

# Hans-Christian Boy

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

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## Employment

<a href="#">World Bank (IBRD)</a> <b>Extended-Term Consultant</b> Infrastructure Practice Group	WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES Dec. 2022 –
<a href="#">Famine Relief Fund</a> <b>Consultant</b> Data Science Consultant	LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM Feb. 2021 – June 2023
<a href="#">Universität Zürich</a> <b>Assistant</b> Doctoral assistant in the Economics Department	ZURICH, SWITZERLAND Oct. 2016 – July 2021
<a href="#">Pompeu Fabra University (Economics)</a> <b>Research Officer</b> Research Officer to Joachim Voth	BARCELONA, SPAIN Sep. 2009 – Aug. 2011 & June 2012 – July 2013

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## Education

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

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## 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.

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## 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.

### *Local Spillovers From Distressed Housing Portfolios*

Summary: This study provides causal evidence of housing market externalities caused by investor financial distress in 1930s Philadelphia. The need to refinance short-term mortgage debt amid a banking crisis is used for identification. Investors' financial distress caused negative local spillovers even around properties they did not sell.

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## Honors

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

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## Skills

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

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