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Ph.D. economist with a strong passion for leveraging quantitative methods, data analysis, and programming to optimally solve complex challenges through evidence-based approaches.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant and PhD Candidate (100%)	since 09/2020
<i>University of Bern, Department of Economics</i>	
Leading exercise sessions for lectures on "Tax Policy" and "Public Economics"	
Preparing and grading exams as well as co-supervising seminar and bachelor theses	
Co-organizing workshops for "Regional and Urban Economics" (2022, 2023) and "Local Public Finance and Regional Economics" (2022, 2024)	
Representing PhD students in faculty meetings over a two-year period	
Teaching Assistant and Student Advisor (25-50%)	02/2018 - 08/2020
<i>University of Bern, Department of Economics</i>	
Leading exercise sessions for five lectures in econometrics, microeconomics, and macroeconomics	
Project Associate (20%)	07/2016 - 12/2017
<i>Lauber IWISA</i>	
Contributing to the optimization of IT integration and the digitization of logistics processes	
Manager Cost Accounting in the Accounting & Reporting Team (30%)	10/2015 - 06/2016
<i>Lonza Group AG</i>	
Creating analytical reports and visualizations to support the team leader	
Managing customer orders and entering SAP data for budget planning	
Intern Controlling (100%)	07/2014 - 09/2015
<i>Lonza Group AG</i>	
Supporting the controlling team in budgeting and strategic financial planning	
Creating and regularly updating complex Excel reports	
Recording bills of materials and efficiently managing orders	

EDUCATION

University of Bern	2020 - 2024
<i>Ph.D. in Economics (6.00/6.00)</i>	
Focus: Regional and Health Economics (Supervisor: Maximilian von Ehrlich)	
Methods: Causal Inference, Big Data Analysis, Web Scraping, Machine Learning, Distributional Counterfactual Analysis, Theoretical Modeling	
University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School	09/2023 - 03/2024
<i>Research Visit</i>	
Study Center Gerzensee	09/2020 - 09/2021
<i>Swiss Doctoral Program in Economics (5.80/6.00)</i>	
Ph.D. courses in macroeconomics, microeconomics, and econometrics	
Award for the best overall grade (ex aequo)	
University of Bern	2018 - 2020
<i>M.Sc. in International and Monetary Economics (5.88/6.00)</i>	
Award for the third-best grade in the faculty	
Toulouse School of Economics	01/2020 - 06/2020
<i>Exchange Semester</i>	

RESEARCH PROJECTS

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

The causes of unhealthy habits are often unclear. We show that parents have a significantly stronger influence on the diet of their adult children than on their income. Individuals from poorer households, in particular, are trapped in vicious cycles over decades, which are extremely difficult to break.

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

This paper documents inequalities in consumption: poorer households not only have the worst access to supermarkets but are also the least mobile. We formalize these relationships in a model and calculate geographically detailed measures of unequal market access for the entire Swiss population.

Cross-Border Shopping: Evidence from Household Transaction Records

In this paper, I calculate that cross-border shopping reduces aggregate revenue in the Swiss retail sector by 1.5 billion Swiss francs (3.8%). At the same time, specific groups, particularly low-income and large households near the border, benefit the most from cross-border shopping.

CONFERENCES

2024: *European Economic Association Meeting* (Rotterdam), *European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association* (Copenhagen), *Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics* (Thessaloniki), *International Panel Data Conference* (Orléans), *European Health Economics Association Conference* (Vienna)

2023: *Urban and Real Estate Seminar* (UPenn, Philadelphia), *Applied Economics Ph.D. Seminar* (UPenn, Philadelphia), *Young Swiss Economists Meeting* (Zurich)

2022: *European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association* (London), *Annual Conference of the Verein für Sozialpolitik* (Basel), *Workshop on Regional Economics* (Dresden), *Annual Congress of the Swiss Society of Economics and Statistics* (Fribourg), *Workshop of the Swiss Network on Public Economics* (Zurich)

AWARDS

Research grant (1,700 CHF), *UniBe Research Foundation* 2024

Grant for a stay at the University of Pennsylvania (28,000 CHF), *UniBe Research Commission* 2023

Best overall grade in the Ph.D. program (ex aequo), *Study Center Gerzensee* 2021

Research grant (800 CHF), *UniBe Research Foundation* 2021

Third-best master's degree, *Faculty of Business, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Bern* 2020

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages:

German (native), English (fluent), French (advanced), Italian (passive)

Programming:

R (excellent), Stata (advanced), Matlab (advanced), Python (intermediate), Java (intermediate)

Other Software:

Git, LaTeX, MS Office, Excel, SQL

REFERENCES

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Further references available upon request