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Married, two children (*2018 and *2023)

Employment

Federal Ministry of Finance Economist Economist in DG I (Economic and fiscal policy strategy).	BERLIN, GERMANY September 2024 –
World Bank (IBRD) Extended-Term Consultant Economist in the Infrastructure Practice Group (Digital Development).	WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES Dec. 2022 –
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 (<i>summa cum laude</i>) Visiting New York University	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND January 2023 Feb. – May 2019
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. Ample evidence at the levels of dwellings and of neighborhoods supports this view.

The Property Ladder and the Labor-Leisure Trade-off

Summary: A small increase of a household's labor supply can enable a discontinuous jump in their consumption of housing services as downpayment-constrained homeowners climb up the property ladder. Through a natural experiment in Depression-era Philadelphia, I show that marginal climbers increase their labor supply around the time of their intended home purchase.

Teaching

University of Zurich Behavioral Finance (TA, undergraduate) Development Economics (TA, undergraduate) Inequality and Taxation (seminar support, master's) Econometrics (TA, master's)	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND Spring 2021 Fall 2018 Spring 2018 Fall 2017
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Honors

Princeton University Graduate School University Fellowship in the Social Sciences	Sep. 2013 – May 2016
German National Academic Foundation Undergraduate and graduate fellowship (<i>Grundförderung</i>)	Feb. 2006 – Sep. 2012

Skills

Software and Programming: R, STATA, Python.

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