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Married, two children (*2018 and *2023)

Employment

World Bank (IBRD) Extended-Term Consultant Infrastructure Practice Group	WASHINGTON, D.C., UNITED STATES Dec. 2022 –
Famine Relief Fund 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.

Local Spillovers From Distressed Housing Portfolios

Summary: This study provides causal evidence of housing market externalities of 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.

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*).