary Habits (with Martina Pons)

- Methods: distributional counterfactual analysis, causal inference (diff-in-diff), big data, theoretical modeling
- Findings: parents strongly influence their children's eating habits, exceeding their effect on income

Spatial Frictions in Consumption and Retail Competition (with Maximilian von Ehrlich and Tobias Seidel)

- Methods: web scraping, machine learning (LASSO, probabilistic matching), big data, data acquisition
- Findings: grocery market access varies spatially more than income and is very heterogeneous

Cross-Border Shopping: Evidence from Household Transaction Records

- Methods: causal inference (diff-in-diff), big data, web scraping
- Findings: households travel large distances to shop abroad at lower prices

Prizes & Grants

Grant for two conferences, Research Foundation, University of Bern, 2024

Grant for a research visit at the University of Pennsylvania, Research Commission, University of Bern, 2022

Prize for the best performance in the Swiss Program for Doctoral Students (ex aequo), Study Center Gerzensee, 2021 Grant for a Ph.D. summer school, Research Foundation, University of Bern, 2021

Prize for the third best master's degree, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Bern, 2020

SKILLS

Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Italian (basic)

Programming: R, Stata, Matlab, SQL, Github, LaTex