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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

Scientific Collaborator (100%) <i>University of Bern, Department of Economics</i> Co-leading and conducting academic research projects	since 01/2025
Teaching Assistant and PhD Candidate (100%) <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	09/2020 - 12/2024
Teaching Assistant and Student Advisor (25-50%) <i>University of Bern, Department of Economics</i> Leading exercise sessions for five lectures in econometrics, microeconomics, and macroeconomics	02/2018 - 08/2020
Project Associate (20%) <i>Lauber IWISA</i> Contributing to the optimization of IT integration and the digitization of logistics processes	07/2016 - 12/2017
Manager Cost Accounting in the Accounting & Reporting Team (30%) <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	10/2015 - 06/2016
Intern Controlling (100%) <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	07/2014 - 09/2015

EDUCATION

University of Bern <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	2020 - 2024
University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School <i>Research Visit</i>	09/2023 - 03/2024
Study Center Gerzensee <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)	09/2020 - 09/2021

University of Bern <i>M.Sc. in International and Monetary Economics</i> (5.88/6.00) Award for the third-best grade in the faculty	2018 - 2020
Toulouse School of Economics <i>Exchange Semester</i>	01/2020 - 06/2020
University of Bern <i>B.Sc. in Economics</i> (5.73/6.00) Minor in Computer Science	2015 - 2018

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), <i>UniBe Research Foundation</i>	2024
Grant for a stay at the University of Pennsylvania (28,000 CHF), <i>UniBe Research Commission</i>	2023
Best overall grade in the Ph.D. program (ex aequo) , <i>Study Center Gerzensee</i>	2021
Research grant (800 CHF), <i>UniBe Research Foundation</i>	2021
Third-best master's degree , <i>Faculty of Business, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Bern</i>	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

- Maximilian von Ehrlich** (Ph.D. supervisor), University of Bern, maximilian.vonehrlich@unibe.ch, +41 31 684 80 75
Further references available upon request