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Married, two children (*2018 and *2023) • German citizen

Employment

World Bank (IBRD) Extended-Term Consultant Digital Analytics and Research Unit Short-Term Consultant Director Digital Development	WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES April 2024 – Dec. 2022 – April 2024
Humanitarian Pooled Funds Consultant Data Science Consultant	LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM Feb. 2021 – June 2023
Universität Zürich Assistant Doctoral assistant in the Economics Department	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND Oct. 2016 – July 2021
Pompeu Fabra University (Economics) Research Officer Research Officer to Joachim Voth	BARCELONA, SPAIN Sep. 2009 – Aug. 2011 & June 2012 – July 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.
Artificial Intelligence. With Y. Liu, S. Khurana, and A. Sinha. Report Chapter. World Bank, 2024.

Ongoing research

Why House Price Beliefs Are Extrapolated Only in Booms

Summary: House price beliefs exhibit momentum during booms but not in downturns, converging to market prices from different ex-ante levels of optimism. This study suggests that sales data contain information about price trajectories in booms, as equity-constrained homeowners seek reservation gains, whereas in downturns, sales signal only current price levels not trajectories.

Limited Housing Choice and the Labor-Leisure Trade-off

Summary: The labor-leisure trade-off assumes that all consumers face identical consumption sets. This is manifestly not the case as the availability of housing varies greatly within and across countries. This study shows that the ease with which households can move to another property is a key determinant of cross-country differences in labor supply: greater housing choice leads households to supply more labor.

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 (*Grundförderung*)

Feb. 2006 – Sep. 2012

Skills

Software and Programming: R, STATA, Python.

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