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Research Interests

Microeconomics, Labour Economics, Economics of Education, Industrial Relations

Education

The London School of Economics and Political Science

Master of Science Economics 09/2021–06/2022

Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg

B.A. Sociology 10/2019–08/2021 B.Sc. Economics 10/2018–08/2021

Current Projects

Compressing Education

Former LSE MSc Thesis

Are students spending too many years in school? Could education be "compressed" – teaching the same content in fewer years – without affecting returns to education? I use administrative wage data and the staggered introduction of a German school reform to answer this question. I find a causal wage premium of 9% due to this head start. This premium can be explained by the additional experience affected graduates gain on the labor market. I find no impact on indicators of job match quality, or different sorting into firms, occupations, or industries.

A Local Projections Approach to Difference-in-Differences Event Studies: The STATA Program lpdid

with Daniele Girardi, in collaboration with Arin Dube, Oscar Jorda and Alan Taylor The accompanying Stata program to the local projections diff-in-diff estimator.

Codetermination at Full Parity

with Chantal Pezold

Realtime Industrial Action

with Jim Frindert, Lukas Lehner, Kilian Weil

Teacher Shortages and Student Outcomes

with Nicolas Hübner and Jakob Schwerter

Presentations and Summer Schools

2023: Stone Center Summer Institute (at UC Berkeley), IZA Summer School, UC Berkeley (2x Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, 1x European Institute)

2022: U of Cologne, IZA & ECONtribute Human Capital Workshop, Young Economists Conference Vienna

2021: Young Economists Conference Linz

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Academic Employment	
Predoctoral Research Associate Simon Jäger (MIT), Benjamin Schoefer (UC Berkeley)	since 01/2022
Research Assistant (remote) Elaine Liu (U of Houston)	08/2022
Research Intern Jan Behringer (Macroeconomic Policy Institute)	07/2021- $08/2021$
Research Assistant Timo Goeschl (Heidelberg U)	04/2021- $05/2021$
Teaching Assistant Thomas Klein (Heidelberg U)	11/2020– $03/2021$
Research Assistant Christiane Schwieren (Heidelberg U)	09/2019 – 03/2021
Scholarships	
PROMOS Scholarship – German Academic Exchange Service Federal agency for academic foreign exchanges	(DAAD) 08/2023–12/2023
Research Proposal Scholarship – Hans-Boeckler Foundation Foundation of the German Trade Union Federation (DGB)	01/2023- $06/2023$
International Postgraduate Scholarship – DAAD Federal agency for academic foreign exchanges	09/2021- $06/2022$
Student Scholarship – Hans-Boeckler Foundation Foundation of the German Trade Union Federation (DGB)	10/2019-06/2022
Non-Academic Experience	
Fiscal Future (Berlin based Thinktank) Head of Climate Policy Division (unpaid Position)	since 01/2023
Institute of Labor Economics (IZA) Bonn IZA Code of Conduct Task Force Member	01/2023– $11/2023$
Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament) Internship, Office of Member of Parliament Lothar Binding (SPD)	05/2021- $06/2021$
ver.di (United Services Trade Union) Baden-Wuerttemberg Representative, Executive Committee of Workers in Science	02/2020– $12/2021$
German Ministry of Finance Internship, Department of Economic and Fiscal Policy Strategy	02/2020- $04/2020$