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Research Interests

Labor Economics, Industrial Relations, Wage Inequality

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology	
PhD in Management (Institute for Work and Employment Research)	since $08/2024$
• Research Visit: Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut (Germany)	06/2025 - 07/2025
University of California, Berkeley Visiting Research Student	01/2023 - 06/2024
The London School of Economics and Political Science MSc in Economics	09/2021 - 06/2022
Ruprecht-Karls-University Heidelberg	
BSc in Economics, BA in Sociology	10/2018 - 08/2021
Affiliations	
Center for European Studies (Harvard), Affiliated Graduate Student	since $07/2025$
Institute for the Study of Employee Ownership and Profit Sharing (Rutgers), Fellow	since $07/2025$
Cluster of Excellence "The Politics of Inequality" (Konstanz), Associated Researcher	since $11/2024$

since 09/2024

Current Projects

IZA, Associate Member

Sectoral Bargaining and the Wage Structure

with Kilian Weil, ongoing

Codetermination at Full Parity

with Chantal Pezold

The Revival of Strikes in Germany

with Lukas Lehner and Kilian Weil

Compressing Education

Former LSE MSc Thesis

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

Non-Refereed Publications

Ist Deutschland eine Streikrepublik? with Lukas Lehner and Kilian Weil

In: Anke Hassel, Wolfgang Schroeder (Eds.), Was wird aus der Arbeit?, Frankfurt/New York: Campus Verlag, 2025.

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Presentations (scheduled*)

2025: Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut; LERA; MIT Sloan Economic Sociology Working Group

2023: UC Berkeley (2x Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, 1x European Institute)

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

2021: Young Economists Conference Linz

Summer Schools (scheduled*)

2025: Handbook of Labor Economics "Minimum Wage Masterclass"

2023: Stone Center Summer Institute (at UC Berkeley); IZA Summer School

Academic Employment

Research Assistant	
Nathan Wilmers (MIT)	09/2024 - 12/2024

Predoctoral Research Associate

Simon Jäger (MIT), Benjamin Schoefer (UC Berkeley) 01/2022 – 08/2024

Research Assistant (remote)

Elaine Liu (U of Houston) 08/2022

Research Intern

Jan Behringer (Macroeconomic Policy Institute) 07/2021 - 08/2021

Various Research / Teaching Assistant Positions

Christiane Schwieren, Thomas Klein, Timo Goeschl (Heidelberg U) 09/2019 – 05/2021

Grants and Scholarships

Rutgers University	
Beyster Fellowship, joint with Fiona Chen, Chantal Pezold, Nathan Lazarus	07/2025

Labor and Employment Relations Association

Deans, Chairs, and Directors Council Travel Grant 06/2025

Hans-Boeckler Foundation

PhD Scholarship	since $02/2025$
Research Proposal Scholarship	01/2023 - 06/2023
Student Scholarship	10/2019 - 06/2022

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

PROMOS Scholarship	08/2023 - 12/2023
International Postgraduate Scholarship	09/2021 - 06/2022