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Married, two children (*2018 and *2023)

Employment

[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 (*summa cum laude*)

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 homeowners climb 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

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*).