

# Hans-Christian Boy

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Married, two children (\*2018 and \*2023)

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## 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

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## 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

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## Publications

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

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## 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.

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## 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

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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

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## Skills

**Software and Programming:** R, STATA, Python.

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