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Married, two children (*2018 and *2023)

Employment

World Bank (IBRD)	WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES
Extended-Term Consultant	Dec. 2022 –
Economist in the Infrastructure Practice Group (Digital Development).	
Pompeu Fabra University (Economics)	BARCELONA, SPAIN
Research Officer	Sep. 2009 – Aug. 2010 & Sep. 2012 – Aug. 2013
Research Officer to Joachim Voth.	

Education

University of Zurich	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND
Ph.D. in Economics (<i>summa cum laude</i>)	January 2023
Visiting New York University	Feb. – May 2019
Princeton University	PRINCETON, NJ, UNITED STATES
M.A. in Politics	September 2016
University of Bonn	BONN, GERMANY
M.Sc. in Economics	November 2012
London School of Economics and Political Science	LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
B.Sc. in Economics & Economic History	July 2009

Publications

Essays in Urban Economics. Doctoral Dissertation, University of Zurich, October 2022.
Artificial Intelligence, with Yan Liu, Saloni Khurana and Anshuman Sinha. World Bank, 2024.

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	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 (<i>Grundförderung</i>)	Feb. 2006 – Sep. 2012

Skills

Software and Programming: R, STATA, Python.

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