

Hans-Christian Boy

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Married to Karuna Herrmann (United Nations), two children (*2018 and *2023)

Employment

[World Bank \(IBRD\)](#)

Consultant

Economist in the Infrastructure Practice Group.

WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES

Dec. 2022 –

Famine Relief Fund

Consultant

Information Management Consultant.

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Feb. 2021 – June 2023

[Universität Zürich](#)

Departmental Assistant

Teaching Assistant (50%) in undergraduate and postgraduate programs.

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Oct. 2016 – July 2021

[Pompeu Fabra University \(Economics\)](#)

Research Officer

Research Officer to Joachim Voth.

BARCELONA, SPAIN

Sep. 2009 – Aug. 2010 & Sep. 2012 – Aug. 2013

Education

[University of Zurich](#)

Ph.D. in Economics (*summa cum laude*)

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

January 2023

[Princeton University](#)

M.A. in Politics

PRINCETON, NJ, UNITED STATES

September 2016

[University of Bonn](#)

M.Sc. in Economics

BONN, GERMANY

November 2012

[London School of Economics and Political Science](#)

B.Sc. in Economics & Economic History

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

July 2009

Publications

Essays in Urban Economics. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Zurich, October 2022.

Working Papers

Boom versus Bust in House Price Belief Formation

Summary: House price beliefs show momentum in booms but not in downturns. I argue that this is because market observers process price signals differently in booms than in downturns given homeowner incentives to climb the property ladder.

Predatory Trading in Housing Markets

Summary: I show how real estate investors exploited a funding shock to a subset of investors in 1930s Philadelphia to engage in predatory trading. This strategy was highly profitable but destroyed significant housing wealth in affected neighborhoods.

Teaching

[University of Zurich](#)

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Behavioral Finance (TA, undergraduate)

Spring 2021

Development Economics (TA, undergraduate)

Fall 2018

Inequality and Taxation (seminar support, master's)

Spring 2018

Econometrics (TA, master's)

Fall 2017

Honors

[Princeton University Graduate School](#)

University Fellowship in the Social Sciences

Sep. 2013 – May 2016

[German National Academic Foundation](#)

Undergraduate and graduate fellowship (*Grundförderung*)

Feb. 2006 – Sep. 2012

Skills

Software and Programming: R, STATA, Python.

Languages: German (*native*), English (*fluent*), French (*intermediate*).